

Momento's in The Ark of the Covenant

Students of the Scriptures know that the Ark of the Covenant contained these things which God had Moses and Aaron place within it.

- × The Ten Commandments written on stone – **Exodus 25:21, Deuteronomy 10:25**
- × The Rod of Aaron that budded – **Numbers 17**
- × A Pot of Manna – **Exodus 16:31-35**

The Mercy Seat (**Exodus 25:1**), as well as the two Cherubims (**Exodus 25:22**) from which God spoke, covered it. It was covered by a veil and was in the Most Holy Place.



However, 500 years later, only the two tables were in it. **I Kings 8:9**

The Ark is now lost to man and has no significance to us. Today, Jesus is our Ark.

The Law on the stones is fulfilled in Christ. The

Priesthood is no longer Aaron's, but Jesus'. He is our manna from Heaven.

THE TABLES OF TESTIMONY, or the Law, pronounces us dead in trespasses and sins. But Jesus fulfilled the Law and we are made righteous and alive in Him.

Christ, our **MANNA**, gives us life, for He is the Bread of Life. The omer was one day's bread, and they gathered no more and no less. We need no more nor no less than Christ for Spiritual sustenance.

The **ROD OF AARON** showed Aaron as the High Priest. It bore blossoms (for beauty), buds (a sign of life), and almonds, (fruit bearing). His rod showed that Aaron had authority or power to mediate.

But the Ark, the Ten Commandments, the Manna, Aaron's Rod, nor even the Temple exists today.

Here is what God says of the Ark: "And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, **The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.**" **Jeremiah 3:16** These things are all done away in Christ.

These items were a figure or type:

1. **Jesus fulfilled the Law and we are made righteous in Christ.**
2. **Jesus is the Bread of Life and is all-sufficient for our needs.**
3. **Jesus is our High Priest and He causes us to blossom to new life and bear the fruit of righteousness.**
4. **Jesus is the Cornerstone of a new temple, which temple we are.**

The Ark and its contents and its location have no more significance to us today than the brazen serpent. They were only temporal manifestations or typical objects fulfilled in Christ to show the privileges and blessings of grace we have in Christ.

Who cares where the Ark is? The Babylonians may have taken it. It may have been hidden under the temple mount. It may be that Ethiopia has it, as some claim.

I know Indiana Jones did not find the Ark of the Covenant.

However, you can find its privileges and blessings when you come to Christ. All these blessings are in Christ, Jesus, our Ark.

The Roman Church claims that Mary is the Ark of the Covenant for she bore Him. This is a blasphemous teaching.

Jesus is the Ark of the Covenant, for it is through Him we hear God's voice and find a mercy seat and the forgiveness of our sins.

He is our life and our risen High Priest who makes us righteous without the Law.

Praise Him for who He is!!!