

Beware of sensational ‘discoveries’

Introduction

From time to time one hears of yet another amazing discovery that is supposed to prove the existence of God, or that the Bible is scientifically true. From time immemorial charlatans have claimed to find a piece of Christ’s cross, the cup that Christ used at the Last Supper, Noah’s Ark, the Ark of the Covenant etc. and throughout history sound teachers have condemned such claims. For example, by the time of Calvin, so many people / churches had claimed to have a piece of the cross of Christ that Calvin stated it would take 300 people to carry it if glued together. There have also been multiple nails of the cross claimed to have been found, enough to open a DIY shop. Several people have also claimed to own the lance that pierced Jesus’ side or the cup he used (‘Holy Grail’), even Adolph Hitler had a lance; but there can only be one.

Needless to say the vast majority of such claims are fraudulent and arise from charlatans with some agenda. Some claims are still false but arise from well-meaning, gullible or deceived people.

Today, deception is running rampant at unprecedented levels and the church is filled with false teachings and aberrant practices. Therefore, it is not surprising that there has been a recent increase in the number of sensational claims: audio recordings of angels singing;¹ the discovery of Noah’s Ark, the Ark of the Covenant, the Tablets of Moses, the site of Golgotha and so on.

What is very sad is that a large number of Christians have been taken in by this nonsense and some supposedly ‘Christian’; ministries focus entirely on it and subvert the church.

This paper is being written to expose the fraud of one particular group of claims that has recently become prominent.

The root of the claims

The claims have to do with the supposed discoveries of amateur archaeologist Ronald E Wyatt. There are various websites devoted to his claims and a number of publications. However, the most established dissemination is an expensively produced book by Dr. Lennart Möller.² In addition there are a number of videos by Jonathan Gray. In the UK Möller’s book and Wyatt’s claims are propagated by Simon and Emma Brown [realdiscoevreies.com].³ Other followers include: Richard Rives, Pinkowski, Mary Nell Wyatt, John McCoy, Bill Fry, Kevin Fisher, Rebecca Samsing, and Henry Gruver. It has to be said at the outset that Wyatt and Möller are not qualified archaeologists; everyone else just parrots their findings. The single best source summarising Wyatt’s claims is Möller’s book, however this avoids some of Wyatt’s more extreme and controversial finds.

¹ In fact angels do not sing at all (check it out). Singing praise to God is only given to those who have been redeemed. There is no redemption for angels.

² *The Exodus Case: New discoveries confirm the historical Exodus*; Dr Lennart Möller, Scandinavia Pub. House; (2002).

³ Their errors include being Jewish Root Dispensationalists and accepting that the Turin Shroud is genuine.

Wyatt's official organisation is *Wyatt Archaeological Research* (WAR); however after his death, in 1999, his followers split into various groups. WAR currently claims to be the sole owner of all Wyatt's photographs, newsletters, and other intellectual property. Other people who had worked with Wyatt established independent ministries to promote Wyatt's discoveries for reasons of money or principle.

Whatever the gloss put on these claims, by tarding them up in an academic fashion by Möller, the root of the matter is: what is the evidence that Wyatt's claims are true? First, we have to look at Wyatt himself.

Ronald E Wyatt [1933-1999]

Wyatt was a Seventh Day Adventist [SDA] follower who came from Tennessee; thus even the basic theological position of the man is heretical. We cannot delve into why SDA is heretical here, but one reason is the infallible authority they generally give to a false prophetess, Ellen G White. Ironically, the SDA church denounces the claims of Wyatt since it puts them in a bad academic light.

Wyatt had no training as an archaeologist but was a nurse anaesthetist. He was also refused permission by the Israeli government to perform archaeological digs in Israel.

Wyatt's claims have been denounced by multiple academics, both secular archaeologists and Christian apologists. Answers in Genesis called Wyatt's claims 'fraudulent'.⁴

Ron Wyatt, ... has been documented as an archaeological fraud. Both former "friends" as well as professional archaeologists in his own denomination (Seventh Day Adventist) have published detailed refutations of all of his "discoveries." ... we refer those interested in the documentation against Wyatt to request a free packet of papers by archaeologists in Wyatt's denomination from: Dr. David Merling, Associate Director & Curator, Institute of Archaeology, Horn Archaeological Museum, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0990.⁵

Despite this, Wyatt (and his disciples Möller and Gray) has a widespread following amongst the more gullible fundamentalist types. Usually these are theologically flawed groups, such as Dispensationalists, whose affirmation of a strict OT literalism predisposes them to such materialistic claims, and Jewish Root groups, who also have a penchant for Jewish materialism and find it easy to fall for this.

