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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[A Fountain in the Temple, 10 Historical Proofs](#)” is this month’s article. There was an operating fountain in the Temples in Jerusalem. The historical information will help to identify further the location of the Temples in Jerusalem, and it was not at the traditional “Temple Mount” on the Haram esh-Sharif.

In John 7:2, the apostle John tells us Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles when He often taught at the Temple:

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ‘If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’”

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost [Spirit] was not yet given, ...)”

• *John 7:37–39, King James Version*

Jesus said explicitly (in fact He may have shouted His words) that He was the fountain of living water which symbolized in physical form the Holy Spirit of God. When He stood and made His statement, He was either in the outer sanctuary, or in the area between the outer sanctuary and Fort Antonia. Those listening to Him at that moment understood His words and agreed with Him. His words were emphasized by the phrase “**living waters**” that were nearby in a fountain in the court of the Temple. Everyone knew the fountain was there and what it symbolized.

The portion in parentheses is an explanatory comment by the apostle John. John later wrote about the relationship of Jesus with water, spirit, and blood:

“Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness,

~~because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth,~~

the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”

• *1 John 5:5–8¹*

The “**living water**” Jesus spoke about was the Spirit that would flow from Him, eventually that Spirit will enliven and energize every single human being with immortality and the power of God Himself. The water in the fountain of the Temple symbolized the Spirit that would originate from the presence of God near the inner Temple. You, every child of Adam, and I, will all be changed into full Children of God. Yes, the symbolism of “A Fountain in the Temple” is important.

“As it is written, ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.’ But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.

• *1 Corinthians 2:9–10*

¹ Note, the text in the crossed-out portion is not in the best Greek manuscripts and only appears in manuscripts several centuries after the apostle John wrote his Gospel. It seems those words were inserted to promote a trinity teaching.

Knowledge of the Temple location is important. God placed the Temple in close conjunction with an unusual gravity-operated hydraulic siphon pump water system called the Gihon Spring. It naturally moved water to the Temple at the top and center of the City of David where YHWH told David to purchase the threshing floor. God chose that site for the Temple **because** of the water system. Enjoy this month's article.

Again, I want to remind all, if you do not study you will not learn. If you do not learn, you will not know the truth as much as you should. If you do not know the truth, you will be less free:

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

... If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

• **John 8:32, 36**

Read what John has to say about **“the Spirit of truth”** in the four verses of John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13, and 1 John 4:6–7 — and their contexts, of course.

Another Reminder about Receipts

This is a second reminder. You must request a receipt for your 2019 contributions if you require one for your tax records. The receipts will not automatically be sent to you. You must ask us to do so. I will, however, remind you again in the February 2020 Newsletter.

The Year 2020

When you read this, the year 2020 will have begun. The observance of a New Year holiday is a secular milestone of time and has little (nothing in my case) to do with Scripture. However, we are one year closer to Christ's return, our resurrection, and seeing some friends and relatives again with a glory we cannot imagine.

Most countries seem to be shifting toward nationalism and away from globalism. Those familiar with Scripture are wary of globalism because we know the antichrist will cause a one-world government with the beasts of Revelation 13:1–18. Although it will happen, we are decades from those events taking place.

Oppression of Christians will increase more and it is already terrible in much of the world. Antisemitism against Jews and the nation of Israel will also increase, all while the nations of the world will increase trade with Israel, which will continue to grow and become an economic powerhouse. Those who oppose Israel will have little success for several decades. In my opinion the world will experience continued prosperity. Remember, Satan is more successful during prosperity than during hard times. When Christians endure oppression, *ekklesias* startup and grow. United States church attendance continues to decline because people are not being fed real teachings from the Scriptures.

Thank You

We all are encouraged to **“grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”** (2 Peter 3:18). Why do we need to **“grow in grace”**? Don't we have more than enough grace for salvation? Yes, of course, but because we are mere babes spiritually (all of us, read Romans 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:1; 1 Peter 2:2), we need to practice. Practice what? We need to practice **“... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ”** (Ephesians 4:15 English Standard Version). There is that word **“truth”** again. Isn't the Ephesians verse amazing? It gives us our “marching orders.” We need to emulate God and Christ and treat other people — believers and unbelievers — with the fruits of the Spirit.

This is the goal of much of what we teach at ASK. When I look over the ASK website and see the amazing array of information (most of it through Dr. Martin's research), we want to have it available as a resource so others can learn the truths of God quickly. We truly love presenting it to you. We are glad that you appreciate the work we do to provide the knowledge of the Scripture, along with some history. Thank you for your continuing support of ASK.

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