

**Ron Wyatt's deathbed interview about his discovery of the lost Ark of the Covenant** (By David

Bresnahan) An archeologist who claims to have found the Ark of the Covenant directly below the crucifixion site of Jesus has died after giving a deathbed interview to WorldNetDaily. Noah's Ark, Sodom & Gomorrah, the Ark of the Covenant, the crucifixion site of Jesus have been the subject of controversial claims made by Ron Wyatt who spent much of his life documenting sites & events from the Bible. He died after a lengthy battle with cancer, but his work continues at Wyatt Archeological Research (W.A.R), Tennessee. Reached just before his death, the telephone interview with Wyatt was to last only a few minutes because of his very weak condition. He actually spoke for nearly an hour. A few days later, Wyatt succumbed to the disease.

Wyatt's claims have been debated for at least a decade. Many believe his findings are genuine, & there are a few who are not so willing to accept his claims. According to Wyatt, he physically located the Ark of the Covenant, the container for the original tablets of the 10 Commandments, with the Mercy Seat intact on the top. It was found in a chamber just outside the walls of Jerusalem 20 feet below what Wyatt also claimed was the actual site of the crucifixion of Christ. Wyatt found an earthquake crack directly below where the cross would have been. It extends down through the rock to the Mercy Seat. The blood of Christ flowed through that crack after his death & after his side was pierced by a soldier's spear & fell on the Mercy Seat. The crucifixion site was found on the side of the Golgotha hill (the Place of the Skull) just outside the north wall of Jerusalem, near the Garden Tomb (accepted by many as the place where Christ arose) It was discovered under many feet of soil with actual holes in the rock where crosses were placed, & niches in the rock wall behind where 3 signs were placed. A large circular stone which perfectly fits the Garden Tomb was also located there, & it was all surrounded by the foundation of a first century church. The central cross hole has an earthquake crack beside it. Photographic evidence was obtained, & then the site was covered back over with 12 feet of dirt & a garden established. Wyatt says it was landscaped to avoid controversy. The entrance to the system of caves & tunnels, found by the Wyatt team in the cliff wall was also sealed over. The Bible teaches the concept of animal sacrifice, symbolic of the actual blood sacrifice Christ would make. The act of Christ, permitting himself to be sacrificed & placing his own blood on the Mercy Seat was the great & final act in the process of blood sacrifice, according to Wyatt.

Wyatt believed that the Ark of the Covenant, & other sacred objects from the Temple, were secreted away just prior to the entrance of the Babylonians into the city about 600 years BC. There are many tunnels beneath Jerusalem. These sacred objects were protected in a chamber & the entrance was sealed & hidden.

**"When Christ died, the earth quaked. The rock split right below His cross & a crevice extended right down into the hidden chamber containing the undefiled 'earthly' Throne of God-the Ark with it's Mercy Seat."** explained Wyatt. **"When the centurion stuck his spear into Christ's side & pierced His spleen, the blood & water came out, fell down through the crack & was sprinkled on the Mercy Seat."**

In the Temple service, the High Priest sprinkled the blood of sacrifice on the Mercy Seat. Christ, our great High Priest, was the only one who could physically sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat. God ensured everything was in the right place, & sent the earthquake enabling Christ to spill his blood onto the Mercy Seat in fulfillment of this, he explained.

Wyatt didn't make any claims of grandeur, nor claim to be a prophet. He said his only role was to be a willing servant. **"God has a way of communicating his wishes to people, & I'm not the only one able to do that so I don't flatter myself to think that I'm something special. I was there, I was willing, so therefore God allowed me this privilege. There are others who are in communication with Him. Others are familiar with this material who will see that it is presented."** Wyatt told WorldNetDaily by phone just before his death, indicating that more of his evidence & findings will soon be made public.

It was back on Jan 6, 1982 when Ron realized what he'd found during the excavation of the Ark. **"I went from stunned to more stunned,"** he said, **"When I started the excavation I wasn't looking for the Ark. I had no idea or intent to look for the crucifixion site, so as I proceeded with the excavation & found this crucifixion site, it was a thrill, but I didn't make the connection with the blood on the mercy seat until I actually saw it."** The significance of the find took on a new meaning when he found the crack which extended from the Mercy Seat all the way up through solid rock to the location of the crucifixion.