Wyatt's character

Information in a brochure Wyatt's Christian booking agency produced⁶ was fraudulent. It listed him as graduating from the University of Michigan with honours in 'Pre-med', as having finished all the requirements for both M.A. and Ph.D. in antiquities, and as being a Korean War veteran. It turned out that none of these were true.⁷

Individuals who supported Wyatt with vast amounts of money lost it all. One SDA businessman lost £30,000 to see the claims in Israel and saw nothing at all.⁸ In fact, Wyatt lied to him claiming a cave-in had obscured the finds; the man investigated and there was

⁴ AiG magazine discussion of Wyatt and other claims with Kent Hovind, October/December 2002.

⁵ Lambert Dolphin; <http://www.worldofthebible.com/> and <http://ldolphin.org/wyatt.html>

⁶ Incredibly, Christian celebrities get on to shows and events through worldly type booking agencies.

⁷ Investigation by Christian Information Ministries International, whose editor is Bill Crouse. The Agency [Jeff Roberts and Associates, Hendersonville, Tenn.] admitted the falsity but did not name who was responsible.

⁸ Gary Amirault; *A Great Christian Scam*, <http://www.tentmaker.org/Dew/Dew7/D7-AGreatChristianScam.html>

no cave-in.⁹ This man also witnessed Wyatt verbally abusing an Arab car rental agent. On being asked for a further £10,000, the man demanded a lie detector test for Wyatt. He said, *'He failed just about everything except his name.'* In response Wyatt physically threatened the man.

Businessmen and television producers have invested tens of thousands of dollars into Wyatt Archaeological Research for television rights. For years Wyatt travelled the world on expenses. Despite this investment, not a shred of evidence has been presented.

One of Wyatt's sons admitted that the chariot wheels supposedly discovered in the Gulf of Aqaba were planted there by Wyatt.¹⁰ He also stated that coins supposedly found in the Ark of the Covenant site were purchased by Wyatt (see later why such coins were fraudulent anyway).

The 'scientific apparatus' Wyatt used to discover Noah's Ark was a device advertised in treasure hunter magazines; a sort of divining rod with no scientific value.

Several websites affirm that Wyatt admitted, at least once, that his claims were lies.

Videos of specialists appearing to confirm Wyatt's Noah's Ark discovery fail to reveal that they do not believe this lie and some have expressed outrage that they are being used in this way.¹¹

Bernard Brandstater, a Seventh Day Adventist, believed that Wyatt had a mental disease where he actually believed that he had discovered these sites and materials.¹²

Wyatt's claims

Artefacts found by Wyatt, claimed to be something sensational, are never able to be produced for independent verification for some reason. Sometimes the reason given is supposedly supernatural or a government cover-up. Already a red warning light ought to be flashing. If someone really had the Ark of the Covenant or the Tablets of Moses, would they hide them?¹³

The list of Wyatt's finds

- The Ark of the Covenant, found with the Table of Shewbread, the Golden Altar of Incense, and the Menorah (seven-branched lampstand) in a cave inside the hill called 'Gordon's Calvary' in eastern Jerusalem.
- The site of the Israelites' crossing of the Red Sea (located in the Gulf of Aqaba at Nuweiba).
- Chariot wheels and other relics from Pharaoh's drowned army at the bottom of the Red Sea.
- The real Sodom and Gomorrah, with building outlines still standing as piles of sulfur-fried ash. Also, the other cities of the plain: Zoar, Zeboim and Admah.
- Noah's Ark (the Durupinar site, 18 miles south of Mount Ararat).

⁹ *Love of Money At Wyatt Archaeological Research And Israeli Antiquities*, http://www.tentmaker.org/WAR/love_money_wyatt.html

¹⁰ Amirault; op. cit.

