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# Ark of the Covenant comes to Toowoomba



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WATCH out Indiana Jones fans, the Ark of the Covenant has arrived in Toowoomba.

The famous Ark, carried by the Israelites during their 40 years of wanderings throughout the desert, was said to possess supernatural powers.

It is a sacred symbol of God's presence on earth.

The 1:3 scale reproduction of the Ark of the Covenant was acquired by the Helon Theology Reference Library and is biblically-literal in its reproduction.

"I acquired it to complement our collection," curator George Helon said.

"The idea of the collection is to give people an appreciation of how we came about getting the Bible of today."

Mr Helon ordered the Ark online from the United States after being unable to get it shipped from Israel.



Helon Theology Reference Library curator George Helon with a scale reproduction of the Ark of the Covenant.

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The reproduction will be displayed at the next Bible Through the Ages exhibition in Toowoomba which will take place next year.

Two large black granite tablets laser-etched with The Commandments by J.H. Wagner & Sons master stone masons in Toowoomba have been placed into the Ark.

The Helon Theology Reference Library is a private library promoting Biblical and theological appreciation and scholarship.

It is supported by the collective efforts of family members.

Mr Helon said assistance was needed to find a permanent exhibition area for the Ark.

He can be contacted on the Helon Theology Reference Library Facebook page.

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