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Dear Associates and Friends,

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Transitions are always times of tension for governments, even though they happen often because of human frailty and mortality. Preparations for a governmental transition is still the subject of this month's article, "[Israel and Judah: 15. David Organizes for Solomon.](#)" After arranging for all the wealth and supplies necessary for Solomon to build the Temple of God, David then organized the people to administer all aspects of the Temple operation: the Levites, the Aaronic priests, the musicians and singers, the treasurers, the gatekeepers, security — everything David could think of to make construction and procedures of the Temple operate smoothly. Unfortunately the narratives of the transitions of the [later to be divided] kingdoms of Israel and Judah, often resulted in chaos, wars, destruction, and death for thousands. David tries to prevent such an eventuality.

Christ's return begins the transition to God's Kingdom on this earth. For those who survive God's judgments, from that moment, slowly, there will be, with God and Christ's leading, a steady increase in the growth of God's Kingdom. The glory of that Kingdom will also increase. At the end, at the completion of the eons when you, me, and all human beings will be resurrected to spiritual perfection, we all will be "**like Christ**" (1 John 3:5). Death will be a thing of the past for every human being. We will have access to God's presence in a more personal and profound way than Adam and Eve ever could have.

Consider the garden in Eden,¹ the Tabernacle of Moses, and all the Temples of God, past, present, and future. Each represents a model in the physical realm, a pattern, of God's heavenly abode. God is preparing a place for us at this very moment:

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Believe in God, and believe in Me. In My Father's house are many abodes; yet if not I would have told you, for I am going to make ready a place for you.

And if I should be going and making ready a place for you, I am coming again and I will be taking you along to Myself, that where I am, you also may be. And where I am going you are aware, and of the way you are aware."

• *John 14:1–4, Concordant Literal Version*

When you read about David's preparations for the Temple in the City of David, think about God's preparations for you to take your place "**in Christ Jesus**" (Ephesians 2:4, 6–7, 10) — after all you are God's Temple, but not of the physical variety made of cloth or stone:

"Are you not aware that you are a temple of God and the spirit of God is making its home in you? If anyone is corrupting the temple of God, God will be corrupting him, for the temple of God is holy, which you are."

• *1 Corinthians 3:16–17, CLV*

A Timeline Update

A new updated "[ELM Timeline Project](#)" has been produced by Henry Dye and Tim Parrott. Upon viewing it you will soon realize that it was fashioned by two engineers. It is detailed, but clear and concise. It enables you to examine in a visual format the facts published in Dr. Martin's decades of research, with

¹ See Dr. Martin's enlightening article "[The Temple Symbolism in Genesis.](#)"

references to Scriptures and Dr. Martin's books and articles. This work (a work of art, in my opinion) greatly honors Dr. Martin and his work. The authors even include, at the last pages, a listing of changes that have been made since the first published edition. It is designed to be printed in "landscape orientation" and looks best in color.

You will want to study in particular detail the events surrounding the birth of Jesus on September 11, 3 BC, the 2½ years of His ministry, as well as the events of His trial, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension. As I said, the timelines identify relevant Scriptures and Dr. Martin's written material if you desire more detailed information. **Please**, direct all questions to me and I will forward them to Henry Dye and Tim Parrott. This way all three of us will see what your concerns and questions are with regard to the Timeline.

The purpose of this timeline is to use Christ's birth and resurrection events as the major benchmark events of all history. All biblical history led up to those events, and all prophecy is keyed to those two event periods. Henry Dye and Tim Parrott are performing the huge task of checking other timelines from authors to compare their findings with their project.² This will continue to be a "work in progress" after most of us are dead, up to the time Christ returns.

Another goal of this timeline is to begin to compile unfulfilled prophetic events into sequential lists of occurrence — one sequence of events for each prophetic category. It is hoped that the *ekklesia* will be able to "check off" events on the sequences as they occur, looking forward to the next event. Setting dates, as you know, is unproductive (see Mark 13:32 for example). We will not "play with numbers and dates," although you may do as you wish.

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God provides all we need to fulfill His desire for us to be a living Temple of God with His Spirit resident within us. (That same spirit sustains all physical creation.) His Spirit within you, the Spirit of Christ, actually anoints you and seals you, binding you to Him.

"Now He Who is confirming us together with you in Christ, and anoints us, is God, Who also seals us and is giving the earnest of the spirit in our hearts."

• ***2 Corinthians 1:21–22, CLV***

When you rise into the air to be with Christ as He descends and sets His foot on the Mount of Olives, we will see and hear Him. He will use the name YHWH, as God the Father's agent, His representative on earth. See Zechariah 14:3–5, 9. **"The LORD"** in Hebrew is YHWH, who is Christ coming to split the Mount of Olives in two. By the end of the eons, all God's preparations for His living Temple will be completed. From there we will likely participate in God's next creation. After all, "creating" is what God does.

Thank you for helping us tell others about our glorious future, grounded in Scriptures, not traditions. We are humbled by your prayers, encouragements, and your financial help. God bless you all.

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² Some of those authors are Archbishop Ussher, Lloyd Jones, Edwin Thiele, Roger C. Young, and even Sir Isaac Newton who compiled his own chronology. Comparing and contrasting their works will take considerable time.