## <u>THE ARK OF THE COVENANT</u>



The pomegranate displayed here is a sensational discovery, of great significance to the history and archaeology of ancient Israel. It bears an incised inscription in the ancient Hebrew script:

"...our pomegranate is the only known surviving object from the First Temple, built by King Solomon in Jerusalem."

> Information from the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where the Ivory Pomegranate from the cave chamber is now displayed

**Ivory Pomegranate -** recovered from the chamber and on public display

## Artifacts date to Solomon's time

**R**ON Wyatt did not reveal publicly all the information he had gathered, but a few details are now emerging.

Within the chamber was the main furniture from Solomon's Temple, most significant being the Ark of the Covenant, containing the Ten Commandments. Also in the chamber Ron found:

The Table of Shewbread The 7-Branch Candlestick The Golden Altar of Incense **The Golden Censer** 

And other items dating to pre-Babylonian times:

A very large sword (1.57m) Numerous oil lamps A brass shekel weight A brass ring An ephod An ivory pomegranate

On a subsequent trip, Ron removed the pomegranate from the chamber, and it is now displayed in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The inscription on it has been dated to the first temple period. Museum visitors are informed that this Ark was taken, is now walled up pomegranate is from King Solomon's temple.

Ron Wyatt also located the original tunnel entrance through which the Ark was secreted from Jerusalem.

Beneath Jerusalem is an ancient underground quarry known as Zedekiah's cave. When the quarry was rediscovered in 1854, a carving was found, dated to the period of the Babylonian invasion.

Possibly this carving is the origin of the Jewish tradition, recorded in Maccabees, stating that some of those involved with hiding the Temple items marked the route. Near the location of this carving, in 1989 Ron Wyatt found the tunnel Carving found near tunnel entrance through which the Ark had been dating to the time of the invasion



Ron Wyatt with Dan Bahat, then head of Antiquities for Jerusalem, examining reconstructions of the pottery found during the excavation



Tunnel entrance, through which the



## **Incredible find under** Golgotha

F all the discoveries made by Ron Wyatt, perhaps none is more significant than the finding of the Ark of the Covenant.

On it's own, the Ark would be a tremendously important find. However, an incredible connection between it and the crucifixion site above gives this discovery a significance beyond measure. So significant and far-reaching is this connection that it is destined to change the lives and faith of millions.

When Ron Wyatt discovered the original crucifixion site during the excavation near Golgotha, he found there was a large crack, most likely an earthquake fault, in the limestone bedrock beside the central cross hole. Later, when he entered the chamber where the Ark of the Covenant was hidden, he found a large crack in the ceiling, directly above the Ark of the Covenant.

Around this crack, and upon the lid of the Ark itself, was a dark, dried substance. This dark substance was analysed, and confirmed the suspicions that this was very old human blood.

By inserting a metal tape measure, it was determined that the crack ran continuously from the cross site above to the chamber beneath, through about 20 feet (7 m) of rock.

Ron had discovered that when Christ had died, and the Roman soldier had pierced his side, the blood and water which flowed from Christ's side had gone down the crack in the rocks, and spilled onto the lid of the Ark of the Covenant, hidden in the chamber beneath Calvary many years before.



Ron Wyatt - Never expected to find the crucifixion site. nor anticipated it's connection to the Ark of the Covenant below

Exodus 12:46

Hebrews 8:1-5 - The Old Covenant

services held in the Temple on earth

Hebrews 9:1-3 - The Temple was

focussed on the ceremonies and



"The Place of the Skull" - Golgotha is still called Skull Hill

OR hundreds of years the Hebrews had carried out a system of animal sacrifices, consisting of Divinely appointed ceremonies which were an on-going reminder that they had a Covenant with God.

Today we refer to this Covenant as the Old Covenant. It was instituted and ratified at Mt Sinai. The ceremonies of this covenant had deep meaning, for they foreshadowed actual events to take place when the New Covenant was to be instituted under the Messiah. The New Covenant was foretold by the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31).

The Ark of the Covenant was the centrepiece in the old ceremonial system. It's primary purpose was to house the sacred tables of stone, upon which God himself had written the 10 commandments with His own finger.

When Ron Wyatt discovered the Ark of the Covenant, he also discovered the physical evidence of the ratifying of the New Covenant.

In the same way the Old Covenant had been ratified at Mount Sinai, so the New Covenant was ratified at Calvary. In the Old Covenant, sacrificial blood and water was sprinkled upon the "book of the Covenant". In the New Covenant, the blood and water from Christ's pierced side went into the earth, and landed on the Ark of the Covenant containing the Ten Commandments.

The Crucifixion of Jesus **BIBLICAL EVIDENCE** THE TWO COVENANTS A comparison of the Old Covenant vith the New Covenant reveals how Christ fulfilled all the symbols **OLD COVENANT NEW COVENANT** a spear John 1:29,36 - Jesus was "The Lamb of God," the one and only sacrifice of Leviticus 5:6; Numbers 6:14 Lambs and other sacrificial animals the New Covenant were offered in the Old Covenant 1 Peter 1:19 - Jesus Christ was Leviticus 4:3, 23, 28; Numbers 19:2 undefiled by sin "as of a lamb without The sacrificial animals had to be without any blemish or defect blemish and without spot" John 19:33-36 - None of Jesus' bones were broken, despite the practice of breaking the legs of crucifixion victims No bones of the lamb to be sacrificed were allowed to be broken

> Hebrews 8:2; Revelation 11:19 - The New Covenant Temple is in heaven, where Jesus is now ministering

Hebrews 9:24 - The sanctuary in





More documentation is available! See details on page 8 The Ark of the Covenant			
Exodus 24:7; 2 Kings 23:2-3, 21; 2 Chronicles 34:30,31 - The "Book of the Covenant" contained statutes and commandments which were to be honoured and obeyed by all those who were part of those bound by the covenant	John 14:15; James 2:8; Romans 3:31; Romans 13:8-10 - When the New Covenant was ratified at the cross, Christ's blood sprinkled the Ark containing the 10 Commandments, showing they are the basis of the New Covenant. See Jeremiah 31:31-33		
<b>Exodus 24:8; Hebrews 9:19</b> - Moses sprinkled the people with the blood and water used to ratify the covenant	Isaiah 52:15; 1 Peter 1:2 - By His death Jesus would "sprinkle" those who choose to accept the New Covenant		
Hebrews 9:19 - The BLOOD and WATER was sprinkled upon the "Book of the Covenant"	<b>1. John 5:6-8</b> - The BLOOD and WATER from Christ sprinkled the Ark containing the 10 Commandments		
Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:19-20 - The Old Covenant was ratified by the sprinkling of BLOOD and WATER	John 19:34 - The New Covenant was ratified with the BLOOD and WATER from Christ's pierced side	Approx 20 feet	were rent"
constructed with 2 apartments, each apartment used at different times	heaven also has two apartments, as the one on earth was modelled on it		Matt 27:51 "The rocks