

Where is the Ark of the Covenant?

The proof is found in the Book of Revelation!

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Here we are right in the middle of a presidential campaign and Harris and what's his name? *Walz!* They're having a campaign of 'joy,' *joy over all their sins!* They're going to do everything without a plan. Their secret plan is different than what they're going to bring out.

Trump on the other hand is trying to be realistic. If you watch any of his rallies, it's evident that his brush with assassination changed his whole approach. The last time I saw him speak about it, he was thankful that God intervened to rescue him from death. It was close!

Now then, one word about the problems in Butler. The way you plan an assassination is you make it look like only one person's involved. If you don't think that the FBI and the CIA can plan it to look like that, then you are indeed naive.

How do they plan it? *By not planning to put people in key areas so that the assassin has a free shot!* So, they have all mistakes and all confusion that was planned so that no one has their fingerprints or their footprints on it. Look at all the assassinations that take place:

- JFK—what happened with Oswald? *They killed him!* Right as the sheriff was leading him out to go to the judge to be arraigned for assassination
- Bobby Kennedy, JFK's brother—was assassinated right here in Southern California

Always a lone gunner/shooter. So, it's all planned!

- Ronald Reagan—if they hadn't rushed him off to the hospital, he would have been dead in no time
- Trump—If his head moved just a little bit, his brains would have been blown out

So, at least he is trying to set things right. He knows that there are certain things that are right, although he doesn't know God as he needs to know Him.

I don't know how that's going to happen. But here's what God does: Regardless of who's in office or sitting on the throne, as Steve is saying about in the UK, the Muslims are taking over. Well, that was their plan. I'll bring that out in a little bit. There are some people who don't understand. So, let's come to Jer. 18. Here's what God says because God is not disconnected from this world. He's not way off someplace. He knows what's going on.

- What did Jesus say about a sparrow that falls dead? *God knows it!* I want you to think on that! *A little teeny sparrow!*
- What does He say about your head? *All the hair in your head is numbered!*

So, when people reject God and think they can do it themselves, what are they returning to? *The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that got them to the point that they're in the trouble that they're in!* So, it becomes a vicious circle.

However, every civilization that increases in sin and doesn't change and doesn't repent comes to the point of destruction. *None are exempt!*

The people of God—Israel and the Jews—all of the ancient civilizations of the past. When you want some of these archaeological digs like Kip does when he's studying into the history and archaeology of the Bible... Thanks for the book, he just gave it to me. We'll talk about a little bit that a little later on.

God sent Jeremiah down to the potter's house and to watch what he was doing. He saw that the potter was making something he didn't like, so, he smashed it down and started making something new. God had a purpose in that, and he wanted to teach Jeremiah a lesson to write it down so we would know it. Now, let's understand this.

The Word of God is the Truth of God at all times in all generations from beginning to end from the first person to the last person, and how many billions or trillions in between.

Jeremiah 18:6: "O house of Israel can I not do with you *even* as this potter?" says the LORD. 'Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hands, *so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.*'"

So, people think that they can get along and lead their lives without God, how has that worked out? How has that worked out in America?

How many people ask: Why do we have all these troubles? *Because you've left God, because you rejected His commandments!* Think about it!

Just as I brought up before: Perfectville. Everyone in this town would keep the Ten Commandments—*everyone!* Guess what?

- no idols
- have the right God
- no taking God's name in vain
- they all keep the Sabbath
- they all keep the Holy Days

- they all honor their mother and father
- no murder
- no adultery
- no thievery
- no false witnessing; lying through your teeth
- no coveting, which is lusting
- no crime
- no illegitimate babies

They have blessings from God!

But oh, no, we don't want that. We want to go our ways and get rid of the Word of God, because we know better.

- Did you create the universe?
- Did you make the earth?
- Do you know how it works?

So, he says this:

Verse 7: "If at any time I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck it up and to pull it down, and to destroy it."

We're right close to the point of destruction in America and in the UK!

Did not God raise up others in wars to destroy because people left God? *Yes, indeed!* The whole history is filled with that.

Verse 8: "**If** that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil, **I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them.**"

So there's always a time of hope, up to a certain point, and we're right at that point right here in America. I don't know about UK; Steve told me that the Muslims are taking over.

Verse 9: "And if at any time I shall speak **concerning a nation**, and concerning a kingdom, to build it and to plant it; **if it does evil in My sight, that it not obey My voice.**..." (vs 9-10).

Now, this is to people who are not called to salvation. These are the Laws of God to keep law and order within the society. God put them there according to Rom. 13 to take care of the evil ones.

Why? *Because God knows that **when you get into evil and you continue into evil, and you don't turn back from it, you are on the road to absolute destruction, because the laws of God work automatically!***

God says, "...that it not obey My voice, **then I will repent of the good with which I said I would do them good.** Now, therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the people of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am forming evil against you...' (v 10-11).

That's leading up to the captivity going to Babylon. What did God do? *He gave them 40 years!* There was one reprieve with Josiah for 12 years. We'll cover that in a minute and *why things will not work out the way that we suppose!*

"...and devising a plan against you. Return now, each one..." (v 11). *Not just one person, but every individual!*

- What does God say? *Sin is the transgression of the Law! The wages of sin is death!*
- What are we witnessing? *Death everywhere!*

"...Return now, each one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good" (v 11).

