**Maccabees To The Rescue-Did Jeremiah or Angels Take The Ark of the Covenant?**

In 2 Maccabees 2:4-6 Jeremiah is told to hide the Ark in a cave in Mt. Nebo. 2 Maccabees 2:4-6 says, "It was also contained in the same writing, how the prophet (Jeremiah), being warned by Yah, commanded that the tabernacle and the ark should accompany him, till he came forth to the mountain where Moses went up and saw the inheritance of Yah (Mt. Nebo). And when Jeremiah came thither he found a hollow cave: and he carried in thither the tabernacle and the ark and the altar of incense and so stopped the door. Then some of them that followed him came up to mark the place: but they could not find it. And when Jeremiah perceived it he blamed them saying: The place shall be unknown till Yah gather together to congregation of the people and receive them to mercy"

Hidden under Nebo mountains of Pisgah and couldn’t be found why?

According to 2 Baruch 6:5-9 an angel came down from heaven into the Holy of Holies and took "the veil, the holy ephod, the mercy seat, the two tables, the holy raiment of the priest, the altar of incense, the forty-eight precious stones with which the priests were clothed, and all the holy vessels of the tabernacle"

After Cyrus-Koresh the Great conquered Babylon, he issued a decree for the temple at Jerusalem to be rebuilt in 538 BC. The Jews could now return to Jerusalem. Ezra 1:7 says, "Moreover, King Cyrus-Koresh brought out the articles belonging to the temple of the YHWH, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and had placed in the temple of his god" (NIV note: "It was the custom for conquerors to carry off the images of the gods of conquered cities.). The inventory in Ezra 1:9-11 lists gold and silver dishes, silver pans, gold and silver bowls, and other articles for a total of 5,400 items. The Ark of the Covenant is not specifically listed.

The Bible is silent on the Ark of the Covenant at the time of (and just prior to) the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. The last Scriptural reference of the whereabouts of the Ark prior to [*Revelation 11:19*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Rev%2011.19) is from [*2 Chronicles 35:3*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Chron%2035.3), which states that the Ark of the Covenant was still in the Holy of Holies during the 18th year of Josiah’s reign (622 B.C.). Ezekiel mentions that the Glory of the YHWH departed from between the Cherubim ([*Ezekiel 10:4*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ezek%2010.4)*,*[*18*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ezekiel%2010.18)) during the sixth year of Jeconiah’s exile (593–592 B.C.)..

This could have happened only at and along with the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.; and history testifies that the temple after the exile had no ark (as does [*Jeremiah 3:16*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Jer%203.16), which stated that the Ark of the Covenant would not be remembered or rebuilt by post-exilic Jews) or ever again!

**When Yahushua returns will the Ark have any significance at all?**

**The Ark of the Covenant which had been the special manifestation of YHWH will be forgotten, because Yahushua-YHWH the Messiah will fill the whole city of Jerusalem with His presence...**

**Jeremiah 3:16-17 –**

***16***And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says YHWH, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of YHWH: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.  ***17*** At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the YHWH; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of YHWH, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

2 [Baruch 29:8](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Baruch%2029.8) And it will happen at that time that the treasury of manna will come down again from on high, and they will eat of it in those years because these are they who will have arrived at the consummation of time.

[Rev 11: 19a](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev%2011.%2019a) Then Yah's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.

The ark John sees in the heavenly temple is the original model on which Moses patterned the ark for the tabernacle and is not the earthly ark itself.

[Exod 25:9](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Exod%2025.9) Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you;

[Heb 8:5](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Heb%208.5) They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

IT IS NOW IN HEAVEN WHERE **IT WILL STAY AND WILL NOT RETURN**; HOWEVER MESSIAH WILL RULE THE EARTH; AND THE NEW ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT WILL BE YAHUSHUA HIMSELF; CONATINING THE BREAD, ATONEMENT, MERCY AND LIGHT OF LIFE!

The Jewish historian Josephus (late 1st c.), the Roman historian Tacitus (late 1st c.), and the Mishnah (c. 200) testify that it did not return to the Second Temple as it was removed from under Nebo.8

*Jewish Wars* 5.219 The innermost recess measured twenty cubits, and was screened in like manner from the outer portion by a veil. In this stood nothing whatever....

*Historiae*9:1 The first Roman to subdue the Jews and set foot in their temple by right of conquest was Gnaeus Pompey: thereafter it was a matter of common knowledge that there were no representations of the gods within, but that the place was empty and the secret shrine contained nothing.

Yoma 5:2 After the ark was taken away a stone lay there from the time of the early prophets and it was called The Foundation. [OR A NEW FOUNDATION-THE ROCK MOSHIACH YAHUSHUA!]

Will there be another ark of the covenant?; NO Although some traditions indicate otherwise, the millennial temple will also apparently have no ark, and after the millennium, in the New Jerusalem, there will not even be need for a temple OR AN ARK.

[Rev 21:22](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev%2021.22) I did not see a Temple in the city, because the Yah Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple!