

CHRISTIAN WIDENER

Dr. Christian Widener is a biblical scholar, researcher and engineer. His interest in biblical archaeology stems from a passion for apologetics and the reliability of the literal and historic accounts of the Bible, as well as its prophetic predictions for the coming Tribulation, the last-days temple and the return of Jesus Christ to bring "all things in heaven and on earth together under one head" (Ephesians 1:10). While the Scriptures include many things that may be hard to believe or understand, Dr. Widener believes that the Bible is trustworthy and that it can be tested scientifically and reasoned out logically, providing one separates facts from their Bible—not external sources or modern secular speculations based on naturalistic assumptions—is the preeminent testimony about the past. The precise location of the temple has been a subject of his private interest and study for more than a decade.

Dr. Widener earned his PhD in mechanical engineering, with an empahsis in materials and manufacturing from Wichita State University and was a tenured associate professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. In his professional career, Dr. Widener is a successful entrepreneur and internationally recognized expert in the fields of solid-state metals deposition and processing, additive manufacturing, and repair. Dr. Widener lives in the Black Hills of South Dakota with his wife and their four children.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- End-times prophecy
- Science-based defense of Scripture
- Mechanical engineering, materials science
- Engineering design
- Archaeology

CREDENTIALS

- Christian is endorsed by *New York Times* bestselling authors, Josh D. McDowell, Joel Richardson and William J. Federer
- Has studied the scientific defense of the scriptures, biblical archaeology and end-times prophecy for fifteen years
- PhD in in mechanical engineering, with an emphasis in materials and manufacturing from Wichita State University
- Former tenured associate professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- Internationally-recognized expert in the fields of solid-state metals deposition, additive manufacturing and repair
- Proven track record in multidisciplinary investigations across diverse fields, including materials, manufacturing, mechanical engineering design, nano science and electrochemistry
- Directed an active research program that was awarded more than $10million in competitively-funded, cutting edge advanced materials manufaturing and repair research
- Successful entrepreneur who cofounded a high tech start-up that made the Inc. 500 list in 2017

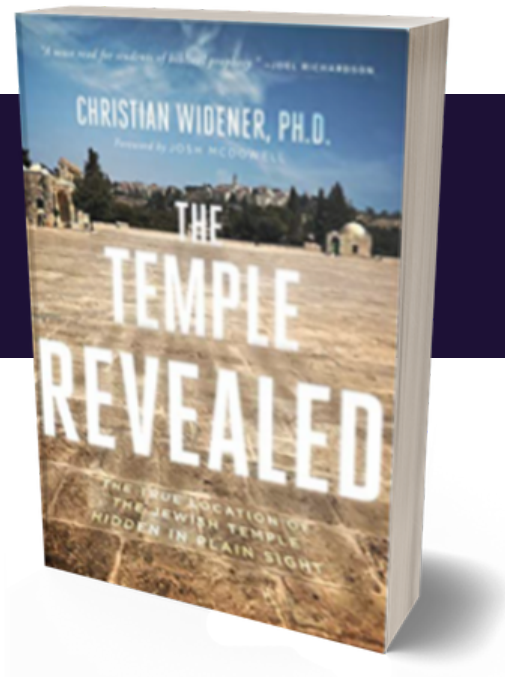
AVAILABILITY

- Central time zone (South Dakota)
- Dr. Widener is available M-F between 6am-9pm CT
- Available via Zoom or cell (no landline)
- Avail to travel
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THE TEMPLE REVEALED

The True Location of the Jewish Temple Hidden in Plain Sight



ABOUT THE BOOK

The *Temple Revealed* is a serious investigation into the history and archaeology of the Temple Mount. Researched for over a decade by Dr. Christian Wideners—not only an internationally-recognized expert and engineer, but a Christian who loves Israel and the Jewish people—with the cooperation of a multitude of incredible archaeologists and historians, the book begins with the accounts recorded in the Bible and then uses historic testimony and archaeological evidence to discover the true location of the Jewish temple. Be prepared to reevaluate what most of the modern world has accepted as true—the assumption that the Dome of the Rock would have to be destroyed in order to rebuild the holy temple. ***The Temple Revealed*** is a case to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, where the holy temple stood before its destruction in AD 70.

There is a difference between speculation and deduction

WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE?