The minimum that God will accept is the last five commandments; that's the minimum. That doesn't lead to salvation; that doesn't give knowledge of Christ, ***but that gives a good society for the people in that society!*** But they say, 'no, we won't do it.'

Verse 15: "Because **My people have forgotten Me**, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in by-paths, not on the highway."

- What is God going to do?
- What did He do?

Look at history. That's why I like to watch these archaeological digs that they have.

Sidebar on archaeological digs: How many of you have been watching the archaeological digs in Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota? *Digging up dinosaur bones!*

What do they call oil? *Fossil fuel!* Where they're digging up these bones, there's no oil, because it's not fossil fuel. ***God makes it all the time beneath the surface of the earth!***

Deut. 32:13 says, you 'suck oil out of the rock.' What is that? They even had it in ancient Babylon; they had bitumen. There was so much oil it would come to the surface. and they would use it to waterproof their boats and things like that.

God makes oil all the time, and any geologist will tell you that is true.

When people leave God, they have great lies that they believe in: Global warming! We can alter the course of that. Those are all schemes to get people to give up everything and captivate them in the punishment for their sins.

Jer. 19 will tell you even if Trump wins, even if we have a little reprieve—and we don't

know how that's going to happen—this is what's going to take place.

Jeremiah 19:1: “Thus says the LORD, ‘Go and get a potter’s earthen jar, and *assemble some of the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests. And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom by the entry of Potsherd Gate. And there declare the words that I shall tell you. And say...*’” (vs 1-3). *Here’s what needs to be said:*

- in every courthouse
- in every church
- in every school
- in every synagogue
- in every building

Here’s what God says:

- you don’t want the evil to come
- you don’t want the troubles to come

Then listen up!

“...‘**Hear the Word of the LORD**, O kings of Judah, and people of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which shall cause the ears of him who hears it to tingle”’” (v 3).

- Did God remove the Jews from Jerusalem and Judea and send them to Babylon?
- Did God remove the ten tribes of Israel a century before and take them out of their land?
- *Yes!*

God deals with nations and He uses other nations to do it! Here’s the reason:

Verse 4: “**Because they have forsaken Me**, and have profaned this place and have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers have known...”

Why? Because behind every false God is Satan the devil and evil spirits!

“...nor the kings of Judah, **and have filled this place with the blood of innocents**” (v 4).

What’s the most innocent blood? Let’s talk about innocent blood here for just a minute. Go clear back to the first murder. You all know that; Cain killed Abel:

- What did God say to Cain? He said, ‘Where’s your brother Abel?’ *Cain said. ‘I don’t know!’*
- What did God say? **His blood cries out to Me!**

I want you to think on that; just that one murder! Let’s see if we can wrap our minds around this:

- What is the most innocent blood in the world? **The baby in the womb! A creation going on**

that God made possible! And is making it happen!

- When do they have their first blood? *About week six, which is when a woman first knows she’s pregnant!*
- Is that not the freshest, most innocent of all blood?
- Is that not a creation of God?
- Is that not supposed to be through love so that you can reproduce yourself? *A husband and wife and children!*

Verse 4: “**Because they have forsaken Me**, and have profaned this place and have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, **and have filled this place with the blood of innocents**. They have also built the high places of Baal **to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal...**” (vs 4-5).

We don’t do that today, but what do they do? *They send off all the body parts of all of the abortions:*

- To whom? *The scientists!*
- To do what? *To try and figure out how they can give more life to older people; make medicines and what they can do to pervert people.*

Evil! Evil! Evil!

God says, “...to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I never commanded nor spoke, nor did it come into My mind” (v 5). *That’s why they were sent off!*

- What do you think is going to happen here?
- What do you think the accumulated total of the innocent blood of 62 million?
- Is not God going to hold cause judgment with that? *Sooner or later!*

IF there is a reprieve, short one, it will be fraught with trouble. But the judgment and the guillotine for that is going to come down—BOOM! As Trump has said, ***IF*** Harris and Walz get into the White House, ***this country is over!***

This is what happens. How about all of the child trafficking that’s going on? And the truth of the matter is, with all the immigrants that have come in here, that just about compensates for the abortions.

How many remember what Barack Obama said? *That he wanted a two million man army!* A lot of people don’t even know that he said that. Most of the immigrants that have flooded across the border are military-age single men. *He’s got his army!* He has run the country through the subordinates under

Biden all these years. When he was asked if he wanted a third term, he said, 'No, I wouldn't want a third term, but I'd like the one in the White House to have something in his ear so I can speak to him.'

- *IF* Harris and Walz get in, guess who has his fourth term?
- Guess what he is going to be instrumental in doing? *Destroying America!*
- Why would God allow that? *Because all the people have rejected God!*

IF there is a slight reprieve, perhaps that will give us an opportunity to preach the Gospel even more. The Gospel has been published in all the world, the Bibles are there. Everyone can have it in the palm of their hand at the push of a button. You can't get anything more convenient than that.

If a person has a Bible in their home and they don't read it,

- Is that God's fault?

OR

- The fault of the one who has the Bible that didn't read it?

It's there! That unopened Bible is a witness to everyone who has one but doesn't read it and doesn't believe it.

