My Pilgrimage to the Altar of Christ - November 2019 by Bob Brown b.brown777@comcast.net

I've never been really interested in going to Israel because I thought I'd be disappointed by modern technology and not really seeing things as they were in Christ's day. But then our Lord recently revealed to me the exact location of the crucifixion site through the work of Ron Wyatt. The writing of Jonathan Gray, Rebecca Tourniaire, and others and the videos, and the Bible enabled the Holy Spirit to convict me that Ron Wyatt did indeed make the greatest discovery in history... where the Savior of the world died for our sins!

I asked the Lord to direct my steps and I found a nonstop flight at a good rate, so I made the reservation. When my family and friends asked me why I was going, all I could tell them is that I wanted to worship and pray where the Lord was crucified. It wasn't really a sight-seeing tour I was interested in. I could not imagine what it would be like to be right there where Christ died and where His blood was still present on the Ark of the Covenant.

It had been about a year since I found out about the discoveries of Ron Wyatt and my spirit has been full of joy and praise at the great things God has done. The fruit of believing in these discoveries has been excellent. I've increased in love, joy and peace and my faith has almost turned to sight! I can scarce get over how over 4000 years ago God called Abraham with the express purpose of having a son he would one day be asked to offer on the mountain of God's choosing. That has to be the greatest prophecy in the Bible as Abraham, Sarah and Isaac typified the Father, Mary and the miraculous birth of Jesus.

On the day of God's choosing, He told Abraham to sacrifice his son on a mountain He would choose in the land of Moriah – (pronounced MOR EE YAH meaning, "Chosen by God"). Abraham prophesied that one day the sacrifice would be provided. "And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." **Genesis 22:8**. Moriah is only mentioned once more in Scripture, in **2 Chronicles 3:1**, "Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on **Mount Moriah**, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite."

So, the Temple was built on the very same mountain and in the same place where Abraham was commanded to offer up his son. But it gets better. 500 years after the Temple was built Jeremiah was led to hide the furniture of the Temple from the Babylonian army. And where is he led to hide it? In a chamber at the end of a long tunnel in Solomon's Quarries, right underneath where Abraham was told to offer up Isaac. Unknown to Jeremiah it would also be right underneath the place where Jesus was to be crucified. On the day of Jesus' death, the "earth quaked, and the rocks were rent", and the blood of Christ flowed from His side down that crack in the rock onto the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant below. I could tell this story over and over. Our God is to be marveled for His wondrous works! Praise God! He is to be extolled for His perfect masterful plan. He chose the place and planned how Christ, our High Priest would be able to be both the Priest and Lamb. What a beautiful holy blessed story!

I just had to go to that "place". As John wrote, "And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him." (19:17). It is the holiest place on earth. What excited me was the knowledge that the blood was still there on the Mercy Seat. I could get within feet of that holy place! WOW! As I prayed, I asked God to use me to save souls and help others on this trip. I purchased five copies of Kevin Fisher's book to take with me to give away as the Lord directed. I wanted to walk as Jesus walked willing only to go and do what the Spirit led me

to do and say. I stayed at the Advent House, a hostel owned by the SDA church in Jerusalem and a short walk to the Old City. On that first day in Israel, I was excited as I walked to Golgotha, the place where our Lord was crucified. I found the Garden Tomb and went to take a picture.

I stopped to open my backpack and I saw two ladies on the bench right there at the entrance. One looked on the verge of tears, so I asked her if she was okay. She told me her daughter had severe MS in the USA and she was not able to contact her because of her condition. I asked if I could pray and she said yes. After we prayed, I told them I was going in, and I invited them to go with me. They accepted. Mary from South Africa and Mildred from the Philippines were also there by themselves, and had just met. So, I wasn't the only one who traveled to Jerusalem alone. I asked them if they had heard of Ron Wyatt and they said no, so I began to share with them what Ron Wyatt found, and they believed the report immediately. They were full of wonder and said it was just like God to do things that way. Immediately Mary took off her shoes as we walked toward that holy place. They both told me that God had sent me to them in answer to prayer. Of course, everyone was praying for me back home and God was answering their prayers too!



