

Growing Respect for Gihon Temples

Commentary for December 17, 2015 — Evidence Being Accepted around the World

Since Dr. Martin published his book, [The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot](#) in the spring of the year 2000, the pace of acceptance of the evidence has rapidly increased. For a concise presentation of material in Dr. Martin's book, see "[New Evidence for the Site of the Temple in Jerusalem](#)" (December 2000, scroll past the two positive reviews). Articles by Dr. Martin and other authors published after Dr. Martin's book release can be found at "[Temple Update Index](#)." You can hear Dr. Martin explain his evidence on an October 2001 Jeff Rense radio show. See the "[Jeff Rense Interview](#)"; scroll half way down the page. In the first part, Dr. Martin talks about the Temple. In the second part, he discusses the Star of Bethlehem.

Growing acceptance of the location of the Israelite Temples above the Gihon has increased the vocal opposition to the evidence. The traditional theory is that the Temples were located somewhere on the Haram esh-Sharif, where the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque are located. However, few people know there are more than 12 competing theories of where on the platform of the Haram esh-Sharif the Temples were located. In other words, contrary to their claims they do NOT know where the Temples were! But all supposedly agree they were on the platform. This understanding is based largely on tradition and presupposition, rather than on biblical and historical evidence. Lately, the opposition has increased to try to silence any suggestion that the Temple could be other than on the Haram esh-Sharif.

Supporting Researchers

- Professor George Wesley Buchanan began his research on the Temple in the late 1990s, and has written articles supporting that view. Read three of Professor Buchanan's articles at the "[Temple Update Index](#)" webpage. He developed his own evidence as well as powerfully supported Dr. Martin in new editions of his massive commentaries on Daniel, Matthew, Hebrews, and Revelation. His new book will be *The Strange Little City of Ancient Zion: The Archaeological Conundrum of the Temple Mount* (forthcoming, April 2016).
- I recently learned that independent Cambridge University scholar and author [Dr. Margaret Barker](#) has been on record since 2008 with her own research. She is the author of 17 scholarly books about Temple theology. She did not know about Dr. Martin's evidence. Her work on this topic would be independently arrived at, but coming to the same conclusion. (There are two YouTube interview videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kdBHgr8qV4> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofTJGNGFygg>.)
- An excellent and detailed 15-part point-by-point book-length analysis of Dr. Martin's evidence has been conducted by Scott and Brian McPherson and others, titled "[Premillennial Temple Study](#)." I highly recommend their work as a "double-check" to Dr. Martin's evidence.
- Interest began to grow significantly as the result of filmmaker Ken Klein's excellent 2013

DVD, [Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews](#)¹ that visually and graphically shows the evidence of the Gihon location. Ken wrote, produced, directed, and narrated the DVD. Ken expanded the information base with his own unique findings. (I joined Ken Klein on his three filming trips to Jerusalem and I am featured in the video.)

One highlight of the video is toward the end when Dr. Ward Sanford, a Hydrologist with the United States Geological Survey, explains how the Gihon Spring, a karst spring, was so powerful that it would be able to propel "living water" 400 feet up to a fountain inside the courtyard of the Temple, just as Scripture and historical eyewitnesses tell us. The DVD graphics make Dr. Sanford's description come alive.² Ken Klein's DVD began the greatly increased interest in the understanding and promotion of the Temple-Gihon evidence. Suddenly, many people and websites around the world began examining the data.

- One researcher in particular, author Bob Cornuke, watched Ken Klein's video and he began to conduct his own investigation of the evidence, going to Israel for a first-hand look. He wrote his own popular 2014 book on the subject, [TEMPLE: Amazing New Discoveries That Change Everything About the Location of Solomon's Temple](#), which received a wide and positive reception with a large audience familiar with his work. Author and teacher Chuck Missler and his team of researchers examined the evidence in Cornuke's (and Dr. Martin's writings) and found it trustworthy and promoted it to their audience of readers and video watchers.
- Independent author Marilyn Sams wrote a devastating 2014 book on the alleged Haram site of the Temple titled [200 Ancient Descriptions Defy The Jerusalem Temple Mount Myth](#) (at present, E-book only). She also goes over Dr. Martin's research detail-by-detail and confirms his findings as good primary evidence.

The Future

- Other independent documentaries are in process to further present the evidence of the location of the Temples "above the Gihon," the site of all the Jerusalem Temples from Solomon to Herod, along with the three failed attempts to rebuild the Temple after 70 AD. My internet searches indicate that other researchers are carefully examining Dr. Martin's evidence and that of other authors to see if it is testable and reliable. Thus far the bottom line is this: only the location at the top of the hill above the water source of the Gihon Spring can be possible for the site of the Jewish Temples.
- Likewise, identifying the Haram esh-Sharif as the site of Fort Antonia fits all the evidence — biblical, historical, and eyewitness accounts. The Jewish historian Josephus gave us detailed descriptions and measurements of both the Temple and Fort Antonia, which correspond much better with the Jewish traditional information than any alleged Temple on the Haram.

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¹ Watch the six trailers of the DVD. See also Ken Klein's 58-minute excellent YouTube presentation, ["Jerusalem, the Center of the Earth,"](#) which gives background on the need for his DVD.

² No such biblical or historical claim has ever been made for the Haram site of the Temple.