

FOUND THE ARK OF NOAH

A Greek Priest Who Tells a Very
Queer Story With Many
Details.

The Bow and Stern in Position
But the Sides Are
Caved In.

It Was Rusted on Mount Ararat for Be-
tween 5,000 and 6,000 Years
Up to Date.

The Rev. John Joseph Norri, D.D., L.L.D., the chaldean archdeacon of Babylon and Jerusalem, who arrived at San Francisco the other day on the steamer China, according to the Examiner, says he has seen Noah's ark. As he recounted he has traveled, preaching and exploring in various lands, 240,000 miles. He set out from his home in Jerusalem seven years ago, and it will be five years yet, he says, before he gets back. In the five years he will travel 180,000 miles more, making a total in the twelve years of 420,000 miles, or a distance of more than fifteen times around the earth. In addition to the office held by him, as indicated by his degrees, he is pontifical delegate general of Nador and ex-grand secretary of the metropolitan archdiocese of Persia and India. He was educated at Babylon, previous to which he spent much of his time in Jerusalem and Bagdad.

One of the things he told about was his explorations in the Mountains of the Moon, in the east of Central Africa, while trying to find the source of the Nile, in which he found gold so plentiful that the mountains were fairly ribbed with it, and boulders along the way sparkled with the yellow metal. The other was the discovery of the sources of the Tigris and Euphrates in Mount Ararat in Armenia, and a tremendous vessel on top of one horn of Mount Ararat, which he regards as the veritable ark of Noah.

"In his journey to the undiscovered and hitherto unexplored Mountains of the Moon," said he, "I set out from Alexandria and penetrated 2,000 miles in the interior. I went by way of Cairo, thence down to Cordar, and thence to Kartoun in the Valley of the Nile. From there I proceeded to Timbuctoo, in the south of the great Sahara. Timbuctoo now has between 50,000 and 70,000 people. It is very ancient and very famous, lying with Morocco, Algiers and Tripoli in commercial trade. Great caravans of horses, camels and elephants ply between all these cities. I had traveling with me and accompanying the rest of my party six Abyssinians who were of the Greek orthodox faith. We moved forward in all kinds of ways, sometimes on donkeys, again on camels and in the high mountains on foot. It took us between five and six months to complete our explorations. All this time, whenever we were among any people, no matter how barbarous, I preached to them.

"About 200 miles over the desert from Timbuctoo we began to get into the gold bearing mountains. The richness of the mountains increased as we advanced until the rocks were covered with gold.

"From here I still extended my researches, preaching all the time when I could as I went. I had in view the searching of the sources of the two great rivers of the Bible—the Tigris and Euphrates, of Mesopotamia. Gaining facts, as I am, for a great ecclesiastical history of the Eastern church throughout the world, and constantly visiting ancient museums, universities, and everywhere where manuscripts and tablets could be found, I thought it was important to search for myself for the source of those great rivers. I found them at great difficulty, and in doing this I climbed almost to the top of the horns of Mount Ararat in Armenia. Up toward the domes of Mount Ararat, I saw a large, large in area, which must be designated as a lake. It is nearly 2,000 feet above the level of the sea. About 200 feet above the plain I found the sources of these two great rivers. They are very close together, and the water was extremely cold and clear.

"Then we proceeded to ascend to the top of Mount Ararat. We first chose the smaller horn. This is not very high, only 14,000 feet high, while the other is, as nearly as can be ascertained, about 18,000 feet in altitude. We succeeded in getting up about 14,000 feet. There was perfect calm, and it lay very deep. A violent wind was blowing, and the mountain was so precipitous that we could not go farther. Accordingly, we descended our way and went down to a point from which we could look over to the other mountain we went over to and began climbing. We reached an altitude of 14,000 or 15,000 feet. The snow here was very deep. We walked as though it was impossible to go any farther. We walked for hours and hours on the snow, and finally came down 2,000 or 3,000 feet.

"It was in the month of March that we made up our minds that it would be impossible to reach the top in such weather. We must wait till the snow, or a great deal of it, at least melted. We accordingly went still further below, and remained all April. Then we were abundantly paid for all our labor, for we discovered what I feel sure was the ark, the actual work of Noah. I discovered it myself, being the first to see it. I saw it through a field glass at first, though we got so close to it that it was visible to the eye. It was a large, high, light over the green grass. It was a deep snow and over glaciers of probably 16,000 or 16,000 feet and within 1,500 or 2,000 feet of the top. Presently a great object came into view through the snow. It was the bow and stern of a vessel. The bow and stern were clearly in view, but the center of it was buried in snow and one side of it had fallen down and was decayed. It stood more than 100 feet high, and was more than 300 yards long. The wood seemed very peculiar. It was dark reddish, almost non-colored, and seemed very thick. I saw it perfectly, especially the rear part. It is between 6,000 and 6,000 years old. Would the wood last for that time? Oh, yes. It would not be not for the wood, but the metal preserved it. Were it not for that constructed vessel, the wood as it is, it would have been impossible to last over 2,000 or 3,000 years. As it is, it will be preserved for 6,000 or 7,000 years.

"Never before have I told of the discovery for publication," said he, "and I never have told it to anybody, except to a few people in India. I will tell you why I did not announce it before. It is because some of the people I told it to laughed and would not believe it. Therefore I said I will not tell it, unless they ask me, but when they do I will tell the entire story. Montaigne, I trust to the future to verify what I have seen. It was on April 25, at about two o'clock in the afternoon, that I finally saw the ark upon the mountain. I was almost overcome. The sight of the ark, thus verifying the truth of the scriptures, in which I had before had no doubt, but which for the sake of those who did not believe, I was glad, filled me with gratitude.

"The top of the ark that still remained was covered with a cap of from five to ten feet of snow, but in other places, where the top has fallen in, I judge the snow is from thirty to fifty feet deep. I went clear around and came back again, and looked at the rear or stern critically at length and with great care. Not a cloud nor a rift or even heavy snow obstructed the view. It was all as clear and plain as the clearest sunlight could make it. Some of the rooms or turrets of the ark were broken half way by the snow and protruded over. I pushed for quite a time, contemplating with gratitude and awe the discovery