

KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon

"Echos of the Savior"

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Like so many important themes in Scripture, the echoes we hear from story to story should alert us to deliberate parallels...

Last week spoke about The Ark of the Covenant...

- The Hebrew word for this Ark is "aron," which means chest.
- The word chest used here is similar to a pirate's chest, dripping with gold coins and jewels!
- Even the anatomical choice of the word "chest" in English refers to the enclosed area of the body that contains the heart, giving this word the connotations of a container of precious items.

In all actuality when we talk about an "Ark" in the Bible, we could either be talking about the Ark of the Covenant, or another Ark known as Noah's Ark.

(Vs) Gen. 7:1 – Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation."

- The funny thing is that even though we use the same word in English, the words in Hebrew are different...
 - ➔ The Ark in Ark of the Covenant is an "aron..."
 - ➔ The Hebrew word for the Ark of Noah is a "ta-va" - Basket

Now clearly, the theme of salvation resonates between the two ark-building enterprises.

- Think about the description of detailed instructions that God gave Noah about how to build the ark and how it feels decidedly similar to the intricate description that God gave about how to construct the Ark of the Covenant.

"When we find these echoes, these similarities, our mind should jump back and forth to the places where the echo sounds. These stories are all linked. God's detailed instructions recorded there for us in the Bible are written to indicate to us His foreknowledge and deliberate plan." – One for Israel

Note: This word for Noah's Ark, "ta-va", is used only one other time in the Bible...

(Vs) Exodus Ch 2:3 – "When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank."

- Not only did the word *ta-va* refer to the enormous boat, but also to the small cradle, in which a vulnerable but priceless baby was laid, and sent off on the water to an unknown destiny.
- Moses' basket is called an "ark" in Hebrew. A *ta-va*.
- Can you see the similarities between the ark that carried the remains of humanity that were worth saving and the "ark" that carried Moses, who was to be a savior figure to the people of Israel?
- Both were absolutely critical for the future of humanity, and both carried great treasures...

These Arks all represent Salvation. Noah's Ark (*ta-va*)

- It was made according to the master's specific dimensions carried all Life - The smaller "Ark" Basket Moses was placed within (*ta-va*)
- The basket which carried no less important cargo, a people's Savior...
- Then we have the parallel Ark of the Covenant (*aron*), which was nestled in the tabernacle, a focal point of God's Saving Presence.

These are all Echoes of something to come...

- Noah's Ark – Was salvation from judgement and death.
- Moses' Basket/Ark – Was deliverance from slavery and death.
- The Ark of the Covenant – Which sat within the tabernacle of meeting, was a place where the people could be saved from the wages of sin and be put right with God.

All of it proclaiming with incredible detail...

- The ultimate Savior who, funny enough, arrives on planet earth presented in a manger/basket – not unlike Moses' entrance in his "ark"!

"Noah's Ark, Moses' Ark, the Ark of the Covenant, and the Manger of Christ containing the Messiah of the world were all receptacles containing priceless treasures beyond anything we could conjure up in our wildest dreams."

In the end, it seems as though God is continuing to REMIND us of Jesus, the one who was, is and always will be our Savior God!