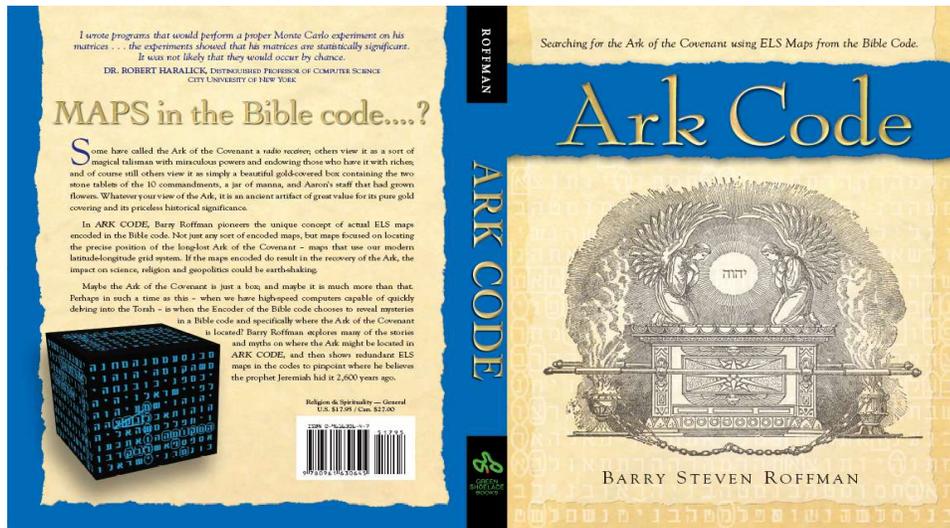


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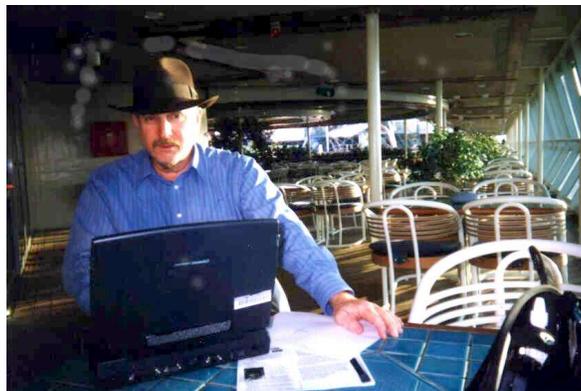
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MAPS ENCODED IN THE BIBLE POINT TO THE LOST ARK OF THE COVENANT.

Although they disagree about the identity of the Messiah, Orthodox Jews and Fundamental Christians agree that we are now in the last days leading up to the Messianic Age. A Third Temple also plays a key role in each of these faiths – but how can there be a Third Temple without recovery of the Ark of the Covenant housing the Ten Commandments, and which God used to speak with Moses? The answer is that the Ark, hidden by Jeremiah the prophet, will be found. More, it won't be found by chance, but in such manner as to convince all of humanity that God wrote the Scriptures. Indeed, Roffman shows that God wrote the Bible with a foreknowledge of the future so clear as to even include encoded maps that are based on the precise location of the Prime Meridian, (not set until 1884). Barry's findings of maps in the Torah have been recognized as significant by some of the world's leading mathematicians. They were featured on a documentary about the Bible Code broadcast on the History Channel on April 11, August 14, and December 29 2004. He has a 30-minute interview posted at: <http://www.biblecodenews.com>

ARK CODE: Searching for the Ark of the Covenant using ELS Maps from the Bible Codes proves redundant maps are encoded, traces the Ark's history, explores alternate theories about its location, and describes Barry's quest to find the Ark with encoded maps. It also delves into theories of who wrote the code, its purpose, and the Code's potential political, military, and scientific impact.

