

## ***Ark and Tables are Where?***

Two Arks one Tables.

### ***The Ark on Earth.***

Because of Israel's transgression of the commandments of God, and their wicked acts, God suffered them to go into captivity, to humble and punish them. ***Before the temple was destroyed***, God made known to a few of his faithful servants the fate of the temple, which was the pride of Israel, and which they regarded with idolatry, while they were sinning against God. He also revealed to them the captivity of Israel. These righteous men, just before the destruction of the temple, ***removed the sacred ark*** containing the tables of stone, and, with mourning and sadness, ***secreted it in a cave*** where it was to be hid from the people of Israel, because of their sins, and was to be ***no more restored to them. That sacred ark is yet hid. It has never been disturbed since it was secreted.*** {1SP 414.3}{4aSG 114.3,4}{PK 453.2}

In the days of Christ.  
There was Nothing there,  
In the Temple or in their hearts.

Note: To clarify, there was nothing there, The ark was a copy, for the tables only a scroll written by human hands.

John 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, ***nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.***

Matt. 23:38 Behold, ***your house*** is left unto you ***desolate.***

Matt. 27:51 And, behold, the ***veil of the temple was rent*** in twain from the top to the bottom; . .

Note: When this veil was torn it exposed the pretended pious deception the leaders had perpetrated on the people. It was their apostasy that caused the ark and the Tables to be taken from the tabernacle, that brought them under Gods condemnation by captivity.

Matt. 15:8 This people *draweth nigh unto me* with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but *their heart is far from me*. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Titus 1:14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and *commandments of men*, that turn from the truth.

Heb. 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the *seventh day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some” (the gentiles) “must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached *entered not in because of unbelief:*”

Jer. 17:21 Thus saith the Lord; Take heed to yourselves, and *bear no burden* on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But *they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction*. 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

Matt. 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for *out of the abundance* of the *heart* the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the *good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things*.

Matt. 15:19 For *out of the heart* proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Jer. 17:9 The *heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:* who can

know it? 10 *I the Lord search the heart*, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

### ***Tables taken to the Ark in Heaven.***

"When God's *temple in heaven is opened*, what a triumphant time that will be for all who have been faithful and true! *In the temple will be seen the ark of the testament in which were placed the two tables of stone, on which are written God's law.* These tables of stone will be brought forth *from their hiding place*, and on them will be seen the ten commandments engraved *by the finger of God.* These tables of stone now lying in the ark of the testament will be a convincing testimony to the truth and binding claims of God's law."--Letter 47, 1902 (7BC 972).

"There is a sanctuary, and *in that sanctuary is the ark, and in the ark are the tables of stone*, [on] which is written the law spoken from Sinai amidst scenes of awful grandeur. These tables of stone are in the heavens, and they will be brought forth in that day when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, and men shall be judged according to the things written in the books. They will be judged by the law *written by the finger of God and given to Moses* to be deposited in the ark. A record is kept of the deeds of all men, and according to his works will every man receive sentence, whether they be good or whether they be evil."--Ms 20, 1906 (20MR 68).

"Sacrilegious minds and hearts have thought they were mighty enough to change the times and laws of Jehovah; but, *safe in the archives of heaven, in the ark of God, are the original commandments, written upon the two tables of stone. No potentate of earth has power to draw forth those tables from their sacred hiding place beneath the mercy seat.*"--7BC 972 (ST, February 28, 1878).

"With His own finger God wrote His commandments on two tables of stone. *These tables were not left in the keeping of men*, but were placed in the ark; and in the great day when every case is decided, these tables, inscribed with the commandments, will be placed so that all the world will see and understand. The witness against them will be unanswerable."--Letter 30, 1900 (19MR 265).

Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and *there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:* and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Note: This different Ark now contains those tables Moses held in his hands. When we consider the relation God sustained to Moses. That the height of their bond was Sinai, the events surrounding the first and second tables. That the Lord buried Moses *Due. 34:4-6*, with nothing said of taking him to heaven until *Matt. 17:3*. That in heaven Moses watched with deep concern the fate of those tables by Israel and Judah prior to the burning of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans. It is no wonder that God would take those tables to heaven.

### ***Why they were Removed.***

Jer. 3:16 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.*** See John 4:21;Matt. 23:38;Matt. 27:51.

Jer. 33:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, ***I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*** 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. See ***Hebrews 8:10;4:2-10;Jer. 17:21-24.***

2Cor. 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but ***in fleshy tables of the heart.***

Gal. 3:7 Know ye therefore that ***they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.***

See: ***Matt. 5:17-19;19:17;24:40;Luke 1:6; 1Cor. 7:19; James 2:8; 1John 2:3;3:4,24;5:2,3; 2John 1:6; Rev. 12:17;14:12;22:14.***

*Due. 4:4* But ***ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive*** every one of you this day. 5 Behold, I have taught you ***statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do*** so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for ***this is your wisdom and your understanding in***

*the sight of the nations*, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, *Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.* 7 For *what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them*, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? 8 And *what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law*, which I set before you this day?

## ***Because of the Peril by His Professed People.***

### ***A Turning Point. Not under God's Direction.***

1Sam. 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: *now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.* 6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, *Give us a king to judge us.* And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. 7 And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: *for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.*

1Kings 15:18 Then Asa *took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord*, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

2Kings 14:13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14 And *he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord*, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

2Chron. 13:9 Have ye not *cast out* the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have *made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands?* so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. *Eze. Chapter 8; 2Kings 23:4*

John 19:15 But they cried out, *Away with him, away with him, crucify him.* Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, *We have*

**no king but Caesar.**

1Kings 19:10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for ***the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword;*** and I, even I only, am left; and ***they seek my life, to take it away.*** . .

2Thess. 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (Second Advent Matt. 24:50,51) shall not come, except there come ***a falling away*** (Evil Servant Matt. 24:48,49; Isa 14:12) ***first***, and that man of sin be (reformation Matt. 24:21) revealed, . .

Note: Many do not interpret this aright. It is a reverse list to show the day of Christ was not immediate in Paul's day; beginning with the second coming and working backwards to the reformation that produces the two servants waiting for their Lords appearing. Before the second coming a falling away, before the falling away, the man of sin revealed.

***As the Ark and the Tables were  
so with His People.***

Neh. 9:26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and **cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them** to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

Jer. 11:19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us ***cut him off from the land of the living***, that his name may be no more remembered.

Isa. 66:5 Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; ***Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified:*** but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

Heb. 11:36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 ***They were stoned, they were sawn asunder***, were tempted, ***were slain with the sword:*** they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the

earth.

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, ***The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;*** if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 ***But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.***

Rom. 8:36 As it is written, ***For thy sake we are killed all the day long;*** we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Matt. 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to ***smite his fellowservants***, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Rev. 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and ***cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.***

Rev. 18:24 And ***in her was found the blood*** of prophets, and ***of saints***, and ***of all that were slain*** upon the earth.

### ***The Reason of Flight under the Sunday Law.***

Note; God's people themselves were destroying His Temple, Preaching false gospels, false prophecies. Ezekiel Chapters 8 and 9; 8:16; Jeremiah, etc., ***He therefore removed those Tables to keep them from the Jews wicked hands, prior to the reign of Babylon.*** In like manner TODAY, prior to the reign of the sunday churches represented as Babylon in *Revelation 18:1-24; 13:11-16*, the law of God is in danger again—in the hearts of His people by wicked hands. GC 584.2. Since these table are not here it is His people with the Ten Commandments in their hearts and minds that are the objects of destruction. It will be noted in Babylon (Dan. chapter 3) how many Jews—God's people refused to bow to the image on sunday. We have record of only 3, Daniel was not present.

Ps. 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, ***thy law is within my heart.***

Ps. 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man *cleanse* his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O *let me not wander* from thy commandments. 11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.* 12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. 13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Rev. 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: *here are they that keep the commandments of God*, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev. 22:14 *Blessed are they that do his commandments*, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but *have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth*, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light (DA 635.1); and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, *employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.* {GC 608.2}

The minister who has sacrificed truth to gain the favor of men *now discerns the character and influence of his teachings*. It is apparent that the *omniscient eye* was following him as he stood in the desk, as he walked the streets, as he mingled with men in the various scenes of life. Every emotion of the soul, *every line written, every word uttered*, every act that led men to rest in a refuge of falsehood, has been scattering seed; and now, in the wretched, lost souls around him, he beholds the harvest.

Saith the Lord: "They have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." "With lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life."



Jeremiah 8:11; Ezekiel 13:22.

Note: Jer. 7:8 Behold, *ye trust* in lying words, that cannot profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; 10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, *We are delivered to do all these abominations?* 11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord. Malachi 2:17 Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? *When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them;* or, Where is the God of judgment? Micah 6:11 *Shall I count them pure* with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! . . . Behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings." "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for your days for slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; . . . and the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape." Jeremiah 23:1, 2; 25:34, 35, margin.

Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. *They see that they have rebelled against the Author of all just and righteous law. The setting aside of the divine precepts* gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. *No language* can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever—eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and *they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them.*

The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers. Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; they have led their hearers to *make void* the law of God and *to persecute those who would keep it holy*. Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost!" they cry, "and you are

the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. *The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies.* Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. GC 654.4-655.4.