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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Fall is here, and the leaves in Michigan are fluttering to the ground little by little,



Here I am lecturing at the University Center of Macomb College. I get a wide variety of attendees, some Christian, others not, but all of them engaging.

Community College in their MORE program. This time, the subject was the first three centuries of Christianity, and I was delighted to have 75 registered for the lecture.

We covered the Apostolic Fathers (like Ignatius, Polycarp, and Clement, who had

day by day. We've had a lovely autumn. Indeed, Peggy and I took the month of September off from mission travel. It had been several years since we had a real vacation, so we took a week to relax in northern Michigan.

Of course, even when on holiday, I keep up with my on-line language students in Greek and Hebrew, who send in their homework for grading, but at least I can do this anywhere so long as I have an internet connection.

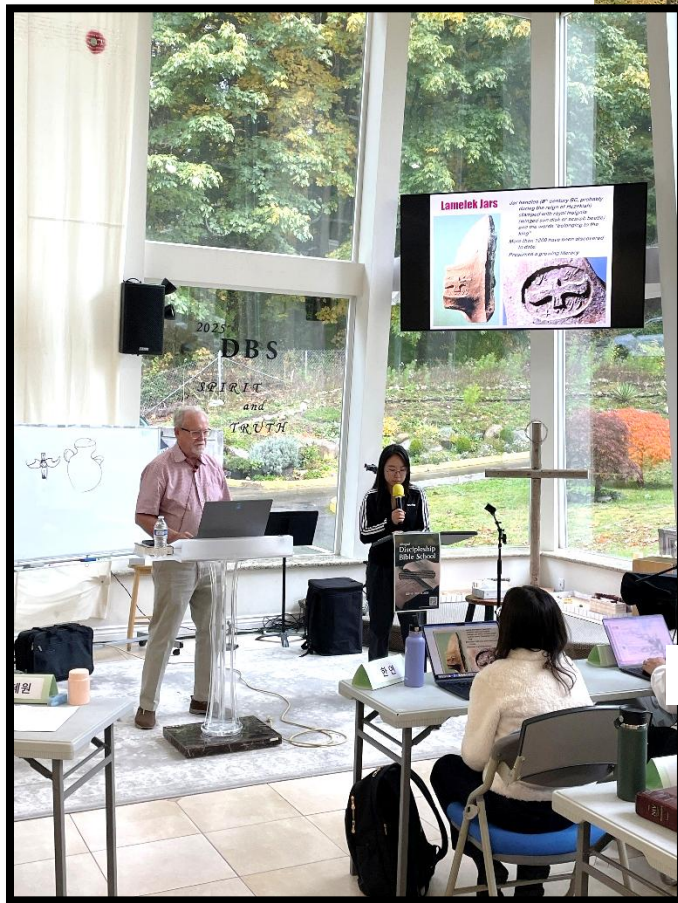
October saw us "back in the saddle again" (apologies to Willie Nelson). As I have done each Fall and Spring in recent years, I lectured at Macomb



This is an ancient copy of the Didache from ca. AD 95, the earliest text outside Matthew's Gospel that describes Christian baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

known the apostles personally), the early apologists (Justin Martyr, Tatian), the early heresies (Gnostics, Montanists, Modalists), the fixing of the New Testament canon, and the controversies over the Godhead culminating in the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. The word “Trinity” to describe the Three-in-One God (τριας in Greek; *trinitas* in Latin) was in use no later than the 180s AD (Theophilus of Antioch, Tertullian).

October once more picked up with extended mission travels, this time to Seattle for University of the Nations with lectures on the Israelite kings.



One of my lectures featured the spread of literacy in the 8th century BC, and here, along with my translator, I'm showing on the screen some l'melekh jar handles, which were embossed with a winged sun disk and an ancient Hebrew inscription, "Belong to the King" (probably Hezekiah).

Part of the campus in the Seattle area

This was an all-Korean campus, so the missionaries in training here were a mix of Korean Christians from Korea itself as well as the USA and other areas. We had a lovely time together, and beyond the lectures, I spoke in their weekly chapel service as well as conducted a Q/A for students.

From Seattle, I flew to Kona, Hawaii to the University of the Nations campus there. Here, also, I lectured on the Kings of Israel (in the branches of the university, both in Seattle and Kona, the biblical studies departments were following the same



curriculum and at about the same time). The Kona campus is relatively large and serves as the flagship campus for U. of N.

My students here came from various nations in Europe, including Denmark, Finland, and Germany, several students from the Midwest, including Pennsylvania and Michigan, a handful of Texans, and a variety from other countries—about 40 or so in all. As in Seattle, I included a number of archaeological artifacts from the period of Israel's kingdom history, and the students were fascinated by the number of people, places, and events that were mentioned in Assyrian texts as well as in the biblical texts.

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In this monumental stele of Tiglath-pileser III of Assyria, he mentions specifically King Menahem of Israel who paid tribute (2 Kg. 15:19-20).

Israel Museum, Jerusalem