Barry's unique emphasis on finding cities and geographic sites encoded at angles that correspond to real world course headings sets him apart from other Bible codes researchers and even draws praise from skeptics like Dr. Brendan McKay. As a Coast Guard military planner, Barry's initial interest in the Code stemmed from a desire to see if the text could be used to thwart hostile actions or mitigate the effects of natural disasters. However, he felt that before he could tout its possible use as a source of useful Intelligence, he needed to link it to an extraordinary discovery that could not be made by any other means. For Roffman, this equated to finding the object that once sat in the holiest spot on Earth – the Ark of the Covenant. Now, based on clearly significant findings, he feels that he is poised to do just that – recover the Ark. **Your audience will be awed by what his findings have to say about:**

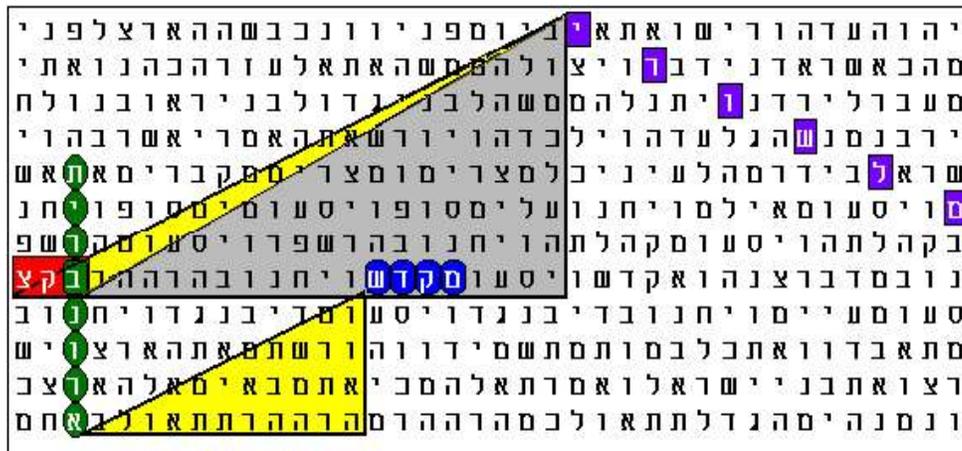
- How and why Jeremiah took the Ark to the place in Egypt where God split the sea.
- Why alternate theories about the Ark's location are probably off target.
- The Ark's purpose to prevent a nuclear war between Israel and its Arab neighbors.
- The religious, political, and scientific implications of finding the Ark.
- Where the Ark should be housed.

Barry is comfortable talking about all aspects of the Bible codes, Bible history, Jewish, Christian and Moslem theology, and how to evaluate the statistical value of Codes findings. He excels in biblical dialogue and would welcome the “call in” approach on any of the topics cited above.

ARK CODE was published in April 2004. It is 243 pages, and a quality trade paperback. ISBN 0961630647
Genre: Religion & spirituality, Bible codes.

The Book available for purchase at publisher's website <http://biblecodes.us> or Amazon.com. **Barry Roffman** is available for immediate interviews, and nationwide by arrangement. Contact him by e-mail at ArkHunt@Juno.Com. **Media kits and review copies sent by request.**

Is the Torah really a map? ARK CODE makes a strong case that the answer is “Yes.” When Dr. Rips expressed belief that the Ark remains in Jerusalem, I sought *Jerusalem* and found it at skip +303 starting 22 letters right, and seven rows up from Zuqba’s first letter (ז). Temple Mount in Jerusalem serves as one vertex of most ELS Ark-Code map triangles.