Then you run to the religious leaders who are all false prophets, and they tell you that the law has been done away, so don't worry about it.

Isaiah 57:3: "But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, you seed of the adulterer and the harlot."

- Isn't that what we have today? *Yes, indeed! Look at all the ads for the movies!*
- What are they?
 - ✓ they're all about demonism
 - ✓ they're all about people flying in the air
 - ✓ they're all about animals talking
 - ✓ they're all about death and destruction

They've got 40,000 movies available on anyone's TV if they want to get the right channel.

- all of those are fake.
- all of those are make-believe
- all of those keep people blinded to what the true facts and reality of life are all about

Verse 4: "Against whom are you making sport? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and draw out the tongue? *Are you not children of transgression, a lying seed, being inflamed with idols under every green tree, killing the little children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?*" (vs 4-5).

You don't have to have a green tree today. You've got a smart phone in your hand which is filled with nonsense and stupidity. There are some things that are decent. But look at TikTok. ***We've got a TikTok generation that has a brain that doesn't work!***

Verse 6: "Among the smooth *stones* of the stream is your portion; they, *even they, are* your lot; even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. **Should I relent over these?**"

He says He's not going to do it. ***He's not going to relent! It's coming!*** Then who's going to do the coming? Let me read you one right here:

Political Islam in North America

Do we have a lot of Islamists rioting, demonstrating? Yes, we do! The Muslims are:

- tired of being treated the way they don't want to be treated
- they're tired of this cancer
- they're tired of the American government, tired of democracy
- they want to see a new way of life

'As Muslims we have to understand that new way of life.' What is that way? ***That is killing the infidel as much as possible and enslaving them!***

It's there! Every single thing is there to take down the nation. Can one man turn it around?

Let's see what God says. Here's what He likens this generation to and what it is:

Ezekiel 22:23: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying."

Now understand this, **every single prophet didn't speak a single word that they originated with their own thoughts!**

God told them what to say. You read back there with Moses, and God said to Moses, 'Tell the children of Israel...—whatever it is. Every single one of the prophets: 'The word of the Lord came to': Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 22:23: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, say to her, "You are a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation." There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey....'" (vs 23-25).

What did Jesus say about the false prophets who didn't speak the Word of God? *John the 10!* ***'They are thieves and they are robbers!'***

All you have to do is go to TBN and Day Star, or go to a Sunday-keeping church, a Catholic

church, a Buddha temple or an Islamic mosque, **and they are all false prophets!**

“...They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. **Her priests have done violence to My Law...**” (vs 25-26).

Isn't that true? *They say the Law is done away!* That is the most incomprehensible thing that anyone could say.

- Does not even our body have to operate by laws?
- Does not our heart have to be within a certain range?
 - ✓ our lungs
 - ✓ our liver
 - ✓ our stomach
 - ✓ our intestines
 - ✓ our mind
 - ✓ our sight
 - ✓ our hearing

all run by Law made by God!

Verse 26: “**Her priests have done violence to My Law** and have profaned My Holy things. They have put no difference between the Holy and the profane...”

Now they have right out in front of the Methodist Church: all the homosexuals are welcome!

“...and have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and **they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths...**” (v 26).

That's a perfect description of it. Is not the Bible full about the Sabbaths of God? and the Holy Days of God?

- Oh, but we have our Christmas!
Jesus wasn't born then!
- Oh, but we have Halloween for the kiddies.
Perfect! You indoctrinate them into Satan's way right away!
 - then you have New Year's
 - then you have Lent
 - then you have Easter

*Easter is the celebration of the Queen of Heaven, Ishtar, the Babylonian goddess and the Egyptian goddess! **Jesus was not raised on that day!***

Yet, how many people keep them? Celebrate them? *Businesses are all wrapped up in them!* They make money. Read Rev. 18, ‘the merchants of the earth are made rich from Babylon the Great.’

“...**they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths...**” I've got an article right here: **Why Don't Catholics Worship on the Sabbath?**

- you can't trust Google
- you can't trust Amazon
- you can't trust any of the religions of this world

because they will lie to you, and they give all the excuses why! All of them are false!

It's the only commandment that God says, **'Remember'** Isn't that an amazing thing that it's the one commandment that they legislate away and say, ‘forget it’?

Because of their hatred for the Jews, they keep Sunday. They don't understand that ***only God can change His Laws, because He has given them!*** When He changed them through Christ, ***He didn't eliminate the things that we need for salvation!***

He did away with the temple and the priesthood and all of that, yes, *but it's written down that He changed it!*

- Why? Because :
 - ✓ He wants a better relationship with people
 - ✓ He wants a personal relationship between each one and Himself through Jesus Christ
- Why would the religious leaders want to get rid of that?

“...**they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths...**” (v 26); *those are the keys that connect them to God!*

They've done it deliberately, and they do it very sweetly. ‘Oh, we don't do that today. We do Sunday.’

- no one knows the history of it
- no one knows or is taught the history of the traditions of the Jews
- no one knows or is taught the history or the traditions of the Catholics

“...**they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths** and I am profaned among them. **Her rulers in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey...**” (vs 26-27).

Does that's sound like Washington, D.C. or Minnesota where Walz was the governor to let it burn down and people die?

“...to shed blood and to destroy souls, to get unjust gain” (v 27).