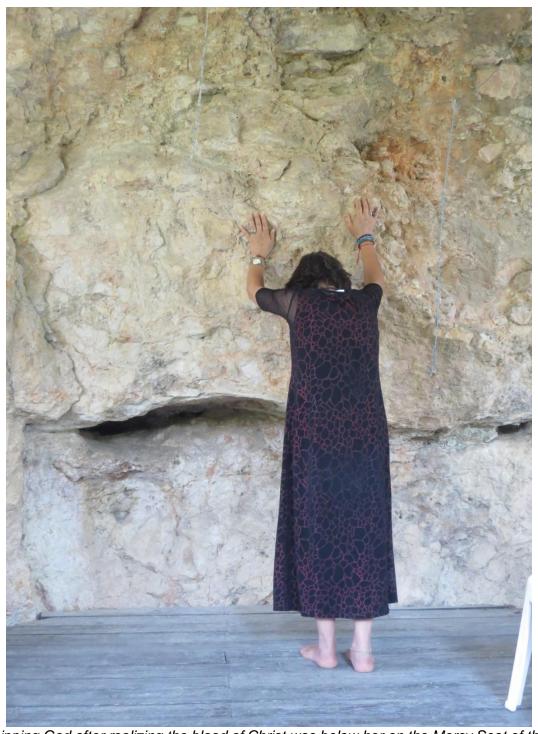


Mildred from the Philippines, me and Maria (Mary) from Bulgaria/South Africa

We sat next to the crack in the Calvary escarpment as tourists passed us by and flocked to the empty tomb. The three of us prayed and sang and worshipped the Father in Heaven and our Great High Priest. I got a sense that there was an open heaven over that place as Jesus pleads His shed blood for sinners daily for that is the place where the Lamb was slain on the altar of sacrifice. We're told, "We have an altar..." Hebrews 13:10.

Eventually we went to the empty tomb and then they left to go into the Old City, but I went back to sit over where the Ark of the Covenant was found with Christ's blood still there! I just couldn't leave. Nothing else was attracting me. Not the Western Wall, not the Temple Mount and not even the 'Holy City'. As I sat by myself, I noticed a man next to me in the bushes. I said hi and asked him who he was, and he said he was the gardener! First, there was a Mary and now a Gardener! All I could do was praise God and think of that Resurrection Morning. All I could do was be filled with awe, wonder and marvel at our marvelous God. We're told in the gospels, after Jesus walked on the water, "they were **greatly amazed** in themselves beyond measure, and **marveled**." And after healing deaf mutes, "they were **astonished beyond measure**, saying, "**He has done all things well**." (Mark 6:51; 7:37).

This is how we should respond to what God did with the Ark of the Covenant! He led it to its place under the cross to always point to the cross! And may our Lord help us to find our place under His cross so that we always point to Him on the cross! **Let us be astonished beyond measure and marvel!**



Mary worshipping God after realizing the blood of Christ was below her on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant! You can see the earthquake crack to her left that runs down to the cross hole and on down to the chamber where the Ark is located.



Mary at the Empty Tomb

When I arrived the next day, I met Melinda from Austria. She was reading her Bible next to the EQ crack, so I pointed it out to her. She said she had heard of Ron Wyatt but wasn't sure about his finding the blood of Christ. I showed her the pictures in Kevin Fisher's book. And then like it was right on cue a group from Jakarta came into the deck, and I pointed out the EQ crack to them and asked them if they had heard of Ron Wyatt. They said they did but wanted me to share what I knew. So, they listened as I shared for a long-time what GOD did for sinners at that place. They started praising God and we sang, "To God Be the Glory" and then, "Bless the Lord O My Soul", I in English and they in their language!

Melinda saw their faith and the Holy Spirit was there in power and she dropped to her knees and glorified God and thanked Him for what she now fully believed what was some 40 feet below us all. This group had a Pastor and he invited me to speak in his church in Jakarta! As they were leaving a man in the group came up to me and slipped a \$100 bill into my pocket and said the Lord told him to give it to me. Little did he know that it paid for the five books I gave away at \$20 a book! Praise God! You can never out-give the Lord! (Luke 6:38)



Melinda from Austria in the middle and the Pastor next to her and group from Jakarta!



They were happy to get this book unknown to most!

I began to realize God was using me in that spot so I decided to return the next day and see who else the Lord would send my way. The next day was the Sabbath and I was so blessed that a large group of Christians from Zimbabwe came to the porch deck where I was sitting to have a communion service. They invited me to stay, and on my first Sabbath in Jerusalem, there I was having communion right where our Savior's body was broken and bled. And right above the Ark of the Covenant! What a profound experience. Words cannot express my gratitude and praise and love! They sang and I sang, and the Spirit was there. After the service they all came back to me, the only white man there, and hugged me and praised God with me. What love in the family of God!