If we focus on the first letter of Jerusalem (י), the angle from this letter to the first letter Zuqba corresponds to a course of 252.35°. The course from Jerusalem to Zuqba at 31° 9' North, 33° 4' East by on-line Java Applet *Coordinate Calculator*™ is 251.9° True. Further, the angle from the last letter of *Temple* (ש) to the first letter of *Ark of the Covenant* corresponds to a course of 251.565° True, an even better match to Java’s 251.9°. The 251.565° course is seen on six more maps in ARK CODE. The Java calculator has a small margin of error because it assumes a perfectly spherical Earth. The Earth is actually an oblate spheroid with an equatorial diameter 26.9 miles greater than the polar diameter. Java doesn’t handle hundredths of seconds for coordinate entry arguments, only tenths of seconds. **Note: ELS course calculations are not based on line or letter spacing. They are based only on number of rows (Y) and columns (X) between terms.**

For the two courses derived from ELS Map Figure 1 (252.35° and 251.565°), the average course is 251.9575°, quite close to Java’s course of 251.9°. The distance from Temple Mount to the coordinates in question is about 135 statute miles. Over this distance a difference of .0575° between for the Java course of 251.9° and the average course of 251.9575° is about 715 feet.

ARK CODE has ten ELS maps, all quite accurate. After exploring these maps, the book goes on to present 55 other matrices. It discusses the history of the Ark, shows why Jeremiah probably took it to the area indicated by the ELS maps, and then explains why alternate theories of the Ark’s location are probably incorrect.

I taught science for 30 years, so I included a chapter on the scientific method to help novice investigators understand how to construct experiments to test Code validity. The book explores other archeological sites (like Baal Zephon) believed to be in the suspect area, and it delves into issues that pertain to using the Code to alter timelines and destiny. With respect to this issue, it explores my meetings with Egyptian Government officials in an effort to head off a threatened nuclear attack in the Middle East.

The book fully describes my trip by sea and rail from Florida to Israel and Egypt, my presentation to the First Congress of the International Torah Codes Society in 1999, the nature of other key codes researchers, and shocking discoveries made about the scope of encoding.

If this book is correct about the Ark’s location, the impact of the discovery will be so great as to remold all religious and scientific thinking. It may even bring an end to theological divisions that serve as stimulants for terrorism and war today.

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Family: Married to Katherine Kim Roffman; 2 children: Rabbi Robert Roffman, age 27, 1st LT USAFR; and David Roffman, age 11.

Education:

- Graduated from Temple U with a BA in psych January 1969.
- NROTC at U of PENN, Midshipman candidate at PURDUE U.
- Other college at Glassboro State Teachers College, Miami Dade Community College, and one year at Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine.

Navy Background:

- Commissioned as an Ensign in December, 1968.
- Served as Combat Information Officer on KITTY HAWK (CV-63), Force Weapons Coordinator on MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC-20), and Engineering/Operations Officer on coastal minesweeper THRUSH. Also sailed on aircraft carriers FDR, LEXINGTON, RANDOLPH, and INDEPENDENCE and destroyers FOX, LOWRY, BARTON and BLACKWOOD.
- Honorably discharged as a lieutenant 1979.

Civilian Career: Taught junior high and high school science (Earth-space science, biology, chemistry, and physical science) and coached from 1971-2003. Retired 2003.

Coast Guard Background:

- Enlisted in the Coast Reserve in 1983.
- Commissioned as an Ensign 1985 in Miami.
- Served as a Readiness Planner at Marine Safety Office Miami and District 7 from 1985 thru 1990.
- Commuted from Miami to Coast Guard Pacific Area Plans in Alameda, District 17 in Juneau, Alaska, and District 13 in Seattle as a Readiness Planner from 1986 through 1995. Retired in 1996.
- Recalled to active duty in March 03. Transferred back to Pacific Area Plans in July 03. Current orders are to 30 June 06, I hope to extend until my 60th birthday in May 07.
- Wrote and published Pacific Area Contingency and Military Outload Plans during the past year.
- Current projects include the Pacific Area Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

Previous Books Commercially Published:

- *The Great Christ Debate, A Quest for the Theological Reconciliation of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, 1978.
- *A Matter of Spiritual Custody*, 1989. This dealt with a custody battle in which the Catholic Church annulled my son's baptism. He is now an Orthodox rabbi in the Air Force.
- My research has been covered by the PAX TV network and on the History Channel.