If we knew the corruption that's going on with government money, it would be so astonishing that we would just absolutely faint.

Verse 28: “And her prophets have covered themselves *with* whitewash, seeing false visions and

divining lies unto them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' **when the LORD has not spoken.**"

That's what you find on YouTube, **hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of false prophets!** Oh, sprinkled in is one or two that are speaking the Truth. But they're ridiculed and they are shadow-banned, *because they have proven that Google and Amazon and all of these search engines have agreed to get rid of anything that sounds like really true religious.* That's where we are.

Verse 29: "The people of the land have used oppression and committed robbery, and they have troubled the poor and needy. Yea, *they* have oppressed the stranger wrongfully."

Look at all the things that God is indicting us on. Let's see if there might be an application of that today.

Verse 30: "And **I sought for a man** among them who should build up a wall for the land, and stand in the breach before Me, so that I should not destroy it. **But I did not find one.**" *Not one!*

Is it possible that perhaps it could be Trump for four years? *Don't know!* We don't know how much longer we have to go. It's kind of like standing in front of a dam. There's a little crack in it and now it's a little bigger. And the more water comes through, the bigger it gets. Then it reaches a point that the whole dam bursts! The flood of water comes down through the valley in a torrent that destroys everything!

That happened up in Wyoming. I used to go visit people up in Wyoming and I would come up to this Teton Lake. There was this earthen dam right where the valley is steep, and the lake would go back for miles and miles.

When I'd go up there I would think to myself, what would happen if this dam would break? *Well, it broke!* And just like I described. But no one thought anything about it before it broke!

Just like today. Everyone's so busy we can't pay any attention to this or to that or the other. The most important thing you need to do is pay attention to God, but you don't have time for that because you're so busy. You're trying to work with all your sins strapped to you and it's hard to make anything go. ***Well, you better get on your knees and repent to God first!***

Verse 30: "And **I sought for a man** among them who should build up a wall for the land, and stand in the breach before Me, so that I should not destroy it. **But I did not find one. Therefore, I have poured out My fury on them. I have burned them up with the fire of My wrath. I have recompensed their own way upon their heads,**"

says the Lord GOD" (vs 30-31).

If anyone reads the Old Testament and says, 'Oh, that's full of blood, guts and gore.' *True!* Is that not what we see in the world today? *Yes, it is!*

That's for historical lessons **for God to teach us: don't do those things!** Remember the three words: **'Obey My voice.'** *That's the whole lesson!* Now let's apply it to the Churches of God.

- Are we as the Churches of God doing what we need to do?
- Are we preaching the Truth the best that we can?
- Are we teaching people to come close to God?
- Are we producing the word of God, producing the things we need to do?
- Are we warning the world?

or

- Are we sitting there with our own little comfortable social club to try and hold things together so that the minister can have enough money to live on?
- What is it that we're doing?
 - we need to ask that question
 - we need to ask God for the things that we need to open the doors that we can have other venues to get things out to the world

This world is in desperate shape and in desperate need!

There are probably a lot of people out there, who, **IF** they would hear the Truth and God would call them, **THEN** hopefully they would repent. There are a lot of them that are all upset about what's going on in the world.

- they don't know where to go
- they don't know where to turn
- they don't know who to believe

- Can you believe the politicians?
- Can you believe the clergy?

No!

- Can you believe the banker?
- Can you believe the financial man?

No!

We have a society that's filled with the results of sin! **IF** there is a reprieve, it may not last long. We hope there is, but we don't know.

How long have some of us been in the Church and we've seen this down through the time.

(break@42:58)

Where is the Ark of the Covenant?

Everyone wants to know that, and everyone wants to see that. There are various theories and

various things that have gone on, so we'll cover some things from Scripture and understand what the Ark of the Covenant really was.

I'm going to show you a depiction of the Ark of the Covenant by Moshe Levine in the book: **The Tabernacle**. {seen on video of this message}

You have the two cherubim—angels—with the wings over it. Just keep that in mind. That's all made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold. Let me show you a depiction of it in this article right here. That's entirely different.

If you go to the website—**templeinstitute.org**—they'll have a picture of the Ark there.

Now then, let me read this article and let's understand the central argument of where the temple should be is based on a completely false premise by the Jews. The reason is that ***they must be blinded to where the actual temple mount should be until the time to build the third temple!***

If they knew where to build it now, they would have built it already. But it can't be built until it's time.

- we know from the things that we have covered that there has to be a temple in order for 'the abomination of desolation' to take place
- we know that that 'abomination of desolation' will take place and set off the Great Tribulation
- we also know that in Rev. 11 it talks about measuring the temple

That tells us that there will be a temple at the end time because the two witnesses will be there, and the two witnesses will end their ministry with them being killed and three and a half days later they're resurrected and that's the first two in the first resurrection.

We know there will be a temple. The question is, **will they find the Ark on the earth?** Now listen to the words in this article here very carefully, because when the Jews talk about the Temple Mount, they are talking about the area where the Mosque of Omar is.

The Mosque of Omar used to be in the time of Christ Fort Antonia; *that was Roman property!* They had a legion of Roman troops there and that was connected directly to the temple as we have with the picture on the wall here that you have seen.

