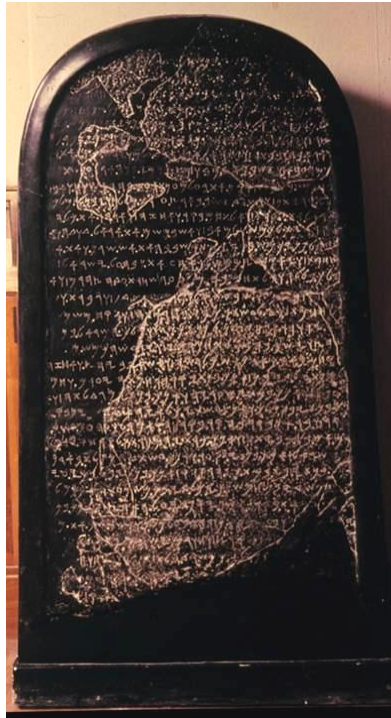


Spring 2026

Dear Friends and Supporters,



*The Stela of Mesha (popularly called the Moabite Stone) was discovered in 1868, and it directly cites by name Omri of Israel.*

**The Louvre, Paris**

We are off to a great start for Spring lectures. Some of you have been asking about my health, given my Drop Vertigo collapse in Cape Town in January. However, so far so good. I lectured last month without problems in Quebec, and Peggy and I returned from lectures in Amsterdam without problems.

In one sense, my lectures in Amsterdam began even before we arrived. A handful of mission students texted me a couple of weeks before we flew to Europe to ask about biblically connected artifacts in the Louvre in Paris. They were in Paris at the time and wanted to see what was available. Among other things, I texted them in return that they must by all means have a look at the famous Moabite Stone (which they were able to see). This large black basalt stela, standing over a meter tall, describes Moab's vassalship to Omri of Israel. It is one of a series of artifact inscriptions in ancient Near Eastern texts outside the Bible that mention Israelite kings, a list that includes not only Omri, but also, Ahab, Jehu,



*Here's about half of my class in Amsterdam. (The other half is outside the picture frame to the left.)*



Jehoash, Jeroboam II, Uzziah, Menahem, Pekah, Hoshea, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, and Jehoiachin.

I had an excellent group of mission students in Amsterdam, where I taught through 1 & 2 Kings, and we explored this ancient history from Solomon to the exile. Mission students from all over Europe attended, not from only the Netherlands, but also from Germany, Italy, Norway, and England, not to mention Canada and the USA. Along the way, we looked at many artifacts linked to the biblical narratives. I find it is nearly always a surprise for students to discover just how many outside historical connections there are between the Bible and ancient history. And of course, there are the many spiritual lessons in this history as well. In the New Testament. St. Paul says that all these things were recorded for our instruction!

In April, I was off to a Discipleship Bible School in Orlando. My lectures here were called David Week, which was comprised of 1 and 2 Samuel, an introduction to Hebrew Wisdom Literature, and the books of Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs. It was a great group, and working with Nathan and Mandy Taylor, the leaders of the school, is always a pleasure.

Working through the life of David is always fascinating, and the Book of Ecclesiastes, especially, is about as up-to-date as one can imagine. The various investigations of



*TOP: It was rainy in the Netherlands. This is the view outside our window.*

*BOTTOM: One of the many stained-glass windows in the campus building.*

lifestyles by *qoheleth* (the Hebrew designation for the lead character who explores the meaning of life), his probing questions, and sometimes startling answers are remarkably current, since they are the very things that the western youth culture has been exploring since



*Here's my class in Orlando, mostly a good mix of American students, though we had one from Brazil as well.*



*The campus, about 200 acres more or less, originally belonged to the Lutherans (Missouri Synod), but for a number of years it has been a Youth with a Mission campus with a score of buildings scattered among trees with hanging Spanish moss.*

the middle of the last century—and a theme that existentialists have been exploring longer than that! Students find it amazing that a Hebrew writer three millennia ago was asking the same questions they are asking. Then, of course, working through the Song of Songs with a group of 20-somethings, mostly unmarried, has its own brand of challenges!