Reader Reviews on Amazon.Com

★★★★★ **Outstanding Research and Follow Through**, October 31, 2004

Reviewer: [Steve Handrop](#) (San Diego, CA)

Barry's book goes beyond the other Bible Code books and introduces the critical mapping references. I like the way he kept to the scientific method, even under conflicting pressures from many sources, including his own. I just wish I had the time and the archeological training, to go with him on his next expedition! This book was easy to read and I did not put it down until I finished. I can't wait for his next book or better yet, his actual discovery of either the duplicate or the real Ark.

★★★★☆ **Ark Code Informative & Personal - a good read!**, August 28, 2004

Reviewer: [Dr. Leon Weissberg](#) (Boca Raton, FL)

The Ark Code is a compelling account of Barry Roffman's journey to find the hidden location of the Ark of the Covenant. He provides the reader with not just a detailed anecdotal of his journey across the sea and across continents, but also his own personal perspective of the meaning of this journey that he takes with his family. I found the book a good read and one incredibly full of insight into the divine elements of the codes of the Torah. He spells out clearly what he's doing and how he's trying to find the answers through the codes. What is very compelling about the book is Roffman's honesty in revealing that perhaps the codes aren't going to do what he hopes they will. He corrects some false assumptions and provides the reader with a genuinely honest perspective on the nature of the Codes.

★★★★☆ Reviewer: [Nevin L. Fidler](#) from Citrus Heights, CA USA

Webster defines the word controversy as "a discussion marked especially by the expression of opposing views." This definition is the very core of all writings pertaining to the theory of the Bible Code and could list the phrase "Bible Code" as a major synonym for controversy. Experts in the Jewish religion, mathematics, computer programming and combinations of these fields are constantly engaged in dueling theories and interpretations. This is to be expected since the theory of the existence of the Bible Code has the ability to affect the religious tenets of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths and alter how these faiths are practiced.

Until the publication of Mr. Roffman's book; most of the written material surrounding the Bible Code has been centered around proving whether or not it exists, based upon the various mathematical formulae utilized by the individual author, and whether or not similar results could be found in other written volumes. With the introduction of Mr. Roffman's view that the Ark of the Covenant can be found, using clues based upon his interpretation of the Bible Code, there has been major dissension within the Jewish Orthodox community based on religious grounds. The religious and academic furor surrounding his theory will continue on paper until an actual move is made to prove or disprove this theory and by interpolation, the existence of the Bible Code.

As a non-Jew, non-mathematician and basic computer end user; I found Mr. Roffman's book very easy to read. His style is crisp and to the point and despite my lack of expertise in mathematics and Judaism I was easily able to follow his logic in these areas. What stands out in this book, when compared to other literature and academic papers in this field, is that Mr. Roffman approaches his writing from a purely scientific viewpoint that sometimes is contrary to his religion. He provides opposing theories and explanations and sticks to pure analytical thought as he leads the reader past these alternates and back to his interpretations. This is a refreshing change from previous authors whose personal agendas were easily discerned.

The biggest difference between Mr. Roffman's writings and those of other experts in the Bible Code is that Mr. Roffman has a method of checking his findings. This method is simply to look for the Ark of the Covenant in the area that Mr. Roffman has documented as a possible resting place. Note that I said possible because Mr. Roffman allows for the fact that his search may not be productive. It is time to take the next logical step in authenticating the Bible Code and fund an expedition to attempt to locate the Ark. This may be another step in unraveling the mysteries of the Code or it may be the Rosetta Stone.

