

A Seminar with
Margaret Barker
British Scholar and Researcher

Temple Theology The Mysticism of Jesus and the Lead Tablets



October 5-6, 2018
Waco, Texas

Friday: 6:00-7:30 pm Admission free to public lecture
Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm All day seminar
($\$20$ — Lunch provided)

Register for Saturday
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An Extraordinary Learning Opportunity

Dr. Margaret Barker has done pioneering work on the development of Jewish tradition and its impact upon the teachings of Jesus. Her insights have begun to radically alter the way we think about ancient biblical history. She has made discoveries that affect our understanding not only of Hebrew Scripture, but of the wisdom teachings of Jesus.

She will present her basic work and insight in a public lecture on Friday night, and lead us in an in-depth study in an all-day workshop on Saturday. This will be an important learning experience as we explore our biblical roots, and the mystical and sapiential teachings of Jesus.

In addition, new discoveries have been made in Jordan that have potential to change our understanding of early Christianity. Dr. Barker is currently doing fundamental research on the "Lead Tablets" (or Jordan Codices) and will present her current working theories on these archaeological discoveries on Saturday.

The public lecture on Friday evening is free. The event is from 6:00-7:30 pm with a reception from 6:00 to 6:30. The lecture will begin at 6:30. Location is Cultivate 7twelve (Upstairs Studio), 712 Austin Ave, Waco, Texas.

Saturday's day-long seminar will begin at 9:00 am and run until later afternoon. Lunch is provided with the basic seminar fee of \$20. The seminar will be at Seventh & James Baptist Church (Harper Hall), 602 James Avenue, Waco, Texas.

Biographical Background on Margaret Barker

Margaret Barker has developed an approach to Biblical Studies now known as Temple Theology and was co-founder of the Temple Studies Group.

Margaret Barker read theology at the University of Cambridge, England, and went on to pursue her research independently. She was elected President of the Society for Old Testament Study in 1998, and has written 18 books as well as numerous articles. The books form a sequence, later volumes building on her earlier conclusions.

Since 1997, she has been part of the symposium religion Science and the Environment, convened by His All Holiness Bartholomew I, the Ecumenical Patriarch. His work led her to develop the practical implications of Temple Theology as the basis for a Christian environment theology.

Within Temple Theology she has also developed a special interest in the female figure of the original temple: 'The Lost Lady'. She was the Mother of Yahweh and not, as is usually said, his wife. Margaret Barker has taken this part of her research into early Christian liturgy and shown how the original Church knew and used the ancient mystical traditions of the temple and the Lady, whom they identified as Mary.

For the last ten years she has applied this approach to the mysterious lead books found in Jordan and elsewhere, using Temple Theology and the traditions of the Lady to translate some of the text that is written in a form of coded archaic Hebrew.

In 2008 Margaret Barker was awarded a Lambeth Doctorate of Divinity by the Archbishop of Canterbury *'in recognition of her work on the Jerusalem Temple and the origins of Christian Liturgy, which has made a significantly new contribution to our understanding of the New Testament and opened up important fields for research.'*

She is a mother and grandmother, a Methodist Preacher and was involved for over 30 years with the work of the first Women's Refuge in the UK.

Articles on her website at www.margaretbarker.com

1993 The Secret Tradition

2010 Images of Mary in the Litany of Loreto

2012 The Church as the new temple

2013 The Jordan Codices

2014 Jesus the Nazorean

Additional Reading Texts (Can be purchased online):

Temple Theology

Temple Mysticism