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Dear Associates and Friends,

This month's article is "The Meaning of the Word Elohim, Part B." It is the second half of Dr. Martin's April 1994 audiotape, recorded 34 years ago, now transcribed, typeset, and annotated by me.[1] Only now has this complete message been put into print.

Dr. Martin worked as Director for the Foundation for Biblical Research (FBR), beginning in 1974 as the main teacher and writer. With a mail list of 1,000+ addresses, he would record the public lectures that were usually held in Pasadena, California.

Others (like me) outside of California received a monthly cassette tape if they mailed back the return card, or if they were contributors. Living in Wisconsin I had about 70+ tapes in my collection. I listened to many of them several times.

The Origin of ASK

Dr. Martin separated from FBR, and he founded ASK in 1985. See Dr. Martin's own account on the ASK webpage "Who Are We? / Biographies."

This month's article is from a 1994 lecture he recorded without an audience.[2] Dr. Martin's message will clarify what Elohim means and how God uses it to describe Himself and His relationship through Christ.

Note: The written transcription is close to what Dr. Martin presents in the audio. However, in recent years the verses Dr. Martin quotes **from** the ***K**ing **J**ames **V**ersion* (KJV), I began to **change** them with verses from the ***C**oncordant **L**iteral **V**ersion* (CLV), which has a higher level of accuracy and clarity in its translation from Hebrew and Greek Bibles into English.

Reading and comparing the verses from both the KJV and CLV will be useful for you to do while reading or listening to Dr. Martin's teaching. Also, occasionally I include "editor's notes" **[**often put in brackets**]** to clarify some of Dr. Martin's facts. So, enjoy this month's Part B article. I think you will understand the biblical term "Elohim" much better as Dr. Martin presents the biblical evidence of its full meaning. This fits with other teachings by Dr. Martin, especially those in his book *Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*.

That book will provide you with a solid foundation to know the nature of God, Christ, and their plans for every human to become a fully mature "child of God." At present God has limited each of us to a physical realm before our resurrection to spiritual glory of body and soul as Christ's sisters and brothers. That was always God and Christ's goal before you and mankind were created. It is God's **WILL;** it shall be fulfilled completely. The apostle Paul tells us this in Ephesians 1:11. That verse is the same in every translation in every language. Human "free will" cannot thwart God's will. My will, your will, is as nothing to God. He has saved you and He will fulfill His will through Christ's past, present, and future actions.

Audio MP3 of Dr. Martin's Lecture

At the beginning of both Part A and Part B are links to the MP3 audios of "The Meaning of the Word Elohim," near the top of the articles. Click the link to the audio in Part A or Part B of Dr. Martin's audiotape

[1] Click this link to read the first article "The Meaning of the Word Elohim, Part A," and listen to Dr. Martin's audio recording.

[2] Ramona Martin told me that she would drive Ernest to the recording studio while he examined his notes that were mostly a list of Bible verses. As a long-time academic lecturer, he did not speak from a script. Ramona was always relieved that he routinely went through his lecture, without pausing or going back to redo or correct his statements. She said that she always enjoyed watching and listening to him create these recordings.

lecture for you to listen to on your computer, or to load onto your phone. (Ask a teenager to show you how to save audio to your smart phone. Don't ask me! But … I am told it is easy to do).

The Temple Article Mentioned in the October 2026 Newsletter

In the last Newsletter I wrote that the November 2026 article would be a response to Dr. Scott Stripling's article attacking the solid historical and biblical evidence by Dr. Martin and an increasing number of people:

- Dr. Ernest Martin and Professor George Wesley Buchanan,
- Gary Arvidson (and his book "*In Search of King David's Lost Tomb & Treasure, 2nd edition*"),
- Ken Klein, Writer/Producer of the DVD video *Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews*
- Bob Cornuke's book *Temple*,
- The books and papers by Marilyn Sams,
- An introductory 7-minute video by Andrew Gabriel Roth regarding the Gihon Temple location, Jon Eric Lambert's book *The Temple and The Lost Tribes of Israel: A Biblical View* and writings.
- And the works of others who support and promote the City of David, Gihon Temple location, to be acknowledged in the future.

So, the article I mentioned for November will be delayed, but God willing, not for too long. The evidence countering Dr. Stripling's attack is growing. The Israeli Antiquities Authority (IAA) released interesting information that presented evidence that fits with our evidence. In the article, "More Evidence Of A Gihon Temple" I reprint a 2022 IAA article that new carbon dating techniques together with pottery shards both dated to the time of King Hezekiah, pinpointed a ritual site 30 feet from the Gihon Springs below where Solomon built God's Temple on top of the City of David.[3] Discovered by archaeologist Eli Shukron, it fits the description of where the **"Tabernacle of David"** (Amos 9:11) was put by King David to store the Ark of the Covenant until the Temple was completed and where Solomon was anointed King of Israel (2 Samuel 6:10–17; 1 Kings 1:33–40, 6:19, and 8:8).

Thank You

The information from Dr. Martin is mostly unchanged from his early teachings for FBR and ASK. However, he did often change his understanding of historical and prophetic biblical teachings. This is to be expected. I have a saying: "No one can be criticized for being wrong about prophecy, especially about details." After all, the disciples of Jesus did not do too well about understanding the Old Testament prophecies, and they could ask Jesus direct questions, some of which are recorded in the Gospels. Read this Isaiah passage:

> **"'For My designs are not your designs, And your ways are not My ways, averring** [declaring] **is Yahweh. 'For as the heavens are loftier than the earth, So are My ways loftier than your ways, And My designs than your designs.'"**
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> • ***Isaiah 55:8–9 CLV***

This information about the word Elohim by Dr. Martin is intriguing. My job is to continue, update, expand and add to his work. ASK continues to exist because God has moved you to uphold the ministry of ASK. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to do so, through you providing help ASK continues.

For those who can only pray, God bless you for asking Him to continue ASK so we can promote His word and to teach the facts **(1)** that every human being is already saved through Christ (1 Timothy 2:4–6) and **(2)** that will occur when God wills it to be so (Ephesians 1:11).

Thank you. All.

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[3] King David brought the Ark to Jerusalem. He put it in a small "tabernacle" near the Gihon Springs in a space on the eastern slope of the City of David close to the Kidron Valley. It stayed there until the ceremony by Solomon dedicated the Temple to YHWH. Solomon had the Ark carried to the hilltop and placed in the Holy of Holies, and not north a quarter of a mile to the supposed "Temple Mount (the remains of Fort Antonia where Pilate judged Jesus).