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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's article continues the saga of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. The two are still unified under King David. Having survived unification wars, foreign wars, and two major rebellions, David wrote a song of thanksgiving to God. I discuss that song in this month's article: "[Israel and Judah: 12. David's Special Song.](#)"

I want to give you an example of the wonders of Scripture from a small portion from this month's article. E.W. Bullinger outlines the portion of 2 Samuel 22:8-16 and Psalm 18:7-15 as follows:

- 7 -- Wonders on earth
- 8 -- Fire from heaven
- 9 --- Darkness in the heavens
- 10 -- YHWH's speedy rescue
- 11 -- Darkness in the heavens
- 12-14 -- Fire from heaven
- 15 -- Wonders on earth

Such structures are not accidental or random. This is intentional. Observe the obvious connections between disparate elements of the text. I continue to wonder at the wisdom and subtlety of the people God chose to pen the words He inspired in Scripture.

Byte Show Problems

John Evans (son of the late GeorgeAnn Hughes) is still having difficulty getting her jury-rigged recording system up and running. We were told (thank you listeners!) that the recording of Chapter 20 of *Essentials of New Testament Doctrine* was only 33 minutes long when it should have been near an hour, and the recording had a "buzz" in it. We will probably re-record that show. John and I scheduled to record Chapter 21 of *Essentials*, but the tests we ran did not play back at all. So, we all wait in frustration. But ... God willing, we will be recording again!

Chronology Charts

Two great volunteers, Henry Dye and Tim Parrott, have done tremendous work and created historical chronological charts using Dr. Ernest L. Martin's calculated dates of the birth of Jesus Christ (September 11, 3 BC), Jesus' ministry of 2½ years, His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension (April, 30 AD), and the revelation of the Mystery in 63 AD. Sophisticated scholarly resources are being referenced, compared to Dr. Martin's work, and used to inform this project. For the moment, the title is the "[ELM Timeline Project.](#)"

Working backward and forward from Dr. Martin's benchmark dates, it should be possible to come to conclusive dates regarding Old Testament and New Testament events as we approach the time of Christ's Second Coming. These charts will soon be put online for your examination. I think you will find them fascinating. They are well done and easy to understand. And ... we can all discuss the details.

Bible prophecy cannot be properly understood until the history of the people, lands, and major events of the Bible are first put in order as much as possible. When that is done, then prophetic details should begin to

emerge. This project by Henry and Tim (overseen by me) will be a constant and ongoing “work in progress,” ever “evolving” (properly using that term), and updated as we learn more and more. Prophetic timelines with dates will never be produced or published from any of this material by ASK. (If you wish to set dates on your own, good luck to you.)

However, one goal in my mind for this project is to produce charts of prophetic “subject event sequences” which would be like checklists of events that are prophesied to occur in the future. Different subject areas will be identified, for example:

“Babylon,” “Antichrist,” “Kings of the South,” Kings of the North,” “Ten Nations of Psalm 83/Ten Kings of Daniel and Revelation,” “Merged Event Sequence of Isaiah, Daniel, Zechariah 12–14, linked to Revelation,” “The Temple,” “The Conversion of Israel, beginning from Jerusalem,” etc.

Each of these topics (and others we have not thought of yet), will list events that should occur before other events can happen. Some events are mentioned in Scripture, others are logical and necessary.

For example, **to rebuild Babylon**, money must be allocated for infrastructure, sewer and transport systems must be built, and housing as well as prodigious buildings must be constructed. First monetary investment, then sewers and roads, then comes population for the great world-class financial center of Babylon of Revelation 14:8 and chapter 18. Get the point?

Another example: **the next Temple**. Where will it be located? It must be where a substantial supply of “living water” will flow (piped water is improper). Who will make those decisions? Financing: who will pay to build the Temple? When will the two witnesses become involved? The foundation of the Temple must be measured and laid only by Levites. A large altar must be constructed on-site and the Holy Place must be erected. The structure must be dedicated, etc. All these events must occur in sequence and all will be public. (No, the Temple is not pre-fabricated. I have heard such rumors since 1967 with no evidence.) Some things such as tools and garments have already been made, and all such items are proper and probably can be used.

Remember, some prophecies are very detailed and yet we still do not know how particular prophecies are connected to others, even when one prophecy quotes, cites, alludes to, or changes an earlier prophecy. Scripture is awe-inspiring and precise, but it is also complex and even frustrating. We must be patient and wait on God to open our hearts, minds, and our understandings. No prophecy is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20). Of course, we expect to be wrong much of the time, if not most of the time at the beginning, but ... as time gets shorter we expect God to bless us all with increasing wisdom and understanding of events as we all grow in grace and in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). This project will remain small for now. At present, the only expenditure is the time spent by Henry and Tim as they graciously work at this project out of love of God’s truth. We all stand on Dr. Martin’s shoulders in this endeavor.

Thank You

We at ASK continue to operate because you make it possible for us to do so. Dr. Martin’s biblical and historical research is of a quality rarely seen anywhere else in the biblical field today. As time goes on, his work on the birth of Christ, the place of the crucifixion and the events that transpired at that time, the proper location of the Temple, his major research findings are s-l-o-w-l-y being recognized by younger and upcoming scholars as they begin to “get on board” with his research and go beyond what Dr. Martin discovered and re-discovered. We will all reap the benefits.

Dr. Martin’s theology, though controversial and not unique to him, is biblically correct. God wills for all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), and the will of God shall not be thwarted by any human being. This biblical understanding was the majority opinion in the *ekklesias* of the early Christian centuries and it is true today. What everyone truly wants — to know God and have Him love you personally — will happen.

God wills it, enough said. Thank you all.

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