- Many people would challenge the assertion that the rebuilding of the temple is a key to lasting peace in Israel, arguing instead that the temple is what presents the greatest risk to peace. That idea, Dr. Widener claims, is deeply flawed because it assumes that it is possible that at some point in the future, the Jewish people will forget about//give up on the temple.
- There have been at least 47 people who have published views regarding exactly where the temple used to be, between the 17th century and the present (the appendix includes a full list). Many of those ideas overlap and can be condensed into four primary views. In 'The Temple Revealed', Dr. Widener proposes his own view, which is essentially a modification of Asher Kaufman's proposal, which located the Temple in the norther portion of the Temple Mount, with the exception that it must also be in line with the Golden Gate. Dr. Widener presents information and reasoning to demonstrate, beyond a reasonable doubt, that this is the proper location and exposes why other views are untenable in light of the archaeological evidence and weight of historical testimony.

WHY IS IT RELEVANT?

- Because of its prophetic implications
- The rebuilding of the temple is a key to achieving lasting peace in Israel
- Support from the American Christian community is key to Israel establishing sufficient sovereignty over the temple, in order to allow rebuilding to begin.

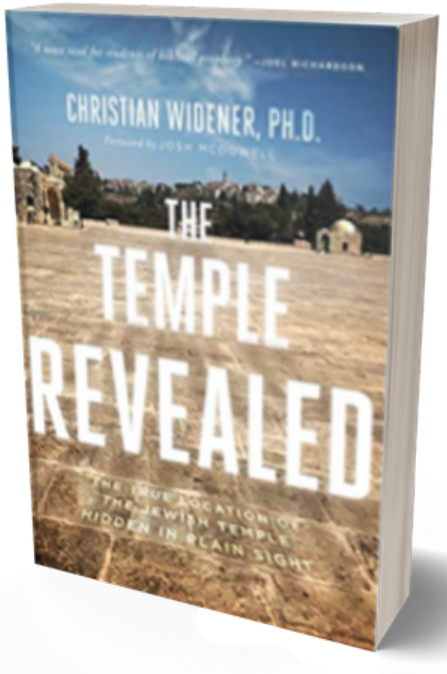
WHO IS IT FOR?

- Students of biblical prophecy
- Any Christian interested in prophecies of Christ's return
- Anyone with a love for Israel
- Those interested in the historical and archaeological record of the Temple Mount

"In the pages ahead, the entire case is laid out, with the evidence to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the famed Golden Gate is the true eastern gate of the First and Second Temples and marks the east-west line of where the temple should be rebuilt. It will also be shown that the Dome of the Spirits covers the remains of the threshing floor of Araunah, which gives us the precise location of the Holy of Holies of the temple."

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. CHRISTIAN WIDENER

Q. Bottom line, what is the book about and why is it important?



A. This book is about determining the exact location of where the Jewish temple sat before it was destroyed in 70 A.D.B. The reason that question matters is that the Bible clearly predicts that a temple of some type will be rebuilt or setup prior to the return of Christ. The majority popular and scholarly opinion is that the temple was formerly located in the exact spot where the current Islamic shrine, called the Dome of the Rock, now sits in the middle of the Temple Mount. It's unmistakable golden domed roof is now an icon of Jerusalem. If that was true, and the orthodox Jews insist on only rebuilding a temple if it can be rebuilt in the exact spot that God commanded, then it presents quite an obstacle to rebuilding a temple. However, based on a very thorough review of the biblical, historical, and archaeological cases for its location, as well as some new engineering arguments of my own, I think it can now be said with certainty that this is not the case.

Q. So, where was it located and why have so many others missed it?

A. The short answer is that the temple was formerly located in the northern portion of the enclosure, directly in line with the famous Golden Gate in the eastern wall of the Temple Mount which for the past almost 500 years has been literally walled up in stone. Jews, Christians, and Muslims universally identify this as the messianic gate, but nevertheless fail to recognize it as an enduring landmark from the temples of Solomon and Herod. Another thing most scholars failed to recognize was the uncanny precision of alignment of the Golden Gate with another feature on the Temple Mount, which is now marked by the Dome of the Spirits, which was built over it. The dome covers an area of flat and smooth bedrock, approximately ten feet in diameter, which even today would make an excellent threshing floor surface. No other place on the entire 36 acre Temple Mount presents such a perfect example of a likely threshing floor. And get this, I calculated that the probability that the alignment of the Golden Gate with this flat bedrock surface happened by accident is only 0.07%. Or in other words, there is a 99.93% chance that the Golden Gate was aligned with this piece of bedrock on purpose.C. So the essence of my argument is that we can actually identify two landmarks from the temple which can be convincingly tied to the temple, and that together they show its precise former location.

