



THE SACRED ARK OF THE COVENANT

[PART 4]

Reading: *Ezekiel 43:4 - 7*

- **Introduction**
- In our three previous studies we have already considered: The **SETTING**, the **STRUCTURE**, the **SACREDNESS**, the **SYMBOLISM** and the **STORY** of the Ark.
- Prior to the fall of Jerusalem in Jeremiah's time, the Ark drops out of sight posing the question: Where is it today?

1 **SPECULATIONS & SUGGESTIONS Concerning The Ark**

- Some Muslims teachers claim the Ark to be in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
- The apocryphal book of [2 Maccabees 2:4 - 8] says Jeremiah hid it close to where Moses is buried on mount Nebo.
- 7th Day Adventist, Ron Wyatt suggests it is buried directly below where the cross of Jesus was situated.
- Some suggest it is buried in an elaborate network of tunnels and chambers under the temple mount in Jerusalem.
- Another theory is that it is in Ethiopia. (The St Mary of Zion church in Aksum).
- See Robert Cornuke book '*Relic Quest*'
- So where is the Ark?

2 We Are The Temple Of God

- Consider [1 Corinthians 3:16 - 17], [2 Corinthians 6:16].
- Collectively the people of God are the temple of God and God dwells in us. [Ezekiel 48:35].

3 The Ark In The Future

- The 1st temple (Solomon's) was destroyed by the Babylonians in 6th century BC.
- The 2nd temple rebuilt by Zerubbabel was destroyed by the Romans in AD70.
- On the temple site today resides the Muslim Al Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock shrine.
- When Christ returns to set up His Kingdom a 3rd temple will be built. [Ezekiel's vision].
- Not for '*anti-christ*' to sit in as dispensational futurists suggest but for Christ to reign from.
- [Ezekiel 43:7] speaks of this temple being '*the place of My throne.*'
- The place for the Ark to be situated and where God will dwell in the midst of His people.

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