## Another Rare Find

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## Scriptures from the KJV

On November 21, 2003 (nearly 12 years ago) a team of Archeologists made a great discovery over in "Palestine" and it was called "A Rare Find". This "Rare Find" is believed to be the first discovery of a "New Testament verse" that was carved into an ancient Holy land Shrine.

I gave a message about this discovery shortly after it was made 12 years ago, but feel it's a story that merits repeating because I think it can shine some light for us (God's church that is) concerning what we need to be "doing" "now" as we draw closer & closer to the end of this age, and the catastrophic world events that are prophesied to precede the return of our Lord & Savior.

Funny thing about mentioning "End Time" stuff, many in God's church can't stand hearing anything about it any more; they just want to get on with their lives, without "thinking" about any of the end time events that are prophesied to occur, and now in the "forecast.".

I guess for some, it scares them; for others, they have "better" things to do, and no time for any "catastrophic" events. (Especially if they've become complacent, increase with goods, and content.)

End time stuff can pop their bubble, and no one wants their bubble popped, right? Well, I'll do my best today not to pop any bubbles "prematurely," but let us not forget, no matter how you cut it, bubbles are only temporary.

But we're the church of the living God, our focus needs to be on things above, not on earthly things. We need to "mind" the things that are everlasting, like the carving on this ancient holy land shrine that's thousands of years old.

O the shrine itself may not last forever, but the carving that was discovered on it was the Word of God, and that will last forever, it's that carving they found that I want to discuss today.

The strange thing concerning that particular inscription they found, was that it was a New Testament verse that was carved into that ancient holy land shrine.

They didn't begin inscribing Bible verses on shrines, till around 1,000 years ago, but this inscription was much earlier according to the experts. It consisted of only six lines, but those six lines contained a whole lot of information, Information that put new life into those archeologists's long and tiring work. You see, they were looking for "Truth" and on that particular day, they found some.

They had had been working on this project for a long time, and felt it was of great significance. But they couldn't seem to find that "needle in the hay stack" until they got poked by it. But when they did, it was like someone had poured oil on a fire that was close to going out, and now it was flaming once again, the way it ought to be, as bits & pieces of information began pouring out of their discovery.

It's amazing how much knowledge can be gained from finding just one thing. Like a piece to a puzzle. Sometimes, when one piece of a puzzle is put into its proper place, other pieces begin falling into their proper places, which in tern, illuminates the whole picture. Yes, the entire picture becomes a bit clearer, piece by piece.

The inscription they found was on a 60ft high monument that's located in the "Kidron valley." For many centuries, Bible Dictionaries have called this monument the: "Pyramid of Zacharias." The monument is believed to have connections to "Simeon" "Zechariah" and "James" the half brother of Christ.

One of the first things they noticed on this inscription they found was that the ones who did the inscribing on this ancient monument, knew their "Greek" and knew their "Luke," but didn't know how to be masons. You see they were laymen who did the inscribing centuries ago.

This particular inscription was a Gospel verse from the book of Luke. It's a very significant verse for both you and me in these end times in which we are living. The verse is about Simeon. Simeon was the "devout Jew" who was told by God that he would "still be alive" when Christ arrived, and would get to see Him, and he did.

(We're going to look at that verse shortly.) But first, I want to refresh our memory a little concerning the "Kidron Valley" and some of the significant events that took place there. The monument is located in that valley, between Jerusalem's walled old City, and the Mount of Olives. (It's actually right along side where the Temple actually stood, in the "City of David".) All the talk we often hear about the Temple being located on the "Temple Mount" is just that: talk.

There's lots of proof to where the Temple was actually located, and it wasn't on top of the "Temple Mount", for one thing, there's no water there. The water's down at the valley, at "Brook Kidron," (and you can't operate a temple without water) whether your temple is physical, or spiritual, flowing water is essential.

Now God provides the "flowing water" for His Temple, at "Brook Kidron. And He feeds that "Brook" with the "Gihon Spring." (These important waters are located down at the valley.)

I want to start today's message with a little "Safari" time (a little journey around "Brook Kidron") some of what we're going to see today, will have to be viewed in our mind. (But that won't be a problem) because the events we'll be discussing will automatically trigger a mental picture by our brain.

