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Margaret Barker is a former President of the Society for Old Testament Study, and author of numerous works, including *The Older Testament*, *The Lost Prophet*, *The Gate of Heaven*, *The Great Angel*.

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