Nothing in this review should be taken as demeaning the work of the scholars who have been actively engaged in this controversy or the sincere religious beliefs of those who are for or against seeking the Ark. What this non-mathematician, non-Jew and computer end-user observes is that there is now a chance to move this study from paper to fieldwork and the chance must be taken. The collateral knowledge and international cooperation that would be gained from such an expedition would be worth the funding requirements and a step would be taken towards resolution of the controversy surrounding the Bible Code. The Chinese say that the longest journey must begin with the first step. To work towards solution of the Bible Code controversy it is time to TAKE THE NEXT STEP! We need an expedition to look for the Ark and get out of the academic paper world.

★★★★☆ Reviewer: **Robert E McCoy** from Greenfield IN

I found this book to be insightful into the world of bible/torah codes. Barry Roffman is a controversial person and his views are interesting and worth considering. He is the only person to date to claim discovery of a mapping system (like a road map) in the codes. He backs it up with the math and is very open with his logic. One thing that is a bit out there is that he proposes his work to be a litmus test for the existence of the codes...thus if his conclusions are not proven then he might just be throwing out the baby with the bath water... All in all it is well thought out and worth a read to any code seeker.

STATEMENT BY DR. ROBERT HARALICK, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AT CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, AND INTERNATIONAL TORAH CODES SOCIETY CHAIRMAN:

Barry Roffman's experiments

In 1998, I first became acquainted with Barry Roffman's experiments which employed Torah codes in a novel way: there was a sketch of a Torah Codes ELS map with course angle directions to designate a location. I can testify that from his early work to all the evidence he provides in this book, his hypothesis has not changed; and he has been working with and developing the same idea. In other words, from 1998 on there was public knowledge that he did *not* do thousands of different kinds of experiments and reject those that did not succeed, so that in this book he would only tell about those that did succeed. At Barry's request in 2002, I wrote programs that would perform a proper Monte Carlo experiment on his matrices. Without going into all the technical details, the experiments showed that his matrices are statistically significant. It was not likely that they would occur by chance.

There is one more thing that needs to be understood about Barry's hypothesis about the Ark and Torah codes. The Torah code hypothesis, that most of the Torah code researchers hold, is that key words that relate to logically historically related events tend to have ELSs that form more compact relationships in the Torah text than would be expected by chance. Put in symbolic form, this statement is A implies B where A is "key words that relate to a logically historically related events" and B is "tend to have ELSs that form more compact relationships in the Torah text than would be expected by chance." The hypothesis says nothing about compact formations of ELSs that are associated with key words not related to any historical event.

At this time, we do not know where the Ark of the Covenant is hidden. It may be where Barry hypothesizes it, or it may not. If it is not where he hypothesizes, then we do not have an historical event corresponding to his key words. If an archaeological exploration at the site he hypothesizes does not yield any evidence about the ark, this would *not* provide any negative evidence against the Torah code hypothesis. The truth of the proposition that A implies B is not affected by negative evidence against the proposition that B implies A . However, if an expedition yields evidence of the ark where he hypothesizes, then that evidence will be supportive for the Torah code hypothesis. This is because the archaeological evidence establishes the historical event so that we can assert A : *The Ark of the Covenant is buried near Lake Bardawil at El Zuqba, Egypt*. His book provides the evidence for B – that at least in the case of the Ark of the Covenant, geographic site names are encoded in such manner as to lead us to something very precious that has been lost for at least 2,590 years.

Suggested Questions

- What exactly are the Bible codes?
- How did you become involved with the Bible Code?
- What does Ark Code say about aliens? Do you believe, as some do, that they had a hand in this coding?
- What types of structures do you think are dominant in Code matrices?
- If you believe so strongly in the location you present for the Ark, why not just go there and retrieve it?
- What do the Codes say about the end-times?
- How do you explain matrices from Moby Dick that Dr. McKay has found? Don't these cast doubt on the Bible Code?
- How do you believe finding the Ark via the Bible Code would impact science, religion, and geopolitics?
- Do you see any potential dangers in the application of Bible code results?
- Is it possible to misuse the Codes, and if so, how?
- How can your readers get involved in the hunt for the Ark?