So to get started, let's look at that "Gihon Spring" first. That's the source of water that God provided for His temple and for the entire city of Jerusalem for that matter, that spring is quite significant, it even connects the pre-flood world, to our world.

Easton's Bible Dictionary says that the Gihon Spring was one of the four rivers of Eden. It has been identified with the Nile. The "Gihon Spring" is also knows as the "Fountain of the Virgin" and is the only natural spring of water in or near Jerusalem; it was the main source of water for the "Pool of Siloam" in the "city of David" which was the original site of Jerusalem.

(Still quoting Easton's here) It's one of the world's major "intermittent" springs, and a reliable water source that made human settlement possible in ancient Jerusalem.

The spring rises in a cave 20 feet by 7. Being intermittent, it required the <u>excavation</u> of the "pool of Siloam" which <u>stored</u> 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 a day daily in winter, twice daily in summer, and only once daily in autumn. (End of quote.)

The spring was given the name "Gihon" – meaning "gusher" because the water "emerges" intermittently in bursts. It was also the location of the anointing of King Solomon. (Both priest & prophet anointed him King over Israel and they blew the trumpet and said: "*God save King Solomon*." 1 Kings 1:33-34.)

The Pool of Siloam is also mentioned several times in Scripture, one of which is in the Gospel of John, as the location where Christ sent "a man blind from birth" in order to complete the healing. It was the "healing" where Christ spit on the ground, made clay of it, and anointed the man's eyes; then told him to go wash in "pool of Siloam." The man <u>listened</u>, and did as he was told, and he came seeing.

As we continue to move around the Kidron now, we can use the areas topography, along with the Scriptures to fill in, not only where everything was located, but also what took place at the various locations at various times (and some of the significant [and spectacular] events of course, are still future...)

The "Kidron" is the winter torrent which flows through the "valley of Jehoshaphat on the eastern side of Jerusalem, between the "City" and the "Mount of Olives".

This valley is known in Scripture "only" by the name "The Brook Kidron." David crossed this brook barefoot and weeping, when he was fleeing from Absalom. (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15:23, 30)

Our Lord frequently crossed this brook walking to & from the Mount of Olives. (His last crossings were during very difficult times;) He went across the Brook Kidron ("Cedron" in the Greek) with His disciples the night He was betrayed, Remember? After He had eaten his last supper with His disciples, they sang a song, and then headed across the Kidron to the garden of Gethsemane to pray.

He crossed it again as He was brought back into the city by the band of soldiers that came and arrested Him. And then back across it again later that day, after His "mock" trial and scourging, as He carried His cross this time, on His way to be crucified and buried...

The living frequently crossed the "Brook Kidron", and the dead were usually buried in it. After Asa burned the obscene idles of his mother in that valley, (1 Kings 15:13.) and after Athaliah was executed in it, (2Kings 11:16) the valley became the receptacle for all manner of impurities (2 Chronicles 29:16, 30:14) and in the time of Josiah, this valley became the common cemetery.

Yes, the "Brook Kidon" has much significance. "Eusebius" of Caesarea, known as the "Father of Church History" (the man was a "bishop" "theologian" and an "historian") he writes in the ecclesiastical history that James was hurled off the Temple, and bludgeoned to death in the Kidron valley beneath.

The historian "Josephus" refers to a temple priest named "Zechariah" being slain by "zealots" in the temple and <u>also</u> thrown off of it, and <u>also</u> landing in the "Kidron" valley beneath (Little hard to do if your Temple is located atop the "temple mount.")

Its amazing how when you have information and sometimes just a little here and a little there and put it all together, one can find himself with a pretty clear picture. And sometimes (like in this case concerning the "Rare Find") with just the right "light", you can make a pretty significant discovery.

Getting back to that discovery now, they said they found this particular inscription by chance, just before sundown. They had been studying this ancient monument with a fine tooth comb for a long time, but they weren't having much success.

But on this particular day, as they were stopping there work, a member decided to take a photo of the monument. They were working late that day, and he was "intrigued" from the way the light from the sun was shining on the monument from a different angle, being the sun was so close to the horizon.