¹¹ *Ron Wyatt Archaeological Research: Fraud Documentation*, <http://www.tentmaker.org/WAR/>

¹² <http://www.ldolphin.org/wyatt1.html>

¹³ I acknowledge some help from AiG here: *Has the Ark of the Covenant Been Found? And Noah's Ark? And Pharaoh's Drowned Army? What About the Garden of Eden?* 1 March 1999; <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v21/n2/has-ark-of-the-covenant-been-found>

- Anchor stones (or drogue stones) used on the Ark.
- The real Mt Sinai (in Saudi Arabia at Jabal al Lawz).
- The rock at Horeb.
- The true site of Korah's earthquake.
- Noah's post-deluvian house and grave, plus millions of pounds worth of Noah's wife's jewellery (allegedly stolen from Wyatt).
- The Tower of Babel site (in southern Turkey).
- How the Egyptians may have built the pyramids.
- The real site of the crucifixion, apparently above the cave containing the Ark of the Covenant, so that Christ's blood would drip on to the Mercy Seat.
- An actual sample of Christ's blood, with chromosomes allegedly still visible under the microscope, showing that there was no human father.
- The tablets of the Ten Commandments, bound by golden hinges.

The list of Wyatt's claims are so astonishing that (if true) it would make him the most incredible discoverer the world has ever seen; and then some. For instance, Wyatt claims to be able to decipher ancient writings by supernatural power without any formal training. In another case he claimed that, in answer to prayer, an earthquake opened the site of Noah's Ark so that he could evaluate petrified timbers, before it miraculously closed again.

However, the claims that have been tested by experts have all been found to be false.

Some of the claims evaluated

Noah's Ark

One thorough investigation was performed by *Answers In Genesis* on Wyatt's claim to have discovered Noah's Ark.¹⁴ It found that almost all his claims were either untrue or misleading. The site is a geological formation. A rebuttal of this article convinced no one but cited the support of creationist Dr John Baumgardner and the (Non-Christian) late marine engineer David Fasold. Both these men have since retracted any support and stated that the site is a geological formation.

Problems with Wyatt's site include:

- There are multiple boat-shaped formations like this. There are eight others in the immediate area.
- It is consistent with a natural geological formation known as a syncline.
- While the length may be more or less correct, the width is inconsistent with the Biblical account.
- The drogue stones (stabilising rocks hung from large boats) are made of stone native to the area and could not have originated in Mesopotamia. They are commonly seen as pagan shrines.
- Iron located at the site is inconsistent with the iron that would have been produced during Noah's time period, the presence of impurities suggesting a natural origin.

¹⁴ A Snelling, Special Report: Amazing 'Ark' Exposé, *Creation*, 14 (4):26–38, (1992).

Sodom and Gomorrah

Samples given to Answers in Genesis were supposed to be ash from buildings in Sodom and Gomorrah and sulphur balls. The 'building ruins' turned out to be partially laminated sedimentary structures eroded by rain and wind. The idea that incinerated buildings would survive in the air for thousands of years defies understanding. In fact the building 'ash' was proven to be a deposit of gypsum-type minerals. Sulphur balls (nodules) are common in the area and geologists state that their presence was from the chemical alteration of gypsum within the strata.¹⁵

The supposed discovery of Gomorrah, with a ziggurat and sphinx in the Dead Sea area near Masada, is also false. There are many features like this formed by natural erosion on evaporite deposits.

Finding Mt Sinai

Wyatt claimed to find a coin at the supposed Mt. Sinai. Coins were not around at the time of Moses; even amateur archaeologists worth their salt know this.¹⁶

Pharaoh's chariot wheels and the Red Sea sand bridge

Wyatt's chariot wheels from the Exodus have never been made available for examination; thus they cannot be dated or evaluated as to what they are. Videos show these at the bottom of the Red Sea. If they are genuine, then they should be examined by experts; this has not been allowed.

Jonathan Gray claims that a British Admiralty chart shows a sand bridge with great depths either side. Answers in Genesis revealed that the hydrographic office of the UK Ministry of Defence¹⁷ explained that the chart shown in the video was a US chart no. 62020. It also stated that there was not, and never had been, any sort of sand bridge in British Admiralty Charts; nor is it visible on the US chart. In other words, this is just a plain lie.

Furthermore, Answers in Genesis also demonstrated that the naturally lit footage could not have been filmed where Gray said it was as there would not be sufficient light at the depth. Gray responded with a letter from the hydrographic office supporting his claim. When contacted by AiG this office responded that Gray had seriously edited the letter to suit his argument while the full letter (obtained by AiG) confirmed that there is no sand bridge. This is fraud.

