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Dear James,

Thank you for your question. You wanted to know what happened to Aaron's rod that budded and the golden pot of manna that had been placed in the Ark of the Covenant. "This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded and the stone tablets of the covenant." (Hebrews 9:4) In Hebrews 9 the Apostle Paul refers to the time of Moses when the Tabernacle was prepared (verse 2).

Approximately 500 years later, King Solomon completed his Temple. It was then that the ark, which was previously in the Tabernacle, was brought to the Temple. 1 Kings 8:9 states, "There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt." What happened to Aaron's rod and the golden pot of manna?

It is not known when these items were removed. The Philistines could have removed or lost them when they captured the ark. See 1 Samuel 4 and 5. What we do know is that these items were not placed in Solomon's Temple.

The declaration that there was nothing in the ark except the tables of stone on which was inscribed the Law seems at first to be in conflict with the Apostle's statement in Hebrews 9:4 where he mentions also the golden pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded. We are to remember, however, that this description related to the Tabernacle and not to the Temple.

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