That photo is what gave them "The Rare Find". It was noted later, that had the photography been take at any other time of day, they might not have seen the worded inscription. Apparently the light was just right as the sun was setting.

(I want to turn now to Luke 2:25 and read that NT verse, that was carved into the ancient shrine.)

Luke 2:25 "And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him."

This "Simeon" is believed to be son to "Hillel" (and succeeded his father as president of Sanhedrin.) He is also believed to be "father" to "Gamaliel". (Remember "Gamaliel"? He's was the doctor of the law that defended the Apostles when the council and the high priest were going to slay them for preaching about Christ.

Gamaliel warned them that If the Apostles were doing "a work of God" they could not overthrow them, and would be fighting against God Himself. This Gamaliel is also the one who the Apostle Paul says he was taught at his feet.

Well here was Simeon, still alive at Christ arrival. A number of commentaries attribute the reason Simeon was given revelation by God that he would remain alive to see Christ at His arrival, was due to him being "**righteous**" toward his fellow-man, and "**holy**" toward God. Yes, (*Just & devout*.)

Well here we are brethren, also at the end of the day, the 6<sup>th</sup> day that is, as the sun begins to set on the last day of Satan's reign here on earth. What can we glean from this discovered verse that was found on that ancient monument?

Surely God was well aware of those laymen making the inscription on that monument (they were most likely believers). And surely God knew that what they were inscribing would eventually be brought to the attention of other believers, don't you think? After all He knows what transpires down here on this earth.

He knows when a sparrow falls (and He values us more than many sparrows) He even numbers the hairs on our head, right? Well, I ask, is there "purpose" in the discovery of that verse for present day believers??? Could there be any significance in that carved verse for us in God's church today???

I think there is. Our God is the living God, surpassing all understanding. His understanding no man can even fathom. Even with "names" He has purpose. A name can be so informative, and so prophetic. Simeon name (the one who was informed by God that he would still be alive at the Messiah's arrival?) Simeon's name means: "Hearer" or "Hears and Obeys."

I think we can agree that <u>all</u> believers, no mater who they are, no matter what position the Father has placed in the "Body" they all (we all); need to be Simeon's "hearers & obeyers".

Here was Simeon, patiently waiting for the Messiah to arrive. When you think about it, the Jews were all looking for the Christ to show up. And finally He did, and there He was right in the Temple, but the Jews didn't even know it. They didn't even have a clue.

But Simeon did; "led by Spirit" not only knew Christ right on the spot, but he even marveled Mary & Joseph when he prophesied about their future.

How about us brethren? Here we are on the verge of Christ returning to the Temple for the "Second time." Are we like Simeon, like this discovered verse reads, "*just and devout*," *waiting for the consolation of Israel*, with the Holy Spirit upon us? Or will we be like many at His return, unaware, unprepared, and "taken by surprise?" ???

We need to do a little photography ourselves today, we need to take a picture of the church of God in general, and have a good look at it... If we snap a shot of the church of God today, and stand back and have a look, what will we see?

What? You don't have a camera; that's okay "No Problem" because a current picture of the church has already been taken, we just need to have a look at it, especially now, as the sun is low on the horizon, and the day is coming to a close.

The picture reveals a <u>quiet</u> seen of the church in general, there's not a lot of action going on in God's church at this time. This picture is a bit "chilling" and one that needs to be contemplated by all of us, because the "quiet" seen describes a lack of faith. Faith requires action, and faith is the thing that Christ questioned if He would even find at His return.

The picture is in Mathew 25 (Lets go there and take a look. Let's see if we can recognize ourselves in this picture.) (And make No mistake about it brethren, we are ALL in this picture, this picture has captured the entire "end time" church of God, and pictures don't lie.)

(Time Setting – NOW, just prior to a loud & profound wake up call, that will bring all of us to our feet, and put us into action!)

Matthew 25, (I want to read verses 1-6) But we need to start in verse 5 because we need to get "poked" by that needle in the haystack (like those archeologist did back in the Kidron valley when they were looking for Truth) we need to take a good look at this picture, and recognize the times in which we are living!

