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Becton's Divine Predictions For Y2K Scheduled for an April release

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Becton's Divine Predictions For Y2K Scheduled for an April 18th release, once again, William Becton and Friends set the pace for urban worship with B2K: Prophetic Songs of Promise. It is a message that reiterates the spoken word of God edifying, uplifting, and encouraging all that believe in Him.

A prophecy was fulfilled when William Becton realized a vision with the success of his debut album, Broken. The song "Be Encouraged" has become a radio favorite to the urban and adult contemporary formatted stations, as well as a staple to those needing an uplifted spirit. The popularity of Broken earned William Becton and Friends



While in Nashville for the CBA Expo, William Becton joins WNSG's morning show team as co-host. This appearance is the first of many as we draw closer to the release of Becton's newest project, B2K: Prophetic Songs of Promise. The album hits the stores, Tuesday, April 18th. (left to right: William Becton, Gwen Dingle, Damon King, Harrison Lee)

numerous accolades including a Dove nomination, two Awards of Excellence as well as two Stellar awards, as well as television appearances. Becton's public remained loyal despite his sophomore project, Heart of A Love Song, falling short of its projections and expectations. It was during this time that William Becton became an announcer for one of the top broadcast facilities in D.C. He is currently at the newly formed Gospel radio network, ABC-Rejoice in that same capacity. Nineteen ninety established William Becton as a songwriter/producer and in 1998, he became an ordained minister.

Believing that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, Becton realized the importance of speaking positively over one's life and its

situations. B2K: Prophetic Songs of Promise is reminiscent of God's promise to the faithful, as expressed in "No Good Thing". It reminds us that God is "Bigger" than any problem and "He's In The Midst Of It All".

B2K: Prophetic Songs of Promise is undeniably gospel with an urban flavor. Former Temptation, Ali (Ollie) Woodson lends his vocals to a couple of tunes on this project including the testimony, "Still Encouraged". The young praise warriors will be attracted to the hot urban contemporary track "Get It right", which has a real R&B flavor. William Becton has a message for both the young and the young at heart. It is a message of melodious praise, confirming that God's truth endures to all generations.

B2K: Prophetic songs of Promise; same vibe-new millennium.

TESTAMENTS: It's no hoax

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What the "lost books" of the Bible? Sounds like one of those phony theories about secret revelations or church cover-ups that occasionally make a little money for a certain type of religious-book writer.

But the concept was discussed not long ago in Bible Review, a perfectly respectable magazine published in Washington, D.C., by a writer who's no sensationalist Duane Christensen teaches Bible and ancient history at William Carey International University in Pasadena, Calif., and is the author of a three-volume commentary on the Book of

Deuteronomy. What Christensen refers to are ancient Israelite books that are long since lost but which we know existed because they are mentioned in the Bible. These writings are a mysterious scriptural sidelight. Christensen lists 54 biblical passages that cite 20 different titles of lost books. But scholars think many of these titles are duplicates. For instance, the "Chronicles of the Kings of Judah," mentioned 15 times, and the "Chronicles of the Kings of Israel," mentioned 18 times, are most likely references to different sections of the same work.

It's also likely that several different names were used for the same work. And some of the "books" might actually have been mere lists of names, for instance the "Book of the Chronicles" that recorded the Levites (Nehemiah 12:23). Making allowance for all that, Christensen thinks only two of the 20 titles clearly referred to important lost literary works: the "Book of Jashar" and the "Book of the Wars of Yahweh." An ambiguous reference to the "Book of the Upright One," which occurs in 1 Kings 8:12-13 as read in Catholic and Orthodox churches, but not Jewish and Protestant Bibles, is probably a third citation of Jashar.

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WA writer releases account of faith

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A newly published, fascinating account of the author's religious conversion showcases the writing talents of Seattle, WA resident Marlana Tanya Muchnick. "Notes of a Jewish Convert to the LDS Church" is now available from The 1stBooks Library, the world's leading distributor of electronic books.

"Notes of a Jewish Convert to the LDS Church" tells how the author, who was born and raised as a Jew, became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her account includes stories about Jewish life and customs, and a glossary of Hebrew terms gives readers more information about religious themes, holidays and history.

Muchnick notes that her book, which took her ten years to write, is a must-read "for anyone seeking to better understand Judaism and its intrinsic connection to latter-day scripture." Marlana Tanya Muchnick is also the author of "Powerful Testimonies of Jesus Christ," available at 1stBooks, and a new work titled "Adventures With the Angels of Love." She has served her church as a missionary and teacher, and invites readers to correspond with her via e-mail at myambra@hotmail.com. A Web page, www.jewishconvertlds.com, lists dates of upcoming interviews and book signings.

"Notes of a Jewish Convert to the LDS Church" is now available to download from the World Wide Web as an "eBook" or electronic book. eBooks are not physical objects made of paper and ink. Instead, they are books that can be downloaded directly to the computers of over 150 million readers from the Internet.

Muchnick's eBook is now distributed by The 1stBooks Library (www.1stbooks.com) at 25% to 50% below softcover prices. With more than 3,500 titles available, including hundreds of free classics, 1stBooks has been listed as the world's top online library by many major Internet sites, including America Online, Prodigy and USA Today Online.

"We are pleased to offer Muchnick's book through the 1stBooks Library," says 1stBooks President Timothy E Jacobs. "It has some fresh, insightful things to say and we believe it's well worth the reader's attention."

In addition to Muchnick's book, current offerings from 1stBooks include NY Times best sellers such as "The Millennium Bug" and "Year of the Rat." Muchnick's book and the entire 1stBooks catalog are available.

Obituaries

In loving memory of
Eugene Williamson

Sunrise
April 23, 2000

Sunset
February 29, 2000

Eugene Williamson was born in Morrilton, AR on April 23, 2000. He moved to Portland, OR in 1945.

Eugene loved to play golf, dominoes and pool, he was a member of the Jack & Sill, Social Club.

He was Asst. Operation Director for Tri-Met and retired in 1992.

Eugene Williamson leaves to cherish is memory:
Diane Williamson Wife Portland, OR.

Dione Williamson Daughter Portland, OR
Allen Williamson Son Portland, OR
Felicia Allyn Daughter Charleston, S. Carolina
Juanita Holmes Sister Portland, OR.
Nina Carter Sister Denver, CO.
Brunetta Baldwin Sister L.A. CA.
Hurie J. Williamson Brother Brooklyn
Melvin Williamson Brother Denver, CO.

In loving memory of
Alfred C. Richardson

Sunrise
March 28, 1916



Sunset
March 1, 2000

Alfred C. Richardson was born in Kansas City, Mo. On March 28, 1916, he moved to Oregon in the 1940's. Alfred was employed by the U. S. Postal Service as a Postal Clerk. Mr. Richardson was a member of St. Philip The Beacon Presbyterian Church and came to Oregon on a scholarship in track at Oregon State

Alfred C. Richardson leaves to cherish his memory:
Winona Richardson Spouse Portland, OR

Roger Richardson Son Phoenix, AZ
Ardella Powell Daughter New Carrollton, MD
Clyde Edwards Step-Son Ft. Nelson, B.C.
Carey Edwards Step-Son Portland, OR
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Preceded in death by his son Alfred Richardson, Jr. Step. 9, 1999

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