Möller also claims that this bridge exists (p188) but is more sketchy about it and does not mention the British Charts. But even if there was a shallow there, so what? It does not prove that this was the Israelite crossing point and it is also in the wrong place in Arabia.

The Ark of the Covenant

Wyatt claims to have found the Ark of the Covenant, with the other temple furniture, in 'Gordon's Calvary' in eastern Jerusalem, at the site of the Protestant 'Garden Tomb'. However, Gordon's Calvary has no archaeological support, whereas the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, identified with Christ's crucifixion since the 4th century AD, has much more.

¹⁵ Rev. Gary Byers; Ron Wyatt's Sodom; ABR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER, Vol. 2, Issue 2 Circulation: 2675, February 15, 2002 <http://www.christiananswers.net/abr>, 1-800-430-0008, abrofc@aol.com

¹⁶ Affirmed by Joe Zias, Curator of Anthropology/Archaeology, Israel Antiquities Authority, POB 586, Jerusalem, Tel. 972 2 292624.

¹⁷ The authority for charting the Red Sea, by international agreement.

The Garden Tomb is part of a complex of First Temple tombs (about 600 years before Christ), but the New Testament says Jesus tomb was 'newly hewn'.¹⁸

Wyatt claims that the site of the Ark is below where Christ was crucified. The Ark was positioned in such a way so that when Christ was crucified His blood fell through a hole in the cliff above and landed on the Mercy Seat. Wyatt claimed to have found a substance, later tested and found to be the blood of Jesus because it contains half the number of chromosomes that would normally be present in a human male. A person missing half their chromosomes would be unlikely to develop in any normal sense as a human being. It is preposterous that any blood could survive that long outside of a human structure;¹⁹ but then the whole story is foolish in the extreme and denied by Israeli archaeologists.

Requests to see the lab reports Wyatt reported, and to have samples to test, were rejected.

The Garden Tomb Association of Jerusalem state in a letter they issue to visitors on request:

The Council of the Garden Tomb Association (London) totally refute the claim of Mr Wyatt to have discovered the original Ark of the Covenant or any other biblical artefacts within the boundaries of the area known as the Garden Tomb Jerusalem. Though Mr Wyatt was allowed to dig within this privately owned garden on a number of occasions (the last occasion being the summer of 1991) staff members of the Association observed his progress and entered his excavated shaft. As far as we are aware nothing was ever discovered to support his claims nor have we seen any evidence of biblical artefacts or temple treasures.

Archaeologist Joe Zias, Curator of Anthropology/Archaeology at the Israel Antiquities Authority has stated that,

Ron Wyatt is neither an archaeologist nor has he ever carried out a legally licensed excavation in Israel or Jerusalem. In order to excavate one must have at least a BA in archaeology which he does not possess despite his claims to the contrary. ... [His claims] fall into the category of trash which one finds in tabloids such as the National Enquirer, Sun etc. It's amazing that anyone would believe them. Furthermore, he has been thoroughly discredited by various Christian organisations such as Creation Research in Calif. For the latest on his "discoveries" I suggest going into the WWW (use Vista) someone called Tentmaker decided to do an expose of his various claims. Here you will find the truth, which is more amazing that his (RW) fictions.²⁰

This claim about Christ's blood is so incredible and unbiblical in nature, that no true believer could give it elbow room for a single second. Anyone teaching such nonsense shows himself immediately to be a charlatan.

Interim conclusion regarding Wyatt

We could delve into this murky mess much further but enough has been uncovered. Wyatt was a fraud. His claims are hoaxes. Despite this he managed to make a good living off them for decades and his ministry is being furthered by his wife, who continues to make a good living by scamming gullible Christians. Israeli archaeologists, who allowed her team to do

¹⁸ Thanks to Lambert Dolphin here.

¹⁹ Blood has been found inside the bones of dinosaurs and can last a few thousand years in this form (thus dinosaurs did not become extinct millions of years ago).

²⁰ Letter from Joe Zias; Date: Thu, 8 Aug 1996 10:13:12 +0300 (IDT). From: jo@israntique.org.il To: jsearcy@connecti.org.il

some superficial digs (for a great cost), were amazed at the array of expensive equipment they had.

In Wyatt's case, it seems that it was not just money that drove the scams, but he loved the notoriety of being a modern Indiana Jones. Some SDA folk have expressed the belief that he was insane and believed his own lies, but most analysts do not accept this and accuse him of being a simple fraudster.

