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Dear Associates and Friends,

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There are two issues I will discuss in this Newsletter. The first is to announce the release of a new historical DVD based on Dr. Ernest Martin's research. The second is to tell you a bit about this month's article, "[The Book of Obadiah](#)."

"Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews"

This is the title of the DVD. This documentary by writer, producer, and director Ken Klein presents his understanding of Dr. Ernest Martin's evidence in a very compelling manner. I am featured in this 90-minute DVD presentation, along with other researchers and even a United States Geological Survey hydrologist. The film is dedicated to Dr. Martin.

Ken Klein's DVD gives a rich visual overview of the issues and the evidence that the Jerusalem Temples were not on the Haram esh-Sharif, but were located above and west of the Gihon Springs on top of the City of David. The evidence needed to be presented in a different sequence and style than Dr. Martin presents in his book [The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot](#), but truly, this presentation is a tribute by Ken Klein to honor Dr. Martin's important research.

This all started when Ken phoned me almost two years ago. He excitedly told me that he had just finished reading *Temples* for the second time and because he was a filmmaker, he greatly wanted to produce a documentary film to visually present the major points of this remarkable information. He wanted people to see Dr. Martin's strongest biblical and historical evidence.

It is very convenient for both of us that Ken lives in Eugene, Oregon, about 100 miles south of the Portland suburb where I live. Ramona Martin and I quickly agreed that I should make myself available to help in any way, at any time, and go anywhere I was needed. Ken found private financing for this project while ASK paid my travel and expenses three times to Jerusalem for about 8 days of shooting each trip. There was no sightseeing to be sure. There was no time, work had to be done, and it was accomplished at a rapid pace.

Ken knew exactly what he wanted to say in the film and he followed his plan precisely. Therefore, it was a great joy to work with Ken, his grown son Jonathan on one occasion, and the camera people. Of course there were problems. Ken was ill during the first trip. I was ill on the second trip. But God willed that this work was completed and we prevailed in spite of problems. It is now available for you to view and share with others. Here is Ken's informational description on the back of the DVD cover:

"A Covenant with Destiny"

Without a doubt, there is no more highly anticipated event in the history of mankind than the return of Christ to the earth. Over the centuries there have been numerous signs that have pointed the world toward the magnificent and concluding event. The most obvious sign is the mysterious Jews. After two thousand years of being disenfranchised and cast out of their land they are miraculously back.

There remains one more sign; one last grand sign that has yet to come into view; ... and that sign, until it manifests and materializes, is the missing piece of the puzzle. That sign is the long awaited rebuilding of the Jewish temple. Once the temple is rebuilt the "times of the gentiles," will come to an end.

For centuries the Jews pray at the 'wailing wall' believing religious tradition which places their temple where the Muslim Dome of the Rock defiantly sits. Is this really the actual site for their temple? Could the Jews possibly be mistaken? Is their confusion concerning the site of their temple preventing the return of Christ?

The implications of this last sign are monumental, and not just to Israel, but to every human being on the face of the planet. This film is about that last sign.

One useful addition is the small booklet accompanying the film. It has a short synopsis and outline of the film, four top-down photos with perspectives of the current Old City of Jerusalem and the Haram esh-Sharif, and a two page timeline of events concerning the Temple.

I suggested to Ken that a timeline would be useful because references to historical events occur often in the film, and they are not always presented in time sequence. This is necessary because the film is thematic and evidentiary, not chronological. The short timeline in the booklet helps people understand the historical sequence of seemingly unrelated events. We anticipate people will view this video several times because it is packed with many points of evidence that need their "place" within a properly understood time sequence. The traditional information about the site of the Temples in Jerusalem needs to be corrected and the truth presented in this film will go a long way to make that correction widely known.

As is often shown in ASK material, general recognition of the true location of the Temples would remove a major source of tension in Jerusalem, Israel, and the area of Palestine. In fact, the status of the Temple Mount is the major stumbling block to solutions of other unresolved issues in the region. This is true even when disputes such as the status of Gaza or new settlements in the West Bank receive more news coverage. Major political, religious, and intellectual players have interests in maintaining the status quo and they therefore focus on those disputes. The Temple Mount issue is a religious matter and it seems insoluble. Change will come about only when many of those players recognize that the entangled religious issues can be solved by acknowledging the historical reality of the true location of the Jewish Temples. Pray that God will open the minds of our leaders and those in power.