Now then, when the Crusades were going on and the so-called 'Christian' crusader drove out the Muslims for, it was a period of about a hundred years, that the Mosque of Omar was there. One of the Crusaders climbed to the top of the Mosque of Omar and put a cross on it. Ever since that time,

people believe that where the Mosque of Omar is, is where the temple should be.

The Jews are saying that in order for that to happen, God will have to destroy the Mosque of Omar with an earthquake, or we will have to take over the Mosque of Omar area and build the temple there.

Well, the Muslims say, 'If you set foot there and if you start a war, if you start to build a temple there, we will destroy every Jew in the Middle East, and the Muslims be ready to destroy the world. **So let me read this article here:**

Where Is The Ark Of The Covenant And Will It Be Revealed To The World Soon?

By Michael Snyder/End of the American Dream; January 23, 2024

{https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=6632}

When the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant is publicly announced, it will be hailed as the greatest archaeological bombshell in the history of the world...

They think that it's buried somewhere under where the Mosque of Omar is because they call the Mosque of Omar the temple area. ***But it's not!***

If you take your right hand and put it up here and come down to the middle, the middle is the area between Fort Antonia and the temple is here. Now, you go one step further, the city of David is yet further removed over here. And they just discovered a great moat, a hundred feet wide and thirty feet deep, but it was all filled in. I'll explain that later. Okay, so they're looking for it.

...and it will also be extremely significant spiritually. But getting it out of the chamber where it is hidden will not be easy....

The Jews say we know where it is hidden. Well, there are so many tunnels under that Fort Antonia area that they call the Temple Mount that the earth is very unstable. There's one section that they discovered and looked into, and that's filled with garbage and water. So, it's not in there.

...There are at least 45 major tunnels directly underneath the Temple Mount...

Now, the Temple Mount is not the Temple Mount.

- What did Jesus say about the Temple Mount?
- What did He say to his disciples as they were sitting on the Mount of Olives?

You can look at this picture here; if you look at it, you have a view like you're on the Mount of Olives.

The disciples said, ‘Oh, look, Lord, over the beautiful buildings. How wonderful that is.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you, **there shall not be one stone left upon another that shall not be taken down.**’

Now then, questions concerning their version of the Temple Mount. Why cannot that be the Temple Mount? *Because it’s sitting on stones, one on top of another!* If that were the Temple Mount, there should be nothing there. *Either that or Jesus is a liar!*

So, when they say Temple Mount, their whole premise to begin with is wrong. Note DVD—*Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews* {truthofGod.org}

There are at least 45 major tunnels directly underneath the Temple Mount, and many of them are very unstable. Any efforts to do any sort of major digging could cause one or more of those tunnels to collapse.

Because they’ve been looking for it!

The Knights Templar have so many tunnels they’ve dug around there looking for the Ark of the Covenant. The Knights Templar wanted the Ark of the Covenant so that *they could have the power!*

Even Adolf Hitler wanted to have it for the power. Well, we’ll see how much power it has and what it does if you have it; you may not want to keep it very long.

...Any efforts to do any sort of major digging could cause one or more of those tunnels to collapse.

In addition, securing approval from all of the necessary authorities to take anything out from under the Temple Mount would be exceedingly complicated. And once the Ark is revealed to the world...

They think they’re going to find it. How do they know where it is?

...that will likely spark massive riots throughout the Islamic world....

Now think of this: If the Jews really knew where the Ark of the Covenant was, what do you think they would do? Do you think they would keep it hidden? *No!* They would bring it out and say, ‘Look, here’s the Ark of the Covenant. We own that property.’

But they can’t do it because what they call the Temple Mount is the wrong place. Where the Temple Mount was is entirely different. The temple was destroyed. Every stone upon a stone was taken down. It’s recorded there in the book: *Josephus*, that

all of the Roman troops went in there and they caused fire to crack open the rocks to get the gold, the riches and everything from it.

Think on this: Of all the implements that are said in the Bible that was taken out by the Chaldeans and the Babylonians, ***not one mention about the Ark!***

When they came out of the Babylonian captivity during the days of Ezra and Nehemiah and they rebuilt the temple and dedicated the temple, ***not one word about the Ark!*** *Because they didn’t have it.* If they knew where it was buried on the true Temple Mount, they would have dug it up! But they didn’t.

...So at this moment, there is a lot standing in the way of the Ark seeing the light of day.

According to Jewish oral tradition, the Ark was moved to a special underground chamber directly under Solomon’s Temple during the days of King Josiah...

Why haven’t they found it? They really don’t know!

The Book of Chronicles indicates that 22 years prior to the destruction of Solomon’s Temple, King Josiah had the ark moved out of the Holy of Holies and transferred to the "House that Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel, built" (2 Chronicles 35:3)....

Let’s look at that; let’s make sure.

2-Chronicles 35:1: “And Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem. And they killed the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. And he set the priests in their charges and encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD. And he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were Holy unto the LORD, **Put the Holy Ark in the house**, which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built...” (vs 1-3). *That doesn’t tell us that it’s underground!*

“...*It shall not be a burden upon your shoulders. And serve the LORD your God and His people Israel, and prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, according to your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. And stand in the Holy place according to the divisions of the families... [v 6]: And kill the Passover...*” (vs 3-6)—*and so forth!*

Doesn’t say here to hide it. For them to ***assume*** that it’s hidden... “...**Put the Holy Ark in the house...**” Somehow it got moved.