Everyone who has investigated Wyatt's claims properly and academically, whether Christian, SDA or secular, have all confirmed that Wyatt was a fraud and his claims were lies.

Lennart Möller

Möller, being a disciple and co-worker with Wyatt, is going to be tarnished with the same brush as his mentor. If he is simply parroting Wyatt's claims, but presenting them in a polished, attractive format, then his claims are going to be equally false. He says, '*Based on Wyatt's discoveries, Lennart Möller has evaluated, supplemented, analysed and structured the data*'. This is simply Wyatt's claims, dressed up and moderated to be attractive.

Thus his very expensively produced book, *The Exodus Case*, is filled with pretty pictures and lofty claims. However, he does not make the extravagant, crazy claims that Wyatt did, and moderates his language; he avoids discussion about the blood of Christ, for instance.

The book is filled with supposition and lack of evidence. In fact, it meanders on, presenting fact upon fact, some true some unproven, that seem to have no logical argument or point, other than being part of his worthy aim to prove that Exodus is a true account. Conjoining supposition and misrepresentation with a load of facts and images is not a good way to do this. In fact he seems wary himself. Instead of the bold claims of Wyatt, he uses questions in his subtitles: '*Could Urfa correspond to UR?*'; '*Can the origin of Chaldees be traced?*'.

His novel claims go against both the traditional, conservative Egyptology and also the New Chronology Egyptology of David Rohl (who, despite being a non-Christian, seeks to show the truth of the Bible in connection with the history of the Ancient Near East²¹). Thus Möller is a rogue maverick; a writer with no background or qualifications in archaeology, and little real experience, who claims to have better knowledge than the professionals.

I will look at just one claim.

Who was Joseph?

Möller affirms that Joseph, as Vizier of Egypt, is the Egyptian Imhotep, who served under Pharaoh Djoser of the 3rd Dynasty [2668-2649 BC].²² In typical fashion, he gives a description of the talents of Imhotep and says, '*Could this description fit Joseph?*'²³ However, the description includes, '*the builder, the sculptor, the maker of stone vases*'; doesn't sound like Joseph to me. Möller then alludes to an inscription, which is a copy of a document by Djoser made 1,000 years later, as evidence (2nd century BC). However, some of the details on this inscription are the reverse of those found in Genesis or have a disparity of figures. Not good evidence at all.

²¹ See, for instance, *The Lost Testament*, London, Century, Random House, (2002); also his other books, *A Test of Time* and *Legend*.

²² I presume he means Zoser Teti [2535-2529], from Rohl *The Lost Testament*, p104.

²³ *Exodus*, p66.

Imhotep was also a doctor; the earliest in recorded history. Möller claims that this could mean Joseph by quoting Genesis 50:2, 'And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel,' and by referring to his interpretation of dreams. He has got to be kidding. Furthermore, in his summary (p88) he claims that Joseph was like Imhotep in that he performed '*miracles and signs*', citing Gen 50:2 as proof. Gen 50:2 says nothing about miracles; this is a plain lie.

Since Imhotep was a priest in Heliopolis (the Biblical 'On') Möller claims that Joseph became a priest in On, succeeding his father-in-law. Is he serious? The idea that the godly Joseph could serve as a priest to Egyptian idols is preposterous.

Thus Möller builds up supposition on top of supposition, giving irrelevant fact after fact (to aid the impression of academic rigour) and comes to a conclusion with not the slightest shred of evidence whatsoever.

Möller's credentials are a 'doctor degree' (is that a Ph.D. or something else) in medical science from the Medical University of Stockholm. He is a professor at this faculty (analytical toxicology) whose research focuses on DNA. He is also Deputy Executive director of the Centre for Nutrition and Toxicology.

David Rohl explains that the best judgment is that Joseph is the Egyptian Pa-anekh, 'the one who lives'. This was the new name given Joseph by the Pharaoh Amenemhat.²⁴ Genesis translates this as Zaphnath-Paaneah. (Gen 41:45; from Egyptian djedu-en-ef pa-anekh = 'he who is called "the one who lives"'). This name was hypocorised (shortened) by the people to the familiar name Ankhu.²⁵

Rohl is a highly qualified Egyptologist, with a degree in Ancient History and Egyptology (University College London) and was awarded the prestigious WF Masom History Research Scholarship by the University of London. He is President of the Institute for the Study of Interdisciplinary Sciences, Editor of the Journal of the Ancient Chronology Forum and Honorary President of the Sussex Egyptology Society. He has significant archaeological experience, working for the Institute of Archaeology, London and also as the Field Director of the Eastern Desert Survey in Egypt as well as being the Editor of the Eastern Desert Survey Report.

