

## Increasing Support of ASK Studies

Commentary for May 16, 2017 — **Interest Is Growing**

ASK was founded in 1985 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin. His research of Scripture and history is the mainstay of ASK's efforts to educate people about the Word of God. Over the years other teachers, researchers, and scholars have supported Dr. Martin's research. More continue to do so.

### ***Additional Support for Dr. Martin's Temple Location***

I recently became aware of an excellent YouTube video by a long-time advocate of Dr. Martin's Temple evidence. Don Esposito gives an excellent and clear exposition in this interview by Randy Folliard from the Mount of Olives. Don is Director of the HaYahad Bible Seminars in Galilee, Israel. Don recently pointed out new information from the Book of Nehemiah that strongly supports a Gihon Temple location. He also developed additional data on several octagonal Byzantine-period churches in Israel, similar to the church built at the site of the Dome of the Rock. It was common for Muslims to seize and appropriate for their own use former Christian structures such as churches and cathedrals.

The vantage point of the video looks west from the Mount of Olives, across the Kidron Valley, to the so-called Temple Mount (really the site of Fort Antonia in the 1<sup>st</sup> century). Don describes the topography of the true site of the Jerusalem Temples. The 23-minute free YouTube video is titled "[The LOST TEMPLE Mount – The REAL Location of Solomon's Temple in the City of David.](#)" It was put online on April 28, 2017 by Yahweh's Restoration Ministry.

### ***My Interview About the Temple***

In April of this year I was interviewed on the topic of "[The Real Location of the Jewish Temple](#)" (click on the icon), broadcast April 8, 2017 on the *I Spy Radio* program hosted by Mark Anderson. We discussed the evidence of the true location of the Jerusalem Temple above and west of the Gihon Spring in the original City of David. The *I Spy Radio* webpage on that particular program is at <http://ispyradio.com/real-location-jewish-temple>. It contains excellent additional background information. I expect to transcribe the text of this interview for a future article.

### ***Scholar Supports 3 BC Date for Jesus' Birth***

Dr. Michael S. Heiser published a September 11, 2016 blog titled "[September 11: Happy Birthday to Jesus](#)" telling readers of his continued support of research in Dr. Martin's book [The Star That Astonished the World](#). Dr. Heiser has a PhD in Hebrew Bible and Semitic Languages from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**"Many readers will know that I believe the actual birthdate of Jesus was Sept 11, 3 BC. This isn't based on any original research of my own (here's a short [YouTube video of me discussing the date](#)). Rather, it is based on the work of E. L.**

**Martin's *The Star that Astonished the World* (which can be read [for free](#)). Most academics are unaware of Martin's research because he wasn't a member of the biblical studies guild. Others reject it out of hand because of Martin's involvement with the old Worldwide Church of God.**

**The quality of one's research, however, doesn't depend on having a PhD in biblical studies or whether one is doctrinally correct in all areas. I don't buy Martin's views on other things, but I find his work on the birth of the messiah persuasive (and it has a long history of endorsement in planetariums)."**

Dr. Heiser has published widely in scholarly journals and has authored books on subjects that always give unique perspective on biblical topics most scholars avoid. Dr. Heiser has also been open to Dr. Martin's Temple research as a serious work in a December 2011 blog, "[Recent Finds Involving Israel's Jerusalem Temple Mount](#)," referencing my December 19, 2011 Commentary, "[New Finds in Jerusalem](#)."

### ***Christ's Genealogy in Graphic Form***

A friend of ASK, Tim Parrott, has produced a chart of Christ's genealogy called "[Lineage of Christ](#)" (the last page of the "ASK Timeline") It is based on Dr. Martin's understanding of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The chart gives a new perspective visualize Jesus' family history. Tim used a format designed by the late Henry Dye. Your comments are welcome.

This information, of course, has been discussed by thousands of scholars in books and commentaries through the generations since the early church fathers, but Dr. Martin has an interesting explanation of the biblical evidence on why the two genealogies differ. Dr. Martin's discussion of Jesus' genealogy can be found in "[Chapter 6: Our Sins Are Imputed to Christ](#)" from his book, *Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*, available to be read free online, or for purchase.

After we receive comments, suggestions, and critique, this genealogical chart will be incorporated into the "[ELM Timeline Project](#)." The document is in PDF format and best printed in color for proper contrast. The text is small for older eyes (even tiny, one might say). This is done so the entire scope of the Matthew and Luke genealogies fit on one side of one page. View the PDF in larger text on a computer to get the full scope.

### ***Other Recent Supporting Information***

- January 2017 Temple: "[Gihon Temple Evidence: Jeff Rense Interview of Ernest Martin](#)," from October 2001. Part 1 of Dr. Martin's last interview before his death.
- March 2017 Doctrinal article: "[Star of Bethlehem: Jeff Rense Interviews Ernest Martin](#)," from October 2001. Part 2 of the Jeff Rense program on that evening.
- May 18, 2016 interview, "[Searching for the Real Jewish Temple Location](#)" with Bob Cornuke, Chuck Missler, Ron Matsen, and me on a Koinonia House video program.

Enjoy all these resources.

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