And this beautiful worship moment was on the Sabbath. Imagine taking communion at the very altar where Christ as High Priest offered up Himself and His blood still there on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant below. I was beside myself. Still am! Glory to God for the things He has done!

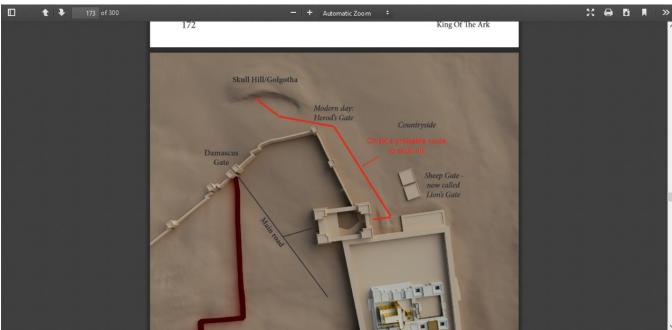


Group from Zimbabwe I had communion with at the Altar of Christ with His blood below!

The Tomb is closed on Sunday, so I walked around the Old City all day. I passed through the Lion's Gate which in Christ's day was called the Sheep Gate. I believe Christ was led through that gate to go to Golgotha, instead of the Via Dolorosa, the traditional site. I had tears as I recalled our Savior beaten and bruised, despised and rejected. All I could do was pray as I'm sure He was doing the whole time,

for His persecutors. I believe it was outside that gate was when they met Simon coming in from the countryside, who was commanded to take up Christ's cross and carry it to Golgotha.





From "King of the Ark". A theory of the possible route by the author. https://thirdangelsmessage.com/Downloads/King_Of_The_Ark.pdf

"And they compelled one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross" -Mark 15:21.

And I went outside the walls to look at the Eastern Gate that has been blocked in by the Muslims. They also put a graveyard in front of the gate to ensure that the Jewish Messiah could not pass through that gate. But little do they know, and little do the Jews know, that the prophecy teaches that the gate would be sealed AFTER the Messiah would go through it! It is an amazing prophecy confirming Christ as the true Messiah:

Ezekiel 44:1 "Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut. ² And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore, it shall be shut. ³ As for the Prince, because he is the Prince, He may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."



The Eastern Gate shut by the Muslims with a graveyard put in front of it.

On Monday, I was led to go back to my "post", where the Altar was established forever. This was my last day in Jerusalem. Would the Lord send anyone else? It didn't matter, I was there to pray and worship and thank God for such a great salvation! I was there to increase my awe, my wonder and my astonishment at our marvelous God. My friends, the fruits of believing in Ron Wyatt's discoveries are ALL good. With power I can preach and share the gospel. I can speak of the judgment to come and the

nearness of His return. My joy has increased 7-fold as I contemplate, meditate and study these things! When believers lose their awe and fascination with God, it's easy to be attracted by the world and sin.

Onto the porch came Pastor Larry and his friend David, from California, fully aware of the Wyatt discovery. I was sharing with them and gave them a book on the discoveries. I was able to share a number of things they didn't know about the discovery. We just sat there and praised God and talked for over an hour about what it all means in this end time.



Not long after they left there was a lady who came in by herself and I asked her if she had seen the EQ crack. She said no and I showed it to her. I asked her if she had heard of Ron Wyatt. She said she did but that the Tomb Association guide told her group none of it was true. That disheartened her greatly. So, she broke from the group to try and find the location of the cross site. Her name was Marjolein, (Marilyn), from the Netherlands, and she said it was an answer to her prayers that I was there to help her. She said it was a miracle from God. I showed her the book about the discoveries and we prayed in the Spirit. She was so grateful, and I was so happy to be right where I was for that dear sister in Christ. What a blessing to be used by God!

There is no greater satisfaction in life, my friend. Ask Him to use you and tell Him you want to help others find Him and know Him better and He will! So many are bored in the church because they don't see themselves on a mission for God. I tell you, there is a soul out there that God needs you to reach for Him. Be urgent in prayer about that and He will lead you to that person. After I returned home, I received an email from Marilyn, in awe of God hearing her prayer and having me there to help her rejoice in what Ron Wyatt found. To her it was a great miracle. So I mailed her the book on the discoveries. I think she thought I might have been a real angel. Lol

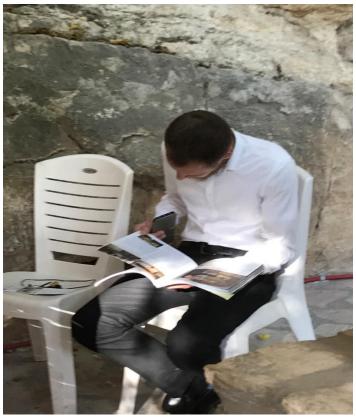


Marjolein (Marilyn) from the Netherlands pointing to the Earthquake crack and happy to have the discovery confirmed as she broke from her group to look for the exact location of where Christ died!