I know whom I would trust more. But the truth is that we cannot be certain.

In conclusion, Möller is unqualified to spearhead dramatic revolutionary new claims about ancient history and his work, though pretty, fails to provide proper evidence for his (Wyatt's) claims. His method is to flood the reader with multiple (mostly irrelevant) facts and make a supposition that this could be such and such. Then he suggests a conclusion (from an aggregate of suppositions) that it is such and such.

His method is not academic, is unqualified and is largely spurious. Christians should not take it seriously.

²⁴ Nimaatre Amenemhat III [1678-1635 BC]. Biblical scholars have proposed several Pharaohs as candidates, e.g: Apepi, or Apopis, the last of the Hyksos kings, or Thothmes III.

²⁵ David Rohl, *The Lost Testament*, p157.

The Biblical position on physical proofs

The basis of faith

Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' Lk 16:29-31

Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life. Jn 6:40

We walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7

Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thess 5:21

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith. Heb 12:2

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, ... Who trust in chariots ... but who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD! Isa 31:1

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! Isa 45:22

I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. Mic 7:7

Scripture on the Ark of the Covenant today

'Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,' says the LORD, 'that they will say no more, "The ark of the covenant of the LORD." It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit *it*, nor shall it be made anymore.' Jer 3:16

Principles from Scripture

Material objects have no place whatsoever in Christian worship. We do not need them to add to our faith or strengthen our convictions. Faith is based upon what is invisible and material objects have no place in faith.

Christ completely finished with all the materialistic items and rituals in the Old Covenant. They are gone. Therefore, there is no need of a temple anymore – it is the church, the family of God (Acts 7:48, 17:24; 1 Cor 3:16). Thus no need of anything to do with the temple of stone, such as the Ark, which was taken by the Babylonians as spoil. [If rabbis had hidden it, it would have re-appeared in the Second Temple under High Priest Jehozadak.]

People are not convicted of the truth of the Gospel by material things. In fact, Jesus told us that they would not even be convinced if a person rose from the dead and told them it. Sinners do not believe the Gospel because they are reprobate and blind to it. The Gospel only comes with power to the elect. Therefore, to preach the Gospel successfully, all we have to do is witness to Christ and preach the truth about sin, faith, judgment and repentance. Producing evidence of Noah's Ark, or any other artefact, (even if true) will not help to convert anybody.

Everything must be tested and proved before we accept it. If we cannot prove a thing then we must not believe it. None of Wyatt's claims can be proved because he gave no evidence for them. How can I trust a man who says he is hiding the tablets of Moses until an opportune time? Where are they now that he is dead?

Conclusion

All this sort of sensational propaganda is pointless and serves no purpose.

Genuine, trustworthy, archaeology is of great value and helps us to understand the background of Biblical history. The first thing is that the archaeology must be properly conducted by people who know what they are doing; properly evaluated and the findings openly published, with evidence to demonstrate them; and then properly peer reviewed in the professional literature. Wyatt did none of these things.

Believers who allow such sensational nonsense to support their belief will be detrimentally affected and their faith will suffer. We look to Christ for assurance, not to material objects.

Final quotes

Wyatt's 'discoveries' have been rejected by real archaeologists not because, as Wyatt contends, they are jealous, or lack faith, but because his stories are unsubstantiated by facts. ... The bottom line is: Wyatt has given us nothing to believe, so believe nothing he says!²⁶

Ron was either a fabricator or he was delusional, but whatever the case may be, he was clearly one of the greatest frauds the field of Bible prophecy has ever seen. Wyatt's years of research may amount to nothing more than garbage, however, he did help prove that some Christians are limitless in their gullibility.²⁷

Ron Wyatt is either very psychologically ill or one of the greatest liars I have ever come across.²⁸

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²⁶ Lambert Dolphin; November 20, 1999.

²⁷ http://www.raptureready.com/who/Ron_Wyatt.html

²⁸ By Gary Amirault; <http://www.tentmaker.org/Dew/Dew7/D7-AGreatChristianScam.html>