This film is available for purchase from ASK. You can view five movie trailers of the DVD at the link on our webpage at [Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews](#). The trailers alone are interesting and informative. The ASK prices include shipping: USA – \$24.95 (includes shipping), Canada – \$29.95 (includes shipping), and foreign Non USA/Canada – \$34.95 (includes shipping).¹

The Book of Obadiah

Apparently there are no "small" books of the Bible. Even the smallest can have great significance. This is the situation describing the subject of this month's article by Dr. Ernest L. Martin: "[The Book of Obadiah](#)." This book, containing merely 21 verses, has many identifiable connections with other books of the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation. Dr. Martin tells you about those intertextual connections. While other commentators are aware of these connections, Dr. Martin's analysis is more expansive because he tells you what the connections signify. Again, other portions of the Bible are intimately woven intertextually with the Book of Obadiah.

The basic message of Obadiah is twofold: **(1)** condemnation of Edom (Esau) and **(2)** the coming of the Day of the Lord which will see God's justice against oppressors of Judah (especially Edom), and the restoration of Judah.

Here is how God works through His Word. Originally His messages were given to the prophets. Then, after Christ came in the flesh to live among men, God's spoke directly:

¹ We have one other video available which is my presentation to the January 2007 One God Conference. If you want to know who (and what) God the Father, YHWH, is and what His status is in relation to Jesus Christ and to you and to me, read Dr. Martin's *Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*. My video presentation on this same subject titled [Elohim and the Son of God](#) is available for \$9.95 in the USA, \$14.95 for Canada, and \$19.95 for Non USA/Canada. Shipping is included in all prices.

“By many portions and many modes, of old, God, speaking to the fathers in the prophets, in the last of these days speaks to us in a Son, Whom He appoints enjoyer of the allotment of all, through Whom He also makes the eons.”

• *Hebrews 1:1–2, Concordant Literal Version*

Today God continues to speak to us in His Son through His written Word, the Bible, transmitted on paper to us through the writings of the apostles or those authorized by them to our minds. This is done through the Living Word of God becoming flesh:

“And the Word became flesh and tabernacles among us, and we gaze at His glory, a glory as of an only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

• *John 1:14, Concordant Literal Version*

Jesus Christ was and IS the Word of God in flesh. The Word of God becoming flesh is not mere symbolism, it is reality. This is more real and true than we can conceive. In fact, we would not think such a thing possible had not God revealed it to us. We benefit greatly from this gift (John 1:12–13). The Book of Obadiah is a very small part of His Word given to us through His prophets.

“The secret things belong unto YHWH our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever [for the age], that we may do all the words of this law.”

• *Deuteronomy 29:29*

These words apply even more to us than they did to Israel in the time of Moses. Furthermore, what happened to them was for our edification (1 Corinthians 10:11). We are able to **“do all the words”** of God’s Law through Christ’s righteousness which is imputed to us.

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

• *Romans 11:33*

We cannot know the wisdom and knowledge of God except through His revelation to us. In this way we can actually know God’s thoughts. Only through God revealing those truths to us through His Word can we learn His secrets and knowledge of His prophetic acts. God our Father has made them available to us. We need to have the attitude of Daniel:

“Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered [God] and said, ‘Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever [for the age and beyond]: for wisdom and might are his.’”

• *Daniel 2:19–20*

Then Daniel talks about God’s gifts to those who love and honor Him:

“He gives wisdom unto the wise, and [He gives] knowledge to them that know understanding: He reveals the deep and secret things: he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. I thank you, and praise you, O you God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom and might, and have made known unto me now what we desired of you.”

• *Daniel 2:21–23*

Thank You

Ask God for more (much more!) of His Spirit, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom, so you can do His will and to help those you come in contact with every day. ASK strives to understand and teach God’s secrets through His Holy Scriptures. We are thankful to you who support our work, and help us tell about **“the wisdom and knowledge of God.”** We need your financial support to continue ASK. As always, we desire your prayers. Thank you and God bless you all.

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