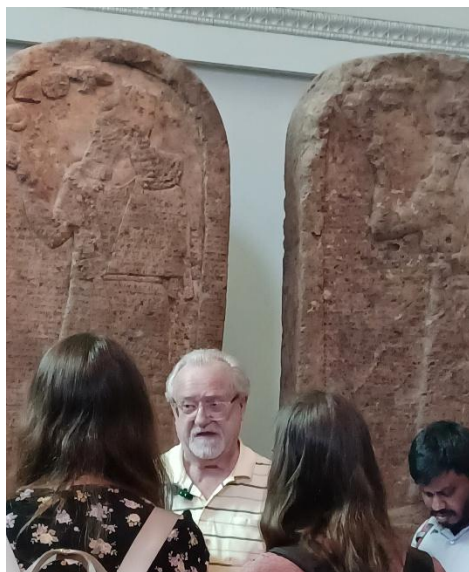
Back at home, I gave my spring lectures at Macomb Community College. I've mentioned the MORE program at this college previously, which is an extended educational venue. Anyone can register for it, but it is especially suitable for retirees, and I lecture in this program each Spring and Fall (and sometimes Summer or Winter as well). The nice thing is that I'm able to lecture on biblical subjects, and this time the lecture was on the Dead Sea Scrolls. We had 90+ enrolled for the lectures, so the attendees filled up the lecture hall. Since Macomb Community College is a public institution, these lectures are not like Bible studies, but often, they are on subjects that are alongside biblical studies, such as, history,

archaeology, and so forth. It was a delightful group from a wide variety of Christian backgrounds (and non-Christians as well).



*Here's my group at Macomb Community College. The lecture rooms are quite lovely.*

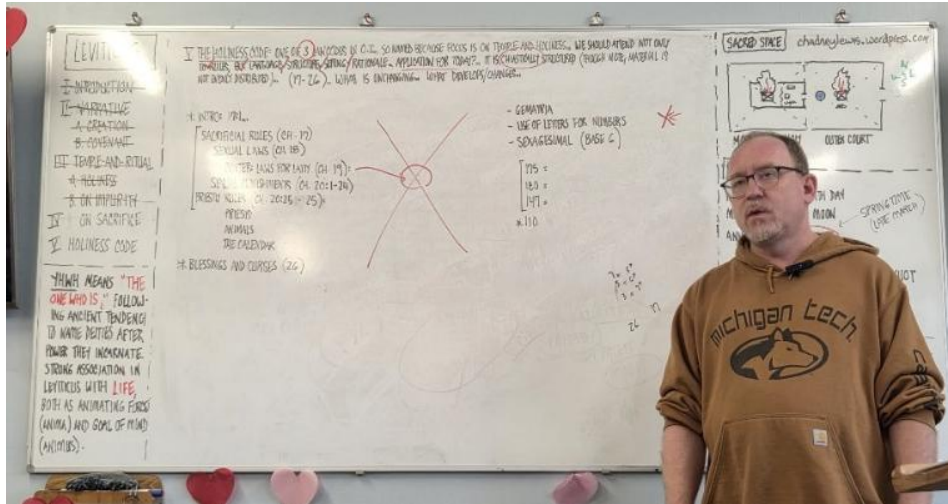
In May, I was off to England to the King's Lodge in the Midlands, another mission school with a School of Biblical Studies, and this time, Peggy was able to



*At the British Museum, I'm lecturing on the Kurkh Stela (the one behind me on the left), which names Ahab of Israel as contributing 10,000 infantry and 200 chariots to a coalition army in the Battle of Qarqar in 853 BC.*

accompany me. It was a busy two weeks, to say the least. In working through the texts of Ezekiel and Daniel, I lectured three hours each morning for two weeks.

I also traveled to Coventry, a nearby city, for an evening lecture on Isaiah in their Biblical Studies program for the Mosaic Church. Back at the King's Lodge campus, I did a video lecture on exegeting the Greek text 1 Timothy 2:11-14 for the on-line university, the sticky passage concerning women in the Ephesian church. One evening, we had a 2 ½ hour Q/A session. I also met with several missionaries for either lunch or dinner. Best of all, we traveled to London for the weekend, where I gave the students a tour of the biblical artifacts in the British Museum. We returned home pretty tuckered out!



Speaking of England, our son, Chad, also lectured there at the same campus in the Midlands in February on the text of Leviticus, which is always a complicated and fascinating work.

*Chad fills white boards, one after another, when he lectures. Unlike me, his handwriting is very readable!*



*The King's Lodge Campus for University of the Nations, School of Biblical Studies*

For those interested, there is a new feature on our Diakonos website ([www.dkonos.org](http://www.dkonos.org)) called Q&A. Every week (sometimes every day) I receive



questions about biblical subjects from people around the world, and I do my best to provide solid answers. I've begun posting many of these questions/answers (omitting, of course, any personal names). You can find them on the website under "MORE" in the top menu bar.

That wraps up Spring 2026. We arrived home at the end of May, and I'll be home for three weeks before flying to Boston for lectures on St. Paul and other parts of

the New Testament. Chad, meanwhile, is headed for Orlando, Florida for lectures on St. Paul as well. We deeply appreciate your prayers and your support.

Grace to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan and Peggy Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D" and "P".

Dan and Peggy Lewis