

## Lake of Fire Reality

### Commentary for February 1, 2010 — It Exists and Will Exist Again

A few weeks ago I removed Dr. Martin's article "The Lake of Fire: Where Is It Located?" from the ASK website. It was necessary for the following reasons.

#### *Expansion of the Article*

As I re-typeset the article and reviewed Dr. Martin's sources, it became obvious that many of those sources should be quoted at length and with expanded context. In other words, there was a great deal more information to be included and added to Dr. Martin's excellent original 1981 article. It seemed to me, when the original article was published Dr. Martin might have restricted the length of the article due to space considerations.

Therefore, this month's article is a substantial expansion of that 1981 article with additional source materials cited. The added evidence bolsters Dr. Martin's original argument, now set in a clearer format. I also included the map from the original 1981 print article that was lacking from the ASK website article, and I added a helpful map of the Dead Sea area from the United States Geological Survey.

Access this month's article "The Lake of Fire: Where Is It Located?" through the "[February 2010 Newsletter](#)" which gives a quick survey of how fire is used throughout the Bible to communicate approval, disapproval, praise, and punishment. The Newsletter will provide an interesting background to Dr. Martin's Lake of Fire article.

#### *In Jerusalem*

I have just returned from my trip to Jerusalem that has been successful in several ways, which I shall relate in the future.

The truth is slowly getting out to the people of Jerusalem. The evidence about the true locations of the Temples in Jerusalem (above and west of the Gihon Springs) needs to be communicated not only to everyone in Jerusalem but by everyone in Jerusalem who has studied and knows the inconsistencies (indeed, the impossibilities) of the "traditional" location of the so-called "Temple Mount."

Those who believe in the traditional site of the Temple are being challenged! They are challenged to put forth their evidence of why anyone would think the Jewish Temples in Jerusalem were ever on the Haram esh-Sharif, also known as the Al Aqsa Mosque platform. The question has been raised because of Dr. Martin's and Professor Buchanan's research.<sup>1</sup>

Surprisingly, the strongest argument given to the challenge is the response of "TRADITION!" This is saying, in effect, our scholars and religious leaders (Christian, Islamic, or Jewish) certainly could not be wrong about such an important historical landmark. They could not make so great a mistake! And, to be sure there are alleged historical evidences, such as dreams and visions, and very sparse archaeological finds. Even those finds better fit the evidence developed by Dr. Martin and Professor Buchanan. Indeed, the traditional archaeological evidence is interpreted in highly creative ways.

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1. See the articles on the [ASK Temple Update Articles](#).

When I went on the Al Aqsa Mosque platform, even the Palestinian security guards to whom I spoke knew the site was not the Temple Mount. They were not merely spouting propaganda from religious leaders, they knew the Temples were never on the area of the Haram esh-Sharif where the Dome of the Rock is located. They were surprised and pleased that a Christian knew that truth.

Direct evidence about the true location of the Jerusalem Temples may be forthcoming.

## **King David's Tomb**

Let me say a few words about the David's Tomb initiative relevant to my trip to Jerusalem. Some interesting events have transpired and useful contacts have been made, yet I do not want to raise undue expectations about discovering King David's Tomb any time soon.

I can say this, however. A scanning technology (not using radar) has been developed that may allow discovery of chambers or voids in layers of limestone rock. Over 10 years ago, this technology was used to discover expanses within a similar large mass of limestone. The technology has advanced since then and variations of this technique may be useful in discovering chambers near King David's Tomb. Tests need to be done in the United States to determine if current techniques would be suitable in the target area.

Even if the technology would not be successful in discovering David's Tomb, such a scan would expand knowledge of the subterranean structure beneath the City of David.

The area proposed for the location of the Tombs is an "open secret." See my article "[The Location and Future Discovery of King David's Tomb](#)." Such a discovery would revolutionize biblical studies (while helping to show the Bible to be historically true<sup>2</sup>) as well as change our understanding of ancient history. It would put ancient history more in line with biblical history. It would also likely begin to fulfill Zechariah chapters 12 to 14 and bring on identifiable prophetic events that we could begin to "check off" as they occur.

Even after the Tombs are discovered, or uncovered by natural means such as an earthquake, it will take a long time, perhaps decades, to fully access and exploit the findings. By "exploit" I mean the findings would have to be cataloged, deciphered, and debated, while the public clamors for information. I am confident that the findings would be so momentous that they would not remain delayed, as with the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Book of Hosea has an interesting passage that seems to describe our present time:

**"For many days shall the sons of Israel dwell**

**without king and without chief, and  
without sacrifice and without altar, and  
without priesthood or thummim.**

**Afterward are the sons of Israel returning, and they seek Yahweh their Elohim,  
and [seek] David their king, and they come in awe to Yahweh and to His goodness,  
in the latter days."**

• **Hosea 3:4-5, Concordant Version**

Why would Israel seek "**David their king**"? It is unclear when the "**latter days**" of this passage begin. The "**sons of Israel**" are not now seeking YHWH or David. On the other hand, day by day we are coming inexorably closer to the "**latter days.**"

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2. The Bible does not need to be proven to be true, it is intrinsically true as the Word of God in a factual sense. Nevertheless, it is nice to have validation when ever it comes along.