

The Ark of the Covenant

Hidden at Tara [Ireland]

Israel had given to her three Stones—one at “Luz,” and the other two at “Sinai.” The one given at Luz we have safely deposited at the Minster-in-the-west, and it is the foundation of our throne on which our Kings do sit; but upon the other two stone; (those given on Mount Sinai) the King of Kings was used to sit. Have we only now an earthly king, has the Heavenly King forsaken us ? If not, will not the Stones be wanted in the Most Holy in the new Temple for the same purpose as before? When we go back to Jerusalem, of course we shall take back the Coronation Stone in triumph, and place it in some specially preserved niche. But the other two Stones, what is going to be done with them ? Are they going to be left out ? If the Stone that our father Jacob set up is to go back in triumph, why should not the Stones that our Heavenly Father set up go back also in triumph ?

Nothing is said in Scripture about Jacob’s stone ever having been in the previous Temple; but this said Temple of Solomon was built especially for the “Ark of the Lord.” The shrine does not exist for the casket, but the casket for the shrine. Thus the Temple was but the casket, the jewel was the Ark of the Lord.

The Shechinah glory of the Lord did not shine in the Temple till the Ark of the Lord was brought in: when that arrived, then the bright blaze of the Divine presence shone forth in its dazzling splendour. Yet in the face of all these facts is it possible that Jacob’s Stone is to be honoured, and Jehovah’s dishonoured ? Of all the thoughtless theological imaginations this is the most astounding. Of course, as far as the general Christian is concerned, such thoughtlessness is natural. He ignores all the fundamental truths of Judah and Israel; but there is no excuse for Identity believers, their ignorance is doubly astounding. We do not assert that the Ark is at Tara, or even in existence at all, for no positive proof is in our present possession; but there is an accumulation of circumstantial evidence, that in any court of intelligent judges would be considered sufficient proof of a *prima, facie* case, and as such; is not the curious apathy of Anglo-Israel an astonishment ? What explanation can be

given of the fact that the subject is tabooed by some of our Identity editors and their magazines ?

All that those who believe that the Ark of the Lord is hidden in the Mount at Tara, desire, is that the subject should have a patient and unbiased investigation, and all praise is due to the Editor of THE COVENANT PEOPLE for throwing open his valuable pages to the discussion of this important subject—*pro* and *con*. Mr. McPhail's interesting lecture at Exeter Hall, and his subsequent papers upon the subject in THE COVENANT PEOPLE, take one, side of the subject, and we the other; and the two should be studied with an open Bible and unbiased mind. Mr. McPhail believes that our Redeemer, when he came on earth in the flesh, .superseded the "Ark of the Covenant," and it was cast on one side, as a woman would a piece of jewellery that had gone out of fashion. We, on the other hand, believe the Saviour came to fulfil and not destroy : at least this is what the Master said Himself, and He certainly is a better authority than some of our commentators.

The rending of the curtain in Herod's Temple, at the time of the death on the cross, is considered conclusive evidence that the Messiah did away with the Ark and all that was Mosaic; but is not this notion absolutely absurd, for the Ark of the Lord was never in Herod's Temple, and in all probabilities was thousands of miles away at the time of the crucifixion: at any rate it was safely in Jeremiah's hiding-place outside of Jerusalem. If the Saviour had desired to demolish the Ark at the time of His death, would He not have rather visited Mount Nebo or Mount Tara, in whichever the Ark may be, and there, by an earthquake, shatter the rock and expose the discarded treasure; but we have no record of any such occurrence.

We are often confronted with the statement that if the Ark was ever brought to light again, it would be an object of worship. This is equally absurd, for the Ark of the Lord was never an object of worship, and is not likely to be in the future. What our fathers worshipped was the Jehovah that sat upon the throne over and above the Ark of the Testimony in between the Cherubims. The Bible is our oracle, the same as the Ark was to our fathers, but we do not worship it, but the God it represents; and so with the Ark when it is again brought to light.

The next silly argument we often have to combat is, "That it is most dangerous to attempt to find it," because any person touching it might be

struck dead, as in the case of Uzzah. This would never deter me from taking a spade to make the discovery, if I felt that I was inspired to undertake the work. The sad end of Uzzah is a proper warning to all unauthorised persons to keep an holy distance from this sacred object; but whom the Lord inspires he also protects.

The next argument against the matter unfortunately comes from within our own ranks. Many of our Identity believers are of an opinion that by discussing this question of the Ark we are damaging our cause. To such I must now be plain—the real truth is they do not like to be laughed at. The Identity itself is so astounding, that we British-Israelites have often to witness a sarcastic smile; but when to the ordinary arguments we add that of the reappearance of the Ark, the smile turns to an open laugh. Should this deter us? No, certainly not; but stimulate a thorough investigation, and, if it can be proved that Jehovah has discarded the Ark and its wonderful contents, it devolves upon us to ascertain the cause, and such information can have no other effect than assisting in our propaganda.

