

Understanding Prophecy and Housekeeping

Commentary for December 1, 2006 — How Is It Done?

No, this Commentary is not about a relationship between prophecy and housekeeping. They are two different and unrelated subjects. But I had you wondering, didn't I? First prophecy, then housekeeping.

This month's article by Dr. Ernest Martin presents some important basics about prophecy in general, and how to understand individual prophecies in particular. He relates some basic factors which we should always keep in mind whenever we read and consider any Bible prophecy. Dr. Martin's article on prophecy, as usual, makes complex matters understandable without being simplistic in his explanations.

First, I invite you to read the "[December 2006 Newsletter](#)" which gives additional information and background about this important subject of correctly reading and studying prophecy.

While prophecy is different from current events and from history, one way of looking at prophecy is as "future history." With this view of prophecy in mind one can analyze predicted events in the same way one analyzes history. Although the events have not yet happened, each prophesied event has antecedent causes which, to human reasoning and understanding, precede every prophetic event. Yet biblically prophesied events happen because God wants them to occur. He uses the physical realm as a "stage" upon which He makes prophesied events happen for all creation to see. Future generations (and those resurrected in the Great White Throne judgment) will be able to carefully investigate how God arranged circumstances behind prophetic events.

Keep in mind that God uses different agents and agencies to carry out His will. Those agents are sometimes human and sometimes spirits such as Satan, angels, principalities, powers, and other spiritual entities. All, in the end, accomplish God's will even though they may be actively opposing His will by their thoughts, words, and deeds.

Housekeeping

Here is the housekeeping part of this Commentary. We continue to make changes to the ASK website; and we are increasing the amount of material and benefits on the website to provide you with the most useful biblical information possible.

First, consider the search function that we have on the ASK website. Many people overlook the fact that the ASK website even has a search function right at the top of the ASK homepage. Type single words or phrases such as "YHWH" or "angel" or "holy spirit" (upper or lower case, it does not matter) into the type box and hit the "Search" button. This will yield results, usually several articles or commentaries or chapters in books that contain that word or phrase.

We have added an "Advanced Search" button. To perform an advanced search, click this button before you type words into the search box. Clicking this "Advanced Search"

button will take you to an ASK webpage that will give you hints and tips on how to easily and best perform an advanced search. Try it and see how it works.

Radio Shows

On another matter, I have done several shows over internet radio with Ms. GeorgeAnn Hughes the host of *The Byte Show*. Most all of these radio shows are now online on the ASK web site. You can [view the list](#), and listen to the shows at the "[Lecture Tapes](#)" page. All the radio shows I have done on "The Byte Show" are MP3 capable. Some of the shows cover information from material Dr. Martin has written and some are from articles I have written.

I am particularly proud of the six (6) shows I did covering the entire small book *ABCs of the Gospel* by Dr. Martin. This comprises over 10 hours of audio on our site. You can follow along in the book while you listen to my conversation with Ms. Hughes about the book. She was amazed at the information contained in that small book.

Of interest to many are the seven (7) shows with over 7 hours of audio about the important information in my article "[The Location and Future Discovery of King David's Tomb.](#)" You can listen and follow along with the text from the October 2006 article.

Also on this audio tracks page is the excellent interview that Dr. Martin did on the *Jeff Rense Show* several years ago. Dr. Martin covered two major topics of the correct site of the Jerusalem Temples, and he also discussed the Star of Bethlehem. Dr. Martin's explanations are as relevant today as they were when the show was first broadcast.

Even more, on this audio tracks page there are audios of Dr. Martin from the audiotapes of select articles that you can read and listen to simultaneously. In this way you have the benefit of hearing Dr. Martin's inflection and emphasis as he presents important material in selected articles.

All of these audio tracks are very space-intensive and entail an increased expense for ASK to place and maintain these audios on our website. If these shows and pages are not listened to by our Associates, they will be removed. In other words, if we find that no one is listening to these audio programs, I will stop doing them and we will remove the shows that we have. So please, email your comments and suggestions to us.

Videos

Also, many of you do not realize we have an "[ASK Video Presentations](#)" page with excellent programs by Dr. Ernest Martin, particularly his two videos (1) "The Simplicity of Christian Teaching" and (2) "What Will You Be Like in the Resurrection" both of which contain excellent teaching about Christianity and your future. Watch them now.

Also on this webpage are the Temple Video developed by Dr. Martin and the visual graphic of the Star of Bethlehem, developed independently of ASK by MSNBC and Griffith Planetarium, that incorporates Dr. Martin's information about the star announcing the birth (the incarnation) of Jesus Christ. It explains some of the science behind what the Magi saw in the night skies from their Chaldean reference point.

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