Mathew 25:5 pictures the church of God as it is NOW, just prior to the return of our Lord & Savior: "While the bridegroom tarried (verse 5) they ALL slumbered and slept."

Not much going on right now in the church brethren (this is the time of "slumbering" and sleeping in God's church. This isn't the 1970ies when the church took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom, anticipating Christ's imminent return like referred to in verse 1.

Matthew 25:1 "Then shall the Kingdom of God be like ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bride groom (back in the 70ies, the church of God was not asleep, they were expecting Christ imminent return.)

Verse 2: And five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, but took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." While the bridegroom tarried (current time period) they all slumbered and slept.6: and at midnight there was a cry made, behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.

Brethren, that profound wake up call is coming. Are we prepared for it? Are we amongst the "wise" with our vessels filled with oil? Or are we amongst the "foolish" lacking in that precious oil?

Having "oil" in our lamps is essential. But it's our choice, our free will whether we have that oil (and a reserve of it) or lack that essential oil that is needed for our lamps.

We can relate this to the "Pool of Siloam" God provided the essential water for them from the "Gihon Spring" But they had to dig that "Pool of Silom" in order to have a constant supply of water on hand at all times. Same with us we have to work to have a constant supply on hand also, a constant supply of "Truth" that is, that's what the "oil" in the lamps represents.

WWC always taught that the oil spoken of in the parable of the ten virgins represents God's "Spirit" and most (if not all of the splinter groups today still believe and teach that oil represents God's "Spirit") But it doesn't, there deceived on that (just continue reading the account of the foolish virgins and you'll see they are told to go and "buy" some of that oil for themselves.)

God's "Holy Spirit" cannot be bought; it's a free gift (we are even told in another place that if we want more of His spirit, all we have to do is ask.) What we can buy (and the foolish will eventually be told to go and buy) is "Truth". Like the Scripture says" "*Buy the truth and sell it not*."

(We need to be wise virgins, with our vessel filled with Truth, the Word of God.)

Brethren, the church of God as a whole, is asleep right now, and most of us are probably asleep also, and don't even know it. Christ tells us in Matthew 24 that "when the fig trees branch is tender and putteth forth leaves, know that summer is near: and in like manner, when we see all these things come to pass, know that it is near, even at the "doors" (plural)

Brethren, Christ's return is coming in stages. He has to get through a number of "doors" first. The biggest door is the door of the Laodicean church. That's the door He has been knocking on for quite some time now.

If we haven't opened that door yet, and allowed Him to come in, if we're still too involved with the cares of this world, and all that is in it, we are in trouble. we need to realize, that time is running out. The door to the marriage will eventually be shut. And when it is, we need to be on the inside, not on the outside.

Our God is so magnificent and so powerful, He does such mighty things. In Isaiah it says: "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." (Isaiah 46:9-10.)

God's pleasure back then was to have Simeon remain "alive" until Christ arrived, and that he would get to see Him. And he did. Simeon was lead by the Spirit into the temple at the same time the Christ child was brought in by His parents.

Well how about us, what is God's pleasure for us? Is it His pleasure for us to remain alive until Christ's return? Will we be like Simeon, still waiting for Him to arrive??? Will we get to see Him like Simeon did???

Maybe the better question is "<u>Are we **like** Simeon</u>?" Like this discovered verse reads: "*just* & *devout*" "*waiting for the consolation of Israel*" "*with the Holy Spirit upon* <u>*him*</u>"??? Is God's Holy Spirit "upon" us?

One thing we can take note of in that verse, is that "*just and devout*" comes <u>before</u> "*the Holy Spirit was upon him*"? That order reminds me of a verse in John 14:23 where Christ says: "*IF a man love me, he will <u>keep</u> my words: and my Father will love Him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him*".

If we want to be like Simeon "*just & devout*" with the "*Holy Spirit upon us*" then we have to be commandment keepers (*hearers & obeyers*) first. (Commandment keeping comes <u>before</u> the Father & Christ move in and make their abode with us.)

O His Spirit was working with us at our calling, but for The Father & Christ to move in with us and make their abode with us, one needs to clean up his act, change his old ways, and be "just & devout" like Simeon was.

