

Until He Returns NewsNotes

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“Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, ‘Come!’” Revelation 6:1 (ESV)

Prophecy Chat

“Where is the Temple Mount?” - Oct. 7, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Consider: What if the Temple Mount is NOT in the location of the Muslim Dome of the Rock? That would change everything. That is the contention of Biblical archeologist Bob Carnuke. [Phil Cooper also discussed this finding in last Monday’s Until He Returns class.] Carnuke, known for his findings at multiple archeological Bible sites, is convinced that Mount Zion, the Biblical location of the Temple Mount, is located in The City of David [Jerusalem, not Bethlehem], which is below the current Dome of the Rock location. The City of David in Jerusalem is the original city center when David conquered it from the Jebusites and made it his capital city [2 Samuel 5:6]. It is in the City of David/Jerusalem where David acquired the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite for the future location of what is known as Solomon’s Temple [1 Chronicles 21:24]. He contends:

- Mount Zion is in the area known as the City of David, synonymous with Mount Zion in scripture: 2 Samuel 5:7; Joel 3:17; 2:1; 3:21; Psalm 2:6; 9:11; 20:2; 65:1, 4; 102:16, 19; 132:8, 13; Is. 2:3; 24:23; 66:20 = Zion, My holy mountain, house of the Lord, Temple.
- Mount Zion/Temple location must be near flowing water in order to perform blood sacrifice and ritual purification. The Gihon Spring is only in the City of David. There is no natural water source on the Dome of the Rock location.
- Mount Zion/Temple location is in an area completely destroyed in AD 70 by the Roman Legion. As Christ prophesied, not one stone is to be left on another in the destruction of Jerusalem and this is evident in the excavations in The City of David. [Matthew 24:2] This prophecy has been a stumbling block to the Jews who see the Christian Christ as wrong because the Wailing Wall still stands. But Christ cannot be wrong.
- What then is the Wailing Wall that is revered by the Jewish people? Carnuke believes it is the supporting wall of the Roman fortress of Antonio. Although tradition places the fortress in another location, no stones have been found to archeologically prove its location. Why? Because they are right in front of us—beneath the Dome of the Rock. This is why the Wailing Wall is still standing. The Romans did not destroy their own fort but they did completely destroy everything Jewish. This would mean that the Jewish people are praying toward the Roman fortress instead of the Temple. It could be a bittersweet irony of their rejecting Christ as their King and instead calling for Caesar to be over them in John 19:13-16.

When my husband and I visited Israel last autumn, 2016, we saw the new excavations at The City of David site. This work is fairly recent—only about five years in duration. Most of the original site is underneath an Arab neighborhood and must be acquired for excavation. “The city government of Jerusalem has proposed to restore the valley floor by removing Palestinian

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homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan and replacing them with a park...” [Wikipedia, Gihon Spring] Already discoveries of channels for blood sacrifice have been found. The site is also adjacent to the Kidron Valley and Mount of Olives which it must be to put the Temple in the right location.

“The Gihon Spring or Fountain of the Virgin in the Kidron Valley was the main source of water for the Pool of Siloam in the City of David, the original site of Jerusalem. One of the world’s major intermittent springs—and a reliable water source that made human settlement possible in ancient Jerusalem—the spring was not only used for drinking water, but also initially for irrigation of gardens in the adjacent Kidron Valley which provided a food source for the ancient settlement....the Pool of Siloam which stored the large amount of water needed for the town when the spring was not flowing. The spring has the singular characteristic of being intermittent, flowing from three to five times daily in winter, twice daily in summer, and only once daily in autumn.” [Wikipedia, Gihon Spring]

For more information, consult the book written by Bob Carnuke and Chuck Misshler, **TEMPLE**. It is available at their web site or on Amazon.com.

Ref: www.baseinstitute.org and see Carnuke’s full article, Biblical Archaeological Evidence for the Temple/Base Institute.

Ref: UTube video through Lyn Leahz Prophecy Show, “Where Is the Temple Mount?” – <https://youtu.be/5YB9WhGKbRM?list>

In the video Carnuke mentioned that this is not a new finding but the information has been withheld because of the opposition to confronting Jewish traditions about the location of the Temple Mount. As a Christian, Carnuke has come forward, adding Biblical sources to confirm earlier archeological findings. The video above was produced in August, 2017. The points he raises bear serious consideration.

But does this mean the Tribulation Temple could be built tomorrow? Not necessarily. Orthodox Jewish views must be overcome and agreement must be found with The Temple Institute that is funding the creation of temple building materials and utensils. Also, the same problem exists regarding the exact location of the Holy of Holies within the Temple. It is not enough to discover the general site; the exact location of the inner Holy of Holies is central because the Jewish people understand no one but the High Priest was to enter the Holy of Holies—and that only once a year on The Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur—or they could die.

Ref: www.bible.ca/archeology This site disagrees with Carnuke stating that Solomon built an aqueduct to supply water to the Temple Mount and that the Temple was not built over the Gihon Springs. Those in disagreement also contend that the City of David area is too small to accommodate the temple site. So the controversy continues—or is heating up.

Daniel was told [chapter 12] that the book would be sealed up or closed until the time of the end. The re-establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 was a historical ground-breaking event that could be called the breaking open of the sealed prophecies of Daniel for fulfillment. The discovery of a Jewish-controlled site of the Temple could be another ground-breaking event.

In Him We Wait, Work and Watch,

Sharon L. Clemens

Upcoming Class Speakers

Oct. 9 – Peoria	Ralph Wingate – Revelation, Chapters 6 and 7
Oct. 16 – Morton	Sharon Clemens – The Book of Zechariah (cont.)
Oct. 16 – Normal	Jim Cox – To Be Announced
Oct. 23 – Peoria	Michael Parsons – To Be Announced

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What Matters Most

If you have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please see Phil Cooper, Ralph Wingate, Jim Cox, or any of the UHR Board Members – all will gladly assist you in making this life changing commitment!

Acts 4:12 (KJV) ----- “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 16:36 (KJV) ----- “...and (the jailer) said “Sir, what must I do to be saved?” And they said “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Romans 10:9 (KJV) ----- “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

If you have not yet received God’s free gift of salvation, we encourage you to say a prayer along these lines: “Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner – filled with pride and selfishness – and I need your forgiveness. I believe that You died in my place to pay the penalty for my sins, and that You later arose from the dead. I place my trust in You alone as my Lord and Savior, and receive your gift of eternal life. Thank you Lord Jesus for hearing my prayer. Amen.” We at UHR welcome you as a brother or sister in Christ!

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