Marilyn had to leave to rejoin her group and soon after a group came in and I started to talk to them. They were from the Czech Republic and had heard about Ron Wyatt. Again, our Lord used me to preach and teach what happened at the place on Mt. Moriah long ago. They were so appreciative as they interpreted my English for all in the group! They wouldn't leave and we stayed talking for over an hour. I gave them a book and we exchanged information. What a blessing!



The group from the Czech Republic. We spent over an hour talking the things of God revealed in this discovery.

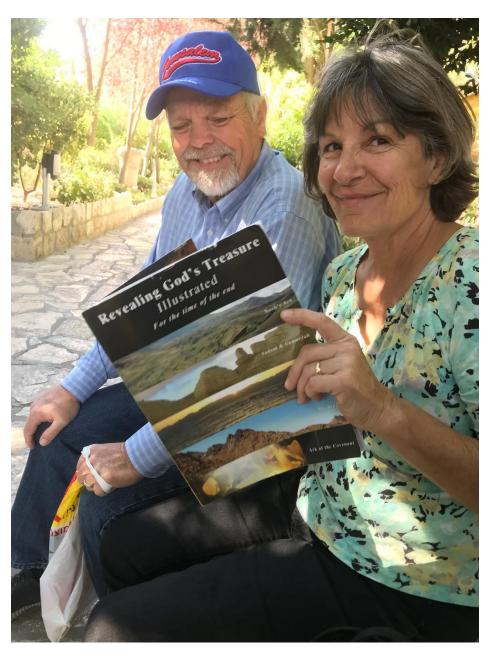


Young man from Germany desiring more information about the Discoveries of Ron Wyatt!



I met Conner and his wife Celesta at Christ's Church, the oldest church in the Middle East! They invited me over to talk and fellowship. I shared the discovery with them and gave them a book. We spent over two hours talking the things of God. They live there and in Texas.

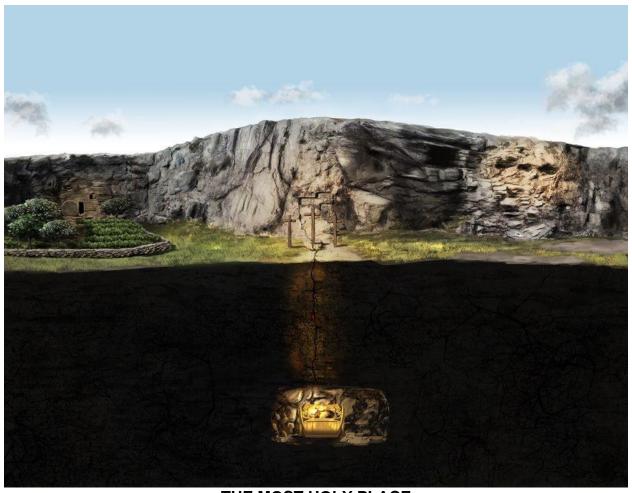
It was getting late and I felt led to leave. As I walked along the walkway, there was a couple there and I said hi, and they said hi, and I realized they were from America, so I sat down and talked with Dave and Tammy from Knoxville. It was clearly another Divine appointment. They were in Israel for a month to see everything, but they weren't happy with their tour. They had heard of Ron Wyatt and they were just beside themselves that God had sent me to meet with them. They kept saying it was a Divine Appointment. They realized there is a remnant in these last days and they are having a hard time finding remnant people. The Holy Spirit was there in power as we talked about the things of God and the state of the church and how close we are to the Kingdom of God. I gave them my last book and they said they are campers and they would be up my way to visit me. They really blessed me! I thanked God I could leave the Garden Tomb on such a high note. What a day! What a week! It was hard to believe I had to leave. I missed a lot of places I would have liked to have seen, but maybe next time.



Dave and Tammy from Knoxville. We held church in this spot for over an hour! They were so excited to hear about these things. They were on a two-week tour of Israel and they were disappointed by the guide. But this discovery made it all worthwhile for them. They kept telling me that this was a Divine appointment!

To God be the Glory, Great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life gates that all may come in! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give Him the glory, great things He has done!



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