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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Saudi Arabia, a Failing Kingdom](#)” is this month’s article. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is under great pressure with many economic and political problems so severe that this important Muslim nation may descend into the kind of chaos other Arab countries have experienced in recent years. The title is from a reprint article written by strategic analyst George Friedman and economics analyst John Mauldin. Anarchy could be a real possibility if Saudi Arabia’s problems get out of hand, and many of the 4,000+ members of the Saudi royal family will leave their country to preserve their personal wealth. The failure of Saudi Arabia as a nation would be the first Arab monarchy to suffer the chaos of the Arab Spring revolutions.

A few days ago, the Saudi government expressed extreme anger with the United States when Saudi officials objected to proposed laws being put before the U.S. Congress requiring release of 28 classified pages from the official 9/11 report. It is speculated that the pages expose information of Saudi connections and complicity (perhaps by members of the Saudi royal family) to help fund the perpetrators of the 9/11 attacks.

In response to the proposed laws, Saudi officials threatened to sell \$750 billion of United States treasury assets, and not purchase any more in the future. The United States needs Saudi help and funding to put down a radical rebellion in Saudi Arabia’s southern neighbor of Yemen. Saudi money and contacts are also needed to help fight ISIS in Syria and Iraq. As it was put in an April 19, 2016 article for Stratfor.com, “[Saudi Arabia Threatens Mutual Economic Destruction](#)”:

“Saudi Arabia could frame the sell-off as a pre-emptive measure to prevent the United States from seizing its assets over allegations related to 9/11 — something the United States would be unlikely to do anyway. In seizing a large percentage of Saudi [U.S.] Treasuries for political reasons, the United States would spread political danger to other assets held by other countries and would risk creating the kind of flight that could undermine the primacy of the U.S. dollar. The United States would not engage in that kind of economic self-harm.

Therefore, what the Saudis are threatening appears to be a nuclear option, promising mutually assured destruction for Saudi Arabia and the United States as well as the global economy. And as it stands, the Saudi kingdom is under far too much financial stress at home to push the button: The outlook for oil prices is bleak, and recovery remains a distant possibility. In the meantime, Saudi Arabia will need to carefully enact economic reforms to increase confidence in its economy.”

With this information in mind, enjoy this month’s article. Feel free to argue with me about the prophetic implications of the factual material presented by Friedman and Mauldin.

Attack on the True Temple Site at the Gihon Spring

Dr. Randall Price of Liberty University is featured on a YouTube video show presenting weak evidence against Dr. Ernest Martin’s research in his book, *The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot* and material on the ASK website. You might want to watch the video that a friend of ASK forwarded to me. See if you can identify his mistakes. I will do so myself in the future. The YouTube video is “Randall Price on the Jewish Temples.” The link for you to copy or write down is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFsd8jweEQA>. It is 27 minutes long, no commercials.

During the video Dr. Price shows the cover of Bob Cornuke’s book *Temples*, and then he holds up Dr. Martin’s book for the camera. (That gesture was much appreciated!) His main target is Dr. Martin.

I noted that for Dr. Price tradition was very important (“Israel would never forget the location of their Temples!”), but he lacked substantive detail when he presented archaeological evidence. He also stated that water flowed from a river beneath the Dome of the Rock, which will be a surprise to most archaeologists, including one Palestinian scholar who was the former chief archaeologist at the Haram. Price’s arguments from Scripture and eyewitness testimony are weak, often assuming his conclusion when presenting the evidence. Enjoy the video, and tell us what you think of the program. Sorry, but we cannot send it to you. You must have internet to watch it.

Praise for the “ELM Timeline Project”

An ASK supporter sent this comment about the “[ELM Timeline Project](#).”

“I have been showing “Bible Timeline” to a number of people at [his company] and it amazes me how many love seeing pages 26 and 27. I think it shows them for the first time an understanding of the final moments of Christ and where the temple is. Please send my thanks to [Henry Dye](#) and [Tim Parrott](#) for the timeline.”

I heartily agree with this praise for Henry and Tim’s hard work on this project. It shows how the biblical research of Dr. Martin coheres with his research of geology, geography, and history, describing events in the Old Testament, events in Christ’s life, as well as events described later in the Book of Acts.

By the way, the charts begin on page 5 after four pages of introduction. There are 40 pages at this point, with the last 8 pages listing the changes that have been made over time. The “ELM Timeline Project” will continue to be a work in progress, hopefully for decades to come, as we gain more evidence and time shortens until Christ returns.

Thank You

Many have been given the luxury of time in our Western culture. We are able to do more, do things quicker, with better resources than ever before. This is certainly true in the realm of biblical study. When I took over ASK in 2002, Dr. Martin had a program on his computer called BibleWorks, version 3. It was great and I am sure he used it often. I continued to upgrade the program when new versions came available.

It is over 14 years later as I write these words, and am operating BibleWorks version 10. One feature I have on this version are photos of all pages of the best Hebrew and Greek Bible manuscripts in the world. I can view photostats of the actual pages and look at individual Hebrew and Greek letters to make unfiltered decisions for myself whether I agree with a translation or not. Fascinating. While I do not use that part of the Bible program often (am not a Hebrew or Greek linguist), I am glad this resource is at my fingertips when I occasionally need to use it. I most often use the basic features of this program.

Another Bible program is an interconnected library by LOGOS.com that over the years provides me with, at present, 3,900 books (at a substantially low cost) each interrelated to the other, available to me at a moment’s notice. It is all remarkable, and again available at my fingertips. Dr. Martin would be so jealous.

God’s Word is coded information in the form of letters transmitted by symbols from God’s mind to ours. We can read the thoughts of God, just as you can read and think the thoughts of any author from any book. Yet we so often find time for anything except doing what we should be doing. The apostle Peter wrote,

“... having been regenerated, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, living and permanent, because ‘All flesh is grass, And all its glory is as the flower of grass. Withered is the grass, And the flower falls off. Yet the declaration of the Lord is remaining for the eon.’ Now this is the declaration which is being brought to you in the evangel [Gospel].”

• 1 Peter 1:23–25 [quoting Isaiah 40:6–8], Concordant Literal Version

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