Our Creator wants to be with us (that's another one of His pleasures, or desires) (That's why He created us in the first place, to dwell together.) But make no mistake about it; He will Not dwell with sin. He will not only Not allow sinners (transgressors) to enter (or inherit) His Kingdom at the resurrection. (Like Paul says: "*The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God, neither fornicators, now idolaters, or thieves, or drunkards* etc. etc."

He will Not allow sinners to enter into His kingdom at the resurrection, and He will Not allow Himself to dwell with sinners now, before the resurrection, at this time now, during the "church age".

Brethren, the "church age" is a time when God is willing (and wanting) to dwell with us, "within us". He wants to make His abode with us now, even while we are still flesh and blood. But He will not do so unless we repent first of our old ways, and be "just and devout".

We have to be walking in the light, just as Christ our Chief Corner Stone (the one we need to conform to) walked in the light. If we do not change our ways, and walk in the light, but continue to walk in darkness, His blood "will not" cleans us from our sins, and we will not be in the Temple waiting for Him at His return.

Let's read that, because this is very important to understand, and it's a place where "mainstream Christianity" likes to obscure by turning the light away. (And not only mainstream, many pulpits within the church of God like to blur our vision on this too, as they speak "smooth things" wanting us to not concern ourselves with our sins.)

1 John 1:6-10 (We could call this the "IF" chapter. It has to do with how to have "fellowship" with God the Father and His Beloved Son, and with one another. (It includes "conditions" & "qualifications")

1 John 1:6 "If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. 7: But IF we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, <u>and the blood of Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin</u>. (That verse sound to me that IF we don't walk in the light, His blood will not cleans us from all sin.) 8: IF we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9: IF we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleans us from all unrighteousness.

Simeon was righteous "just" and "devout" and in the Temple where he saw Christ at His first coming. Here we are brethren, on the verge of Christ <u>returning</u> to the Temple for the second time. But we need to realize that this time, He will not be returning to any physical temple,,,,, He will be returning to His "Spiritual Temple" (His Church)

And not just any church, "His Church".... Not just any "Ecclesia", His "Ecclesia." "The glorious one, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but holy and without blemish."

The Apostle John was inspired to write (in 1 John 3:2) that when Christ arrives at His second advent, some will be there waiting for Him, and will get to see Him. His "beloved" that is (the ones who are called "*sons of God*") will be there. They <u>will</u> get to see Him, and they shall see Him as He is.

The question is, are <u>we</u> "sons of God"??? Can we glean anything else from this discovered verse that will help us comprehend what God has in store for His church?

There was another interesting thing about this inscription, they found. They learned a lot from 6 lines of Scripture, scratched into this ancient monument. They had a lot of trouble finding this inscription, but after they did and after cleaning the inscription up, "it stood out like a sore thumb."

It was quite different from the norm, you see the lines from the verse were not running from left to right, as you would normally see them, instead the lines were running "Vertically" you know "Upright" and the letters were different heights, and kind of running together.

Brethren, everything about that discovery, relates to being upright, equitable, innocent, holy, circumspect and devout. And the time we have been allotted to become this way, is running out.

This was a rare find by far, much more then they could even imagine, but not beyond our imagination, after all, it is the 6<sup>th</sup> day, the end of the week, and the sun is going down. O, we been hearing this "end time" stuff for such a long time, but let us not become complacent, because the fig tree branches <u>are</u> tender, the leaves are there, and we do see the things that Christ foretold in Mathew 24 coming to pass.

We need to realize the times in which we are living, because Satan has this world so deceived with the hustle & bustle of everyday life, that it's easy to become complacent and have our priorities mixed up. We have no room for complacency; we have no room to have our priorities mixed up.

In the book of Amos chapter 3 (not going there for lack of time) we find God speaking to the whole family of Jacob. And He's not very happy, because they have been sinning. But as usual, He starts out giving them a warning.

The prophesy is two fold like most of them, but its mostly for us today and we need to heed it, because He, God, is trying to get our attention, and time is running out.

When He gave this warning the first time, Amos was prophesying to the Northern Kingdom, which at the time, they were at the zenith of their power. Yes at the zenith of their power, the culminating point of prosperity and greatness.

