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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Signs of the Times in the First Century](#)” is a transcribed article by Dr. Ernest L. Martin from a 1982 recorded lecture. It has important Scriptural information that is still relevant today. Jesus gave a prophecy to His disciples while at the Mount of Olives, looking west toward the Jewish Temple across the Kidron Valley. This prophecy is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and to a lesser extent in Mark. The message is about the destruction of the second Temple in Jerusalem.

Most every Christian who travels to Jerusalem goes to a great easily accessible vantage point that gives a similar panoramic view to that seen when Jesus taught His disciples about a future destruction of God’s Temple and the City of Jerusalem.

What Jesus did not tell them was that there would be two destructions of Jerusalem, a former one and one much later. One was to be a few decades in the future to when Jesus spoke. A second destruction will occur, according to a similar pattern and sequence of events, involving the destruction of another temple and the return of Christ back to earth.

Christ will then establish a physical rule of the Kingdom of God on earth. Christ will be present and directly reign during 1,000 years. He will rule with resurrected and immortal believers: **PATRIARCHS** (such as Noah, Abraham, and Jacob), **PROPHETS** (such as Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, and John the Baptist), **KINGS** (such as King David and Hezekiah), and **BELIEVERS** like us, in the past, today, and in the future. Christ’s arrival will end one eon, and begin a new eon. (See “[The Doctrine of the Ages in the Bible](#).”)

Remember, it is God’s prerogative to withhold information from us: “**It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a matter, And the glory of kings to investigate a matter**” (Proverbs 25:2). As believers in this day and age, as Children of God, we have more right than kings to investigate the things that are “**concealed**” by our God and Father. After all, we are His children, destined to become like Christ, and become as He is at this moment (1 John 3:2).

Short News Notes

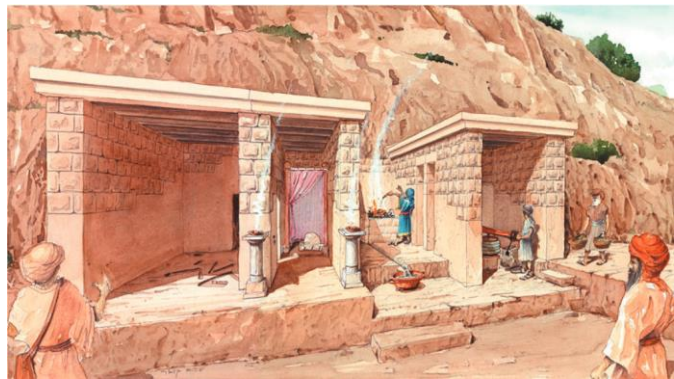
- If you have not read the April 15, 2025 Commentary “[Trinity Belief At All-time Low](#),” please read it. This belief is fading from Christian teaching in most churches. Why? For two reasons: (1) the “trinity” is not understandable and (2) the “trinity” is not taught or explained in the Bible.
- “[Europe Sees Surge in Church Attendance and Baptisms as Globalist Leaders Continue to Fail the People](#)” (VIDEO, Gateway Pundit). People are seeking religious information and experiences with others. Western nations are having a supposed spiritual awakening. However, they will be disappointed by religious teachings that are traditional but not biblical. God will intervene and reveal Himself to the world and open the minds of people to accept biblical teaching and not religious fantasy.
- “[Muslims Are Converting to Christianity en Masse](#)” (Video, The Liberty Daily). This short video is an interview with a former Muslim who is now a Christian. He had a vision of Jesus, and he says he knows about 100 Muslims who have converted. Unfortunately, the process is driven by “dreams and visions” that cause Muslims to convert to Christian dogma and churches. Is Islam no longer useful to spirit beings?

- A 49-page article has been published in the Israeli Antiquities Authority journal *Atiqot* (The Archaeology of Cult and Religion), Volume 116, Article 5, 2024. Much of the article is a listing of the physical findings and a 4-page bibliography. The lead author is Eli Shukron with four other scholars. The article is “[Evidence of Worship in the Rock-Cut Rooms on the Eastern Slope of the City of David, Jerusalem](#)”) The article has a very interesting and somewhat cryptic conclusion:

“In light of the significant amount of evidence of worship in the limited area of the rock-cut rooms, we suggest that this area was used in the Iron Age for ritual activity, **PERHAPS A TEMPLE (Fig. 32) [capital letters are mine, DWS]. The settlement in this area probably began in the transition from the Middle to the Late Bronze Age. This complex went out of use in the **MID-EIGHTH CENTURY BCE** in an organized and orderly manner, while preserving and protecting the important ritual items in the complex.”**

To the right is an artists rendering from the article. I have been to that site, and it presents a small open-air, set of rooms complex. The dating to the “**mid-eighth century**” would place it within the reign of King Hezekiah.

Originally, experts told Eli Shukron that the Carbon 14 dating of this ritual site was earlier, closer to or within the time of Abraham. In 2023, on a tour of the City of David guided by Eli Shukron, Eli told the group (that my wife and I were with), that the experts analyzed the organic artifacts (olive pits, grape seeds, etc.). The experts said the more accurate dating was that the organic remains were from centuries later than the original date determination.



Imagine ... a Temple at the Gihon. If the Solomonic Temple was at the “so-called Temple Mount,” to the north, what “god” was being worshipped at the Gihon?

I hope to analyze further this article for the June 2025 article.

Thank You

Many interesting things are happening in the world. Signs and wonders that are coming will be analyzed and discussed by billions of people, not thousands or even millions. Stay close to God’s written Word to learn about the Living Word, the Son of God. ASK is not the only source of good biblical information, but in our pages we deal with doctrine and teaching in three areas: theology, prophecy and the Temple in which are combined history, theology (of the past, present and future), and prophecy of our near future and distant future when God Himself becomes “**all in all**” (1 Corinthians 15:28), with all that holds for our individual and collective wellbeing as children of God.

We receive notes from you by letters and emails, and we read each one of them with interest, even when you tell us we are wrong.

We wish we could respond to them all, every time. We are gratified at your faithfulness and trust that we perform work worthy of your prayers, patience, financial support, and praise. We are thankful to you, and we are most thankful to God, that you help us continue doing what we enjoy — helping to teach the many facets of God’s Word, the Bible.

Little by little, the full measure of Dr. Martin’s studies, hopefully expanded by my own are being made more presentable and available to a larger audience so the plain and simple message of the Gospel of God can be understood and appreciated everywhere, by everyone God brings to the ASK website.

Thank you,

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