That the Ark of the Lord is deposited in the Mound at Tara, there is in our mind but little doubt. The word "Nebo," used in the Apocrypha with reference to the resting-place of the Ark, simply signifies a "mount," which mount may, for the matter of that, be situated in Arabia, Europe, or any other place; and therefore we have as much right to consider that it is in the Mount of Tara as any other mount; and if Jehovah did in reality prepare a place for Israel in these Isles of the West, and did cause that Jacob's Stone should be safely brought across the ocean, and miraculously transferred from Ireland to Scotland, and thence to that sacred spot in the Abbey, not sacred alone because it is in an Abbey, but because—a fact very little known—the very foundations of the Chapel called St. Edmund's is composed of earth brought in ships direct from the Holy City, Jerusalem, by the ancient builders. Thus Jehovah caused this Sacred Stone of Luz, with its rugged surface and hoary iron rings, to have a safe place in the very heart of his chosen city. If such be the case, is there anything astonishing that He should do the same with the much more precious Stones of Sinai? In fact it would be more than astounding if Jehovah did otherwise. This argument alone should be sufficient to convince a right-balanced mind; but we have the rust of bigoted ages to contend with, and the carelessness of modern thought. Israel is indeed more

than blind; she reels with sleep, and it will require the appearance of some great sign in her midst to wake her from her slumbers. Will that be the discovery of the Ark also in her very midst ?

We have spoken of accumulative corroborations that the Ark is hidden at the Mount of Tara. In our Lecture before the British-Israel Association, we pointed out the singular relationship that existed between the various measurements of the Temple, Ark, Pyramid of Egypt, and the site at Tara. These may be mere coincidences, but they are very astonishing, and we hope eventually to publish our research; but it would occupy too much space on the present occasion, even to give an outline of the facts that stand out like so many signposts, all pointing to Tara as the chosen spot of the Lord for the safe keeping of this, Israel's choicest treasure.

A curious point in reference to Tara is the superstitious awe with which the place is held by the natives of the district; but this of itself would perhaps pass unnoticed; but strange to say a feeling akin also prevails amongst the learned societies of Ireland, and although they have had repeated opportunities of making investigations, they have mysteriously withheld, though quite unable to assign any reason for their reticence. This to a philosophical mind would be taken as very strong evidence that something of an extraordinary nature was deposited at the spot. When Ireland, in the dark ages, was ransacked from north to south and east to west, it was remarkable that so prominent a place as this should have remained inviolate, although all around then is evidence that the adjacent mounds have been considerably disturbed. This surely points to a Divine hand, and is another evidence for Tara. Although we could multiply such evidence, we must satisfy ourselves by mentioning only one more. Now with the bulk of Identity believer; Tara is simply celebrated as the resting-place of Jacob's Stone, or the Lia Fail, or Stone of Witness, but has it ever struck them that if the Almighty had designed that the spot should be consecrated to that sacred object, that He would have named it "Bethel" in accordance with the arrangement with Jacob when the patriarch set it up at Luz; would not this have been much more in keeping with known facts ? This singularity seems to have been quite overlooked by the various writers upon the subject of the "Bethel Stone." The word Tarah signifies "The Law," and applies to that Law, or Testimony, or Covenant contained in the Ark, but never in ancient Israelitish writings is the

word Tarah applied or associated with Jacob's Stone, and therefore if the site in Ireland which we Identity believers hold in such veneration, and (evidently Divinely) named Tarah, is sacred to anything, that "anything" must be the Ark of the Lord.

— Walton Adams

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Comments by James Bruggeman

Some writers and/or ministers of the past few decades have claimed to have been the initiator of the term "identity" to refer to those who believe in our identification as physical descendants of the tribes of Israel. The article above demonstrates the inaccuracy of any such claims.

Years ago, we heard a Bible teacher present a three-hour lecture making an intriguing case that some time after bringing Princess Tea Tephi to Ireland, that Jeremiah (and Simon Brug—no relation to me that I am aware of) proceeded from Ireland with the "holy vessels" and came to ancient America, journeyed up the Mississippi River and deposited the Ark in a cave in what is now called Mt. Judah State Park in what is now the state of Arkansas. Supposedly, the men who bore the Ark to its resting place were called the "Ark-kiri," meaning the Ark-carriers.

All that aside, we believe the physical Ark was a type and shadow of its ultimate fulfillment and eternal location—inside you!—the temple of the living God! Our 30-lecture series on audio tape or CD, *The Tabernacle in the Wilderness*, is a detailed study demonstrating just that. —James Bruggeman]