According to a Jewish Oral Tradition, the Ark was in fact moved to an underground

chamber that could only be accessed through a complex system of hidden tunnels beneath the Temple Mount in Jerusalem....

When they say Temple Mount, they mean where Fort Antonia was.

...This underground chamber would have been built by King Solomon who foresaw the future destruction of the Temple centuries earlier...

Now that's speculation on their part. They don't know, could have been.

But I am personally convinced that during the Babylonian siege the Ark was taken by Jeremiah from that underground chamber to another underground chamber where it currently rests.

Nothing is said that it was done! When the Ark was moved, it was always mentioned.

Today, most serious scholars that have carefully examined the evidence agree that it is down there somewhere.

They don't know! No one knows what happened to the Ark.

When the Babylonians took all of the treasure out of the temple back to Babylon it ***doesn't mention the Ark!***

Likewise, when the Jews destroyed the temple in 70_{A.D.} and brought all of the temple things that they have back to Rome. ***No mention of the Ark!*** The candelabra and many other things that were there, ***but no Ark!***

Let's look at some passages concerning the Ark. It is a mistake to assume that the pattern of the Ark was identical to things in heaven.

Exodus 25:8: "And let them make Me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among them.... [of course, that's the whole purpose of God] ...According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments of it, even so you shall make *it*. And they shall make an ark *of* acacia wood. Two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide and a cubit and a half high. And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold. You shall overlay it inside and out, and shall make on it a crown molding of gold all around *the top edge*. And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and shall put *it* on its four feet. And two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. And you shall make staves *of* acacia wood, and overlay them *with* gold. And you shall put the staves into the rings by the sides of the Ark, so that the Ark may be carried by them. And the staves shall be in the rings

of the Ark. They shall not be taken from it. And you shall put into the Ark the Testimony, which I shall give you" (vs 8-16).

And that testimony was the Ten Commandments written on tables of stone!

Verse 17: "And you shall make a mercy seat *of* pure gold. Two and a half cubits shall be the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it. And you shall make two cherubim *of* gold; of beaten work you shall make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end. From the mercy seat you shall make the cherubim, on the two ends of it. And the cherubim shall spread out *their* wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces, each toward the other; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat" (vs 17-20).

The mercy seat was not a throne. The mercy seat was just the area in between the two cherubim; or you could say *the place of mercy!*

Verse 21: "And you shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark. And in the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you. And I will meet with you there, and I will talk with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim on the Ark of the Testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel" (vs 21-22).

Then it goes on talking about the other things that they would make.

Now, a lot of people assume that the pattern was an exact replica of something in heaven above. That's not true. The pattern was the design. So, let's see it here. Let's see what it was like in heaven when Isaiah saw it.

Isaiah was able to see God. Remember how many cherubim were on the Ark? *Two*, one at each end facing each other. The place of mercy was underneath that.

Isaiah 6:1: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I then saw the LORD sitting upon a Throne..."

Was there a throne on the Ark of the Covenant? No, there wasn't! ***No throne!*** So, it's not an exact duplicate of something in heaven above.

"...high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had **six wings...**" (vs 1-2).

Now how many wings did the cherubim have? *Two!* So, when people assume that it's identical to something in heaven above, it's not. These were a pattern of things that God gave to the

children of Israel for the things on the earth. Now, the two cherubim, what do they represent?

They can't be the seraphim because they have six wings. We'll talk about the two cherubim in a little bit here.

"...with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another, and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory'" (vs 2-3).

Verse 6: "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with tongs from the altar."

Now, was there a place there on the Ark? No, there was another altar someplace else where there were coals. We don't know. We know in Rev.8 it talks about the prayer of the saints coming up before God.

Verse 7: "And he laid *it* upon my mouth and said, 'Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the LORD, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here *am* I; send me!' And He said, 'Go...'" (vs 7-9).

Now we see something entirely different in Ezek. 1; Here he talks about cherubim and fly.

Ezekiel 1:3: "The Word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar. And the hand of the LORD was upon him there. And I looked, and behold, a windstorm came out of the north, a great cloud, with fire flashing forth continually—and a brightness all around, *coming* out of its midst, like the color of sparkling amber out of the midst of the fire. Also out of its midst *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And each *had* four faces, and *each had* four wings. And their legs *were* straight; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like the color of burnished brass" (vs 3-7).

That doesn't compare with anything that we saw in chapter six of Isaiah, nor does it compare with the description of making the Ark. So, you see, this is different. It's not an exact replication.

Verse 8: "And the *hands* of a man *extended* from under their wings on their four sides; and as for their faces and wings of the four of them, their wings were joined one to the other. They did not turn in their going; each one went straightforward. And the likeness of their faces *was this*: the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right *side* of the four of them; and the face of a bull on the left side of the four of them; and the face of an eagle toward the

rear of the four of them" (vs 8-10).

We find in Rev. 4-5, similar to it. So, this is entirely different. These living creatures. *Ezekiel explains it all of it all the way down there.*

Verse 23: "And under the expanse their wings *were* straight, the one toward the other. Each one had two *wings* covering on this *side*, and each *had* two *wings* covering on that *side of* their bodies."

Now that's different than what we saw in Isa. 6. How this is, this appears to be what you would you would call something that God *rode* in.

Verse 24: "And I heard the sound of their wings, like the sound of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, as they went their sound *was like* the sound of tumult, as the sound of an army. In their standing still, they let down their wings."

So, the wings came down. and when they moved the wings went up and they flew. So, that's entirely different than he has it over here. Then he explains it a little bit more.

Verse 25: "And there was a voice from the expanse, which *was* over their heads, when they stood still, and they let down their wings. And from above the expanse that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, like sapphire stone..." (vs 25-26).

Now I can't visualize what that would be. I have no idea. But at least he's explaining it here.

"...And on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. And I saw *Him* appearing as the color of polished bronze, looking like fire within it all around. From the likeness of His loins even upward, and from the likeness of His loins even downward, I saw *Him*, looking like fire, and there was brightness all around Him" (vs 26-27).

I don't know how that's going to look. It's hard for me to try and figure out what it is. But at least we can see that there's a difference between the cherubim here and the seraphim in Isa. 6 and the two cherubim that were to be on the Ark of the Covenant. So, none of this is identical in the Ark of the Covenant.

Verse 28: "As the rainbow appears that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of His brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And I saw. And I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking."

Ezekiel 2:1: "And He said to me, 'Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.'"

Now that's quite an experience! Imagine! None of us have ever seen anything like this.

Rev. 4—we will see something very similar to it but not exactly. Rev. 4 and 5 show the actual Throne of God. Isaiah didn't completely see the Throne of God; he saw the seraphim with the six wings. In the book of Ezekiel it's another whole different story about the cherubim that fly.

So, here Rev. 4 we have the closest thing we can come to the Throne of God. Remember that the Ark of the Covenant did not have a throne. It did not have the seraphim with six wings. We had two cherubim overshadowing the top of the Ark of the Covenant and the Ark of the Covenant was the meeting place or the place of mercy, but there was no throne. There were only two wings on each of the cherubim.

Let's see what John saw. What do we have leading up to Rev. 4 in Rev. 2-3? *We have the seven churches!*

How many weeks are there to the harvest? Seven! Seven Churches represent the harvest! Then on the 50th day you had what you had the Wave Sheaf of the resurrection with all of the wave loads on the first day of the 50-day count, you have the Wave Sheaf Offering representing Christ descending to the Father. Here you have after the seven Churches you have got a vision of the Throne of God.

Revelation 4:1: "After these things I looked, and behold, a door opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard *was* as if a trumpet were speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you *the* things that must take place after these things.' And immediately I was in *the* Spirit; and behold, a Throne..." (vs 1-2).

First thing he saw was a Throne, direct to the Throne of God. None of the others were like that. The Ark of the Covenant had no throne.

"...a Throne was set in heaven, and *One* was sitting on the Throne. And He Who *was* sitting was in appearance like a jasper stone and a sardius stone; and a rainbow *was* around the Throne, like an emerald in its appearance" (vs 2-3).

I think the rainbow was around. So here's the Throne; John saw God sitting on it. *Amazing!*

Verse 5: "And proceeding from the Throne were lightnings and thunders and voices; and seven lamps of fire..."

Now there was the seven lamps that were to be in the Holy Place, as well.

"...which are the seven spirits of God, *were* burning before the Throne. And before the Throne *was* a Sea of Glass, like crystal..." (vs 5-6).

Nothing depicting the Sea of Glass was shown with the Ark of the Covenant or with Ezekiel or with Isaiah. The only other place that there was a Sea of Glass was Exo. 24, when the covenant was given.

All 70 of the elders of Israel went up with Moses, and they went up as far as they could on Mount Sinai and they looked up and there was a Sea of Glass and they saw God walking on the Sea of Glass.

Sidebar: You would think that all the elders seeing that they would be convinced this was God. Yet:

- What happened? *They wanted only Moses to speak to God, and then Moses speak to them!*
- What happened when Moses was up there 40 days getting the rest of the judgments of God?
- What did they build?
- What did Aaron build? *He built a golden calf! He had a feast to the Lord—all paganized!*

Taking a pagan feast and saying it's a feast to the Lord. So, we don't find any of this.

Revelation 5:7: "And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him Who sits on the Throne. And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb..." (vs 7-8).

No 24 thrones; no Throne of God and on the Ark of the Covenant. It's that proves it's not identical. The pattern was given by God. But the pattern was different from the reality of what was at the Throne of God.

Who did these two cherubim represent. I don't know, but I'll give you my opinion {speculation} Who is the covering cherubim that sinned? Lucifer (Ezek. 28) and he fell! There are two other angels mentioned that always work with Israel, which we find that in the book of Daniel: Gabriel and Michael.

So my question is, ***do these two cherubim there on the Ark***—since it was for the children of Israel on the earth and those two angels work with God in carrying out what he's doing on the earth. Could those two cherubim—***represent Michael as one and Gabriel as the other?***

I don't know but they're not the seraphim because they don't have six wings. That's all I can say on that.

Verse 8: "And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell

down before the Lamb, each having harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”

Somehow the 24 elders are there to help God answer all the prayers of all the saints. *Amazing!*

Revelation 4:7: “And the first living creature *was* like a lion, and the second living creature *was* like a bull, and the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle.” *We saw that with the situation with Isaiah!*

Verse 8: “And each of *the* four living creatures had six wings respectively; *and* around and within *they were* full of eyes; and day and night they cease not saying, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was, and Who is, and Who *is* to come.’”

We see that the Ark does not represent the true Throne of God in heaven above. But it represents what God gave to Israel.

When we go back and look and see what happened with the Ark. We come to 1-Sam. Remember what happened? Eli was old and his two sons Hophni and Phinehas were corrupt. There was evil and adultery right at the entrance of the tabernacle.

When the war with the Philistines took place what happened? They went out to fight them, but they got defeated. Eli said well ‘we’ll go out and we’ll bring the Ark of God out and we’ll win. So, they took the Ark of God out and bang they lost it and the Philistines took it.

If anyone other than the Levites have it trouble is going to come, so what was the first thing God was merciful at first. They put it in the house of Dagon, their God, and what happened overnight he fell down on his face and lost his hands. So, they set him up overnight he fell down his head came off.

Then they started having plagues. A lot of them died. So you can read that there in 1-Sam. 5-7. That’s quite a thing that went on. Finally it got so bad because they had mice eating everything up, and they have hemorrhoids and everyone with pain and difficulty and Preparation-H hadn’t been invented, yet.

What did they do. The priest of Dagon said to get rid of it send it back, but you send an offering of gold of the hemorrhoids and the mice and put it in a new cart and send it away. So they did that.

Then it came to Kirjath Jearim. When it got to Kirjath Jearim it was right there in the house of a Levite for 20 years. Finally David wanted to bring it to put it in the special tabernacle that he made in his

house, because the tabernacle moved from Shiloh—which was destroyed in the battle of the Philistines—and Hophni and Phinehas and then his father died the same day.

Let’s go on and see what happened. It was there for 20 years. Then David said let’s bring the Ark up. So, he built a special tabernacle right in his house and he had Asaph, the priest, in charge of it had there. So, they all went down to Kirjath Jearim to bring it up and they put it on a cart and were taking it back. They hit a bump in the road and Uzzah reached up to touch the Ark to stabilize it. Well, he wasn’t a Levite. What happened? **BANG!** *He’s dead!*

So, David said to stop it all, don’t bring it up. It took a little while for him to understand that *the Levites had to carry it!*

So, they went down and got the Ark carried it up and put it in to this special tabernacle that David had there. That’s where David would go and pray every day.

Note Psa. 63 it says that he saw God, just kind of a similitude of God. He was praying at different times.

Think about this. He was there; the Tabernacle of God was in Gihon. The Ark of the Covenant was in this special little tabernacle and it stayed there until it was moved into the temple that Solomon built. So, it was there for a long, long time.

But another thing you need to remember is this: What was the great sin of David? *The sin with Bathsheba, and the killing of Uriah her husband, the Hittite!*

Where did they have their adulterous affair? *Right in David’s palace* and just down not too far away was where the Ark of the Covenant was. So, now you know why God was so angry with David. He forgave the sin, but he had nothing but trouble, trouble, trouble in the kingdom until it was time to go to Solomon to succeed him as king.

So, even though God forgives, it’s a lesson there: even though God forgives sin, sometimes you have trouble, trouble, trouble because you need to learn the lesson. ‘Don’t you ever dare do anything like that in close proximity of Me, says God! That was a lesson to David.

We can say this based on what we have, and then we’ll finish the story here. If it’s buried anywhere, it’s not under the Mosque of Omar. They’ve been digging all around the City of David. They haven’t found anything.

Now, where do you suppose is the best place for the Ark of the Covenant to be, and what God would do with it? *Men would think that would have*

power if they got it! So, instead of burying it, where is the evidence that it is?

Revelation 11:1: “Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, ‘Arise and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.’”

Now, if the Ark of the Covenant was found, it would be in the temple that they’re going to build in the third temple, because it talks about the third temple.

- What is the time setting of Rev. 11?
- Where does it end? *Two witnesses are killed!*

For three and a half days, their bodies lie in the streets of Jerusalem; then they are resurrected. The first resurrected in the first resurrection takes place immediately after that at the 7th trump.

We will find out where the Ark of the Covenant really is. Anything that the Jews come up with is a substitute.

Verse 15: “Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.’ And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; for You have taken *to Yourself* Your great power, and have reigned. For the nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to *all* those who fear Your name, the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth” (vs 15-18).

Notice the last verse. ***This tells us the only place in the Bible that tells us where the Ark of the Covenant is!***

It’s not on the earth! If it were on the earth, there would be terrible plagues for anyone who had it, whether in Ethiopia or South Africa or whatever.

Verse 19: “**And the Temple of God in heaven was opened, and the Ark of His Covenant was seen in His Temple;** and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake and great hail.”

That’s where it is! Now, is the Word of God true? *Yes!* That’s where it has to be. It’s not hidden someplace that someone’s going to find it.

If the Jews say that they find it and they find it under the under the Mosque of Omar area, you know it’s a phony that has been planted there.

Because the area where the temple was, that’s all messed up right now.

That is the best we can come at understanding where the Ark of the Covenant is. If there’s any other information in the Bible to help us understand that we overlook, let us know. We’ll be glad to look it up and correct it.

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