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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's prophecy article is an update of Dr. Ernest Martin's 1993 audiotape titled "[Types of Messiah in the Old Testament](#)." The Hebrew derived English term "Messiah" means one who was anointed. The anointing was done to initiate entry into a particular leadership role, office, or responsibility. The Greek word translated as "Christ" is a precise equivalent to "Messiah." Both refer to a person who is "anointed" to a position of high authority.

Dr. Martin's original 1993 audio tape presented information of three basic biblical types or groups of anointed people. In regard to anointing, the Bible gives us no information on the practices of other nations, pagan religions, or pagan cults within the northern Kingdom of Israel.

My commentary "[Christ and Messiah](#)" and "[The Gospel of Messiah](#)," and Dr. Martin's "[A Major Proof of the Bible](#)," all present evidence that the resurrection proved Jesus was the expected Messiah and that He fulfilled every prophecy from the Old Testament far beyond the literal meaning of the text. These and other articles are supported by four of Dr. Martin's historical books:

- [The Star That Astonished the World](#) presents historical and astronomical evidence (and a date and time) of the birth of Christ.
- [Restoring the Original Bible](#) is about the design and development of the Scriptures.
- [The Secrets of Golgotha](#) gives background and a history of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.
- [The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#) details God's plan of salvation for humanity and how He accomplished salvation through Christ for all people, and reconciling all creatures to Himself.

### *Christ's Fulfillment of Prophecies*

At Fuller Seminary one professor argued that Jesus did not merely fulfill all the Old Testament prophecies in a complete sense, but in fact Christ's fulfillment (which continues today) went far beyond a literal fulfillment of the Law (Matthew 5:17–18; Luke 24:44; John 15:10). Jesus magnified the Law (Isaiah 42:21) and fulfilled "**all righteousness**" (Matthew 3:15). There is no disconnect between the prophecies and Christ's fulfillment of them. The reality of the Messiah's fulfillment of righteousness went far beyond what the prophets ever envisioned. "**For Christ [Messiah] is the consummation of law [the Torah] for righteousness to everyone who is believing**" (Romans 10:4, CLV).

In fact, Jesus the Messiah (Christ) continues to fulfill the Law through us, the body of Christ (Matthew 22:40; Romans 13:8, 10; Galatians 5:14; 1 Timothy 1:5; James 2:8). So too, all future prophecies will not merely be fulfilled, but they will be fulfilled far beyond any possible imagining on our part, just as it was beyond the ability for the prophets to describe.

One example can be found in John's Gospel at the end when he gives this bit of tantalizing information:

**"Now there are many other things also, which Jesus does, which, if they should be written, one by one, I am surmising not even the world itself would contain the written scrolls."**

• *John 21:25*

*The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* gives a statement about the hyperbole in this verse:

**“This is a very strong eastern expression to represent the number of miracles which Jesus wrought. But however strong and strange it may appear to us of the western world, we find sacred and other authors using hyperboles of the like kind and signification. See Numbers 13:33; Deuteronomy 1:28; Daniel 4:11; Ecclesiastes 14:15.”**

What John wrote is true. He witnessed the acts of Jesus during His ministry. John ministered and taught for several decades. It was given to John to witness the visions of the Book of Revelation. And John was likely **“the disciple whom Jesus loved”** (John 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, 20). He knew Jesus **“in the flesh”** as much or more than any other person knew Him.

### ***Book Price Increase***

The prices of the books by Dr. Ernest L. Martin have been raised by \$1.00 except for *The Secrets of Golgotha*. While we do not stock books, we have a supply of *The Secrets of Golgotha*. It is truly an interesting book. You will learn more about the crucifixion and the resurrection and where things happened, than you can imagine. (And that is not hyperbole!) We have had to raise our prices because of higher production and shipping costs. (I have warned for some time that this price increase would be necessary at some future time. That time is now.)

However, remember that for FREE you can read all of the books online, or have them read to you while you follow the text, or while you do other tasks. You can load the chapters into your smart phone or listen to them on your computer pads, laptops, or desktop computers. Enjoy the knowledge for free.

### ***Why I Quote the Concordant Literal Version so Often***

I have more than ever begun to use the Concordant Literal Version as my “go-to” translations of both the Old and New Testaments. It is not because the CLV is infallible. It has its own unique faults, in my opinion. However, it is useful because it is *very consistent* in its translations of Hebrew and Greek into English. The same system can be used for the Hebrew and Greek text to be translated into other languages as well. As I understand the system used, the CLV was worked out over decades with the purpose of minimizing human decisions as to what a correct translation should be within a given context. This avoids a problem with translations done by committees.

And yes, the CLV takes into account figures of speech and idioms unique to cultures and people groups. No system is perfect, particularly when people are involved. After all, God confused the languages for a purpose at Babel (Genesis 11:1–9). God will change that situation in the future.

There is another reason: I want you to see a different (and often more accurate) reading of biblical verses than the King James Version most are familiar with. I want to interest you to explore different translations. I want you to ask yourself, “Why is this passage translated that way?”

### ***Thank You***

The purpose of ASK is to teach you and to promote your self-study, even if it is a little bit each time you read something having to do with the Bible. I want you to engage with the words you read and listen to when the information you are receiving has something to do with the Bible. You do not need special teachers. The purpose of God’s written word is to communicate God’s thoughts to you.

As I wrote last month, God is real and He reveals Himself to you through His creation and through His revelation of the written word of God, that you learn about God, Christ, mankind — and about yourself. Thank you for helping us communicate to others what God teaches to you! Thank you for supporting the ministry of ASK — when God leads you to do so.

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