Q. Why you? You're a mechanical engineer, not an archaeologist or historian.

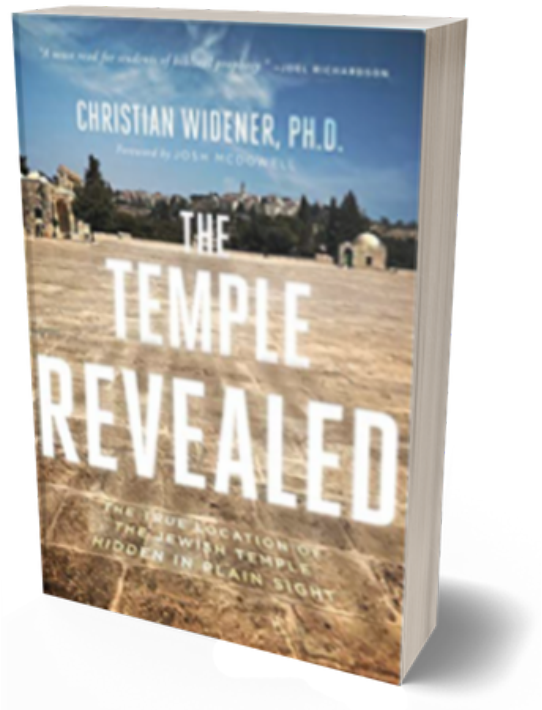
A. Yeah, that's a good question, and I wrestled with that question myself. In many ways, I didn't feel qualified either, which may be part of why I waited more than ten years to start writing the book. But you know what? I'm a really good researcher, and I'm good at figuring out how things work and figuring out how to do things that no one knows how to do yet, things people don't even believe can be done. So I'll say that I'm persistent and thorough, and besides the new arguments that I developed myself, I'm just using the excellent work of scholars, historians, and translators and
reprocessing them to show what they really mean in the big picture. There is a big difference between what a scholar found as documented fact, and how they interpreted those facts and expressed them as scholarly opinion. But overall, I just feel fortunate that God has given me the opportunity to present this information at the present time. I think that anyone who really examines this book with an open mind will see how clear and simple the case really is. I actually don't feel like I've solved something that should have been a mystery. It feels more like I'm the little boy shouting that "the emperor has no clothes!"

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"I believe strongly in this book for two reasons. The first is that it demonstrates the reliability of the Scriptures. The second is because of the *strength of the scholarship*. Christian worked with the most well-respected scholars in this area and has cited and referenced his findings more than what you'll find in most PhD dissertations. I encourage you to read this book and see for yourself how strong the case really is. *The implications of his findings are nothing short of world-changing*.

This is one book you won't ever forget reading."

—Josh D. McDowell, evangelist and bestselling author



"The Temple Revealed is absolutely fascinating! Christian Widener's writing style draws the reader into a captivating adventure to uncover secrets 'hidden in plain sight' for centuries! With an impressive engi- neering background, Dr. Widener presents the research with unques- tionable logic while reference to biblical citations adds academic and prophetic gravitas. The site of the Temple in Jerusalem is without a doubt the most important piece of real estate on the planet, and Christian Widener's The Temple Revealed unveils so many important clues as to its true location. It is not just reading a book, it is an exciting journey of discovery!"

—William J. Federer / Speaker, Bestselling Author, American Historian, President of Amerisearch, Inc.

"A must read for students of biblical prophecy. Christian Widener's exploration of the location of the Jewish Temple is a very important contribution to this ongoing debate. He has done an excellent job exam- ining the relevant biblical and historical data. His arguments should be carefully considered by everyone interested in this momentous subject."

—Joel Richardson / New York Times bestselling author, internationally-recognized prophecy teacher

"Well written and thoroughly researched, Dr. Widener has provided a valuable contribution to the larger issue of the Temple's location."

—Dr. Randall J. Price / Distinguished Professor of Biblical and Judaic Studies, Liberty University

"Astonishing and a great read! I encourage any Christian interested in prophecies of Christ's return to read this book. Dr. Widener has a great love for Israel and a deep interest in biblical prophecy. Believing that Scripture predicts not only the reestablishment of the State of Israel (which occurred in 1948) and the return of Jerusalem to Israeli control (which occurred in 1967) but also that the Jewish Temple must be rebuilt on Temple Mount before Jesus returns, he has set himself to examine how this could possibly happen, given the fact that the Mosque of Omar and the Dome of the Rock dominate the site. No one believes the Islamists will voluntarily surrender this territory, and any attempt to seize it would clearly result in bloody violence. Dr. Widener examines the historical and archaeological record carefully, as well as the geography of Temple Mount, and he demonstrates that the Third Temple (of Herod's day) actually stood north of the Dome of the Rock. Therefore the Jewish Temple can be rebuilt on its original site without the risk of war, and he strongly believes it will be. While the details regarding the future Temple may still be debatable, what is clear and certain is where the former temples used to sit and that Christ will come again to rule and reign from Jerusalem."

—Dr. Michael P. Andrus / Lead Pastor, Retired, First Evangelical Free Church, Wichita, KS