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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's article is "[Oz Internet Radio Show, Part 2](#)." It is the second half of the two-hour interview on Paul Jamieson's internet radio show. In Part 2 the topics get even stranger, including a question whether Christ could be on earth as a human being at the present time. I was taken aback somewhat by such a question. I hope you find my answers informative and useful to some of the important questions in life. The discussion expanded to discuss the nature of death, as well as other topics such as Satan, the antichrist, UFOs in history, missionaries, the salvation of all, Armageddon, and other "strange" subjects.

In last month's Newsletter¹ I talked about "strange" events in our lives and how you might want to ask people about unusual events in their lives as conversation starters. In the Newsletter I did not talk about strange events in my own life. That is because I have not had many significant unusual events in my life, none that could not be explained within a biblical worldview. There is nothing special about me.² I have had minor experiences, even one miracle I am sure saved my life. I do not dwell on such things, but I mention it now because it is relevant and my experience is not unique.

I was a new Christian, about 20 years old, driving, and I turned left into an oncoming car. The steering wheel turned suddenly and sharply, avoiding a major accident at high speed. I did not turn the wheel, yet it turned. I am grateful to God that I along with three others (and those who may have been in the other car) were saved, without injury to us or damage to anyone or anything.

I thank God and not His angelic agent who did its duty (and apparently did it well, without "folly," Job 4:18). Yet, this act was nothing compared to what Christ has done for me and each of us by His sacrifice and imputation of righteousness on our behalf. God and Christ chose me — and you — to have knowledge of His grace before most all others in the world. Remember always, we have hope in Christ. Only Christianity has a Savior. The world has no hope of anything. Most all in the world are ignorant of the God and Christ of Scripture; even most Christians have little of that knowledge.

Future Work

Beginning with next month's March 2014 article, God willing, I will present Dr. Martin's work on the final three Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. I anticipate that Haggai will require two articles, Zechariah will require two articles, and Malachi one article. There is a great deal of important material in those three books that needs to be correctly understood.

As many of you know from Dr. Martin's article "[The Gentile Nations and Israel](#)," the Book of Zechariah has a well-recognized and obvious division into two sections. Few commentators understand the reason for the division. The first section of chapters 1–8 was composed by the prophet Zechariah. Chapters 9–14 show strong evidence of being written by the prophet Jeremiah. Those six chapters were "attached" to Zechariah's prophecies by an editor who had full authority to do so, Ezra the priest. He likely did this in the 5th century BC. Dr. Martin also believed that Ezra composed the words in the Book of Malachi.

¹ See the "[January 2013 Newsletter](#)."

² Events in my life do not occur because I am special, even though I am special because I am a child of God. Events in my life are as nothing compared to what Christ has done for me and the entire world. My worth comes from God through His Son. God the Father sees me "**through Christ**" (Galatians 4:6–7; Hebrews 13:21). I understand God the Father "**through Christ**" because He reveals the Father (Matthew 11:27; Luke 10:22; 1 John 5:20).

Then I hope to start a project comparing the Books of 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings side-by-side with those of 1 & 2 Chronicles, with relevant passages from Isaiah, Jeremiah, Psalms and other relevant biblical passages. This project will give excellent historical background and give a more complete history of the issues confronting the monarchies of Israel and Judah. Extra-biblical historical material will be presented when they complement the biblical record. This is what all commentaries strive to do. I will have the insights of Dr. Martin's material, particularly that of the prophetic books, and a unique typesetting style which will enhance the texts and give a vivid understanding of the events of the 370± years from the death of King Saul to the death of the last captive king of Judah in Babylon (mentioned at the end of Book of Second Kings, 560–555 BC). The information will be extensive, as will Dr. Martin's comments on relevant biblical events and passages.

Prophecy cannot be properly understood until the best possible information of the sequence of events can be made as clear as possible. While there are many volumes and commentaries giving information about the synoptic harmonies of Samuel-Kings alongside Chronicles, a properly typeset text will truly "open" our understanding.³ The narratives of Samuel-Kings are from eyewitness accounts and court records from the kings of Israel and Judah. The narratives in Chronicles⁴ and parts from other prophetic writers (Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and the Twelve Minor Prophets) add additional religious commentary from perspectives of priests and prophets on historical events in Samuel and Kings. This will be a long project with interruptions along the way, as I will present other important material from time to time.

2013 Year End Receipts, a Last Reminder

Let me repeat my message from last month (because I forgot to mention it in December 2013) to remind everyone you must request a receipt for 2013 charitable contributions for your tax purposes. To receive a receipt, you must request us to send you one. An email to us will suffice, as will a phone call, or a letter. If you do not ask, you will not receive a receipt.

Thank You

It is God's intention that we grow in grace and in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). We all know that. ASK helps you grow in a unique way that cannot be found anywhere else.⁵ A tiny core of people support the work that ASK does. Seeds are planted in the minds of thousands for God to bring the increase at a time of His convenience. It may even be that people after their physical resurrection shall remember material they read or heard or saw from ASK. Then they will be taught accurately for the first time about God and Christ, but they will recall having heard that before. The information is a witness. They will pay attention.

If you are part of that tiny core of supporters — thank you. For those of you who are not part of the tiny core, hey, contribute now and again! Buy books and give them as gifts. Don't muzzle the ox (1 Timothy 5:18, then read the rest of that verse). If you've been following ASK for years and have not contributed, start living the truth that you profess to believe (Titus 1:16). God's information is not for you alone. Until then, we appreciate those of you who do what you can to help us teach the truth of God. We know and understand that you fully appreciate the work we do and we are extremely grateful.

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³ Such a harmony exists in James D. Newsome, Jr. (ed.), *A Synoptic Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles*, but I believe a more consistent translation along with supporting historical and unique comments on particular sections by Dr. Martin will greatly enhance the information for the reader.

⁴ Remember, First and Second Chronicles are considered a single book and the last book in the Hebrew canon. See Chapter 12, "[The Old Testament Periods of Canonization](#)" in Dr. Martin's *Restoring the Original Bible*.

⁵ In fact, the work of Dr. Martin is so good, some even present it as their own research, or use his information without attribution. This is sad. They are teaching and preaching out of strife and envy (Philippians 1:15).