Nothing at the time could have seemed more "improbable" than the fulfillment of Amos' warning, yet within 50 years the kingdom was "utterly" destroyed and taken captive.

Brethren we don't have 50 years to go, we are well past the zenith of our power & prosperity. We're walking on ice that cannot be thinner. The only thing that is holding us up, and preventing us from falling through the ice and drowning, is 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9.

(Let's go there please. It's a verse that has to do with "end time" the time in which we are now living. And a verse that we need to heed.)

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is nor slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

You know when we listen to these financial experts, and the others who are in the "know" concerning was is taking place in our country (around the world for that matter) its moral decline, its rising crime, and our incomprehensible debt, they try to advise us on what we need to do to whether the coming storm.

But we know better then them brethren. There advice oftentimes is where to put our money, how to stock up and store food and water. Brethren, as bad as they think things will soon be they actually have no clue to how bad it's really going to be.

Last time He shook the earth, this time He's going to shake both heaven & earth, and No One will escape except for those HE accounts worthy. The mane focus of our preparation is to get right and be right with God.

That monument they found that inscription on (as mentioned earlier) had connections to "Simeon" "Zechariah" and "James" brother to Christ. All three of those men were good examples for us today.

Simeon was "just & devout" and (led by spirit) found himself waiting in the Temple for the Messiah to arrive.

Zechariah was a prophet of the restoration of the Temple. His call was one for righteousness in home life, and in worship. He had to arouse the complacent people of God to activity in rebuilding the Temple, and to remove idolatry from the nation.

And James was considered an "upright" and "honorable" man. He was not a believer during our Lord's life, but later became not only a believer, but also a "pillar" of the church at Jerusalem.

I want to conclude my message today by reading some commentary concerning James, and the Epistle he wrote. It has to do with faith and humility, and being just & devout.

Faith without works cannot be called faith. "*Faith without works is dead*" and a dead faith is worse than no faith at all. Faith must work; it must produce; it must be visible. Verbal faith is not enough; mental faith is insufficient. Faith must be there, but it must be more. It must inspire action.

Throughout his epistle to "all believers" James integrates true faith and everyday practical experience by stressing that true faith must manifest itself in works of faith.

Faith endures trials. Trials come and go, but a strong faith will face them head-on and develop endurance. Faith understands temptations. It will not

allow us to consent to our lust and slide into sin. <u>Faith obeys the Word</u>. It will not merely hear and not do. Faith produces doers, and faith displays itself in works. Faith is more than mere work; it is more than knowledge; it is demonstrated by obedience.

Faith acts wisely. It gives us the ability to choose wisdom that is heavenly and to shun wisdom that is earthly. Faith produces separation from the world and submission to God. It provides us with the ability to resist the Devil, and humbly draw near to God. Finally, faith waits patiently for the coming of our Lord. Through trouble and trial it <u>stifles</u> complaining.

By the way, the name "James" is the Greek form for the name "Jacob" which means "overcomer" "Conqueror"

What can we learn from That N T verse that was inscribed centuries ago on that ancient Holy Land Shrine??? That we too, like Simeon, need to "just" and "devout" waiting for the consolation of Israel, with the Holy Spirit upon us.

And that we need to be like "Zechariah" busy at rebuilding the Temple (the Temple which we are.) Striving for "righteousness" in both our behavior and our worship of the Father. The Father who "seeketh" those to worship Him in both, "spirit" and in "truth."

And let us be like James, an "upright" and "honorable" man, who became a "pillar" in the church of God.

Brethren, we still have access to the "Gihon Spring" and the "Spiritual Waters" that flow out of it (The word of God that is.) Let us take advantage to that water by digging and filling up our <u>own</u> "Pool of Siloam" filling our vessels with God's Word. Because it's the end of the day, the sun is low on horizon, and soon the "midnight cry" will be sounded, and we <u>all</u> will need plenty of that oil (the Word of God that is, Truth) to illuminate our lamps.



Tomb of Zechariah (Pyramid of Zacharias) in Kidron Valley from Derekh Ha'Ofel Road. Jerusalem, the Middle East, October 31, 2002