Wyatt claimed he was authorized to excavate by the Antiquities Department, but bureaucrats in that agency insisted his findings must be kept secret. He was told Jewish extremists might see the discovery as a sign it was time to rebuild the Temple. The Muslim Dome of the Rock now sits on the site. Jewish fundamentalists believe it must be destroyed for a new Jewish temple to be rebuilt. Wyatt made public much of his findings, but has withheld some evidence to comply with the agreement he made with Israeli officials.

The day after his death, one detractor sent an e-mail to WorldNetDaily saying, *"The world has lost one of the most colorful charlatans of all time."* He predicted nothing will ever come of the discoveries & even claimed that Wyatt is not with God now because he must account for his lies. **"There's nothing can be done to prevent ridicule that I'm aware of. I don't think it would be appropriate to deny people the opportunity of using ridicule because I think that's part of showing their true character."** Wyatt told WorldNetDaily of those who have attacked his claims. WorldNetDaily made contact with sources within the U.S. intelligence

community that have been reliable in the past. Experts on both Israeli & Muslim politics were contacted to determine their assessment on the impact of Wyatt's discoveries. Both expressed disbelief that the Israeli government wanted to hide the discovery for the reason they gave Wyatt. Instead both agreed that it was likely the Israelis are concerned that when Jews learn of the connection of the crucifixion site with the Ark there could be large conversions threatening Jewish control of the government. We were not able to convey that assessment to Wyatt prior to his death, for his reaction.

Wyatt believes this discovery is important to help people to Christ. **"They've been taught something else all their life. So God is doing this show-&-tell through these discoveries to prove to them the Bible is accurate & divinely inspired. This is for those who don't have a clue, as well as for those who do & have been commissioned by Christ to reach out to help bring others into the fold. These are tools God has given believers to strengthen their faith & to reach out with; tools that will be extremely effective as a final witness to the nations."** Wyatt was involved in a number of significant archeological studies of biblical sites & artifacts -Noah's Ark, the crossing of the Red Sea by Moses, Mount Sinai, Sodom & Gomorrah. But nothing has the significance of the Ark of the Covenant & its tie to the crucifixion of Christ, he explained. **" I believe it's the final proof & evidence for whats happened here on this planet. It's being presented at a time just before the end while people can still decide to go along with God."**

Wyatt said he didn't expect the Ark to ever be removed from its resting place. The access tunnel used by Wyatt's team has been sealed. The pictures & videos of the find would soon be shown worldwide. **"The blood & all of that part will be shown, all of that, on video. The only thing that will be shown so people can have a look at & maybe touch, (I don't know what the restrictions will be on that) is the tables of stone (the 10 Commandments inside the Ark) "** said Wyatt, He said that when the Ark & the Temple furnishings were moved to the hidden chamber, that location became the Temple of the Lord, or the Holy of Holies. It remained untouched & undefiled so Christ could complete his ultimate sacrifice. He is confident they remain where he found them. **"Men have died because they have tried to actually get in there & move the furnishings. So God has adequately shown me, that He's not going to allow it to be moved. Nothing will happen to it that isn't in God's plan because this is the most important part of the plan of salvation that's been carried out. This is the heart & soul of it. No way will He allow people, demons, or any other forces to interfere with it being done exactly as He wants it done".**

W.A.R has a museum in Tennessee where the work of Ron Wyatt can be examined. His death isn't expected to stop the effort of telling the world about the findings, according to a spokesman. **WorldNetDaily examined extensive evidence regarding the various claims & discoveries made by Wyatt for several weeks. Several critics have been found who have voiced their opinion that this work is fraudulent, but evidence to support those charges can't be found. The evidence is sufficient to conclude that Wyatt conducted the claimed archeological digs & investigations. Wyatt was given a deathbed opportunity to either reaffirm or recant his claims. He chose to reaffirm all that he has claimed without hesitation.**

More info about Ron Wyatt's discoveries can be found at [www.wyattarcheology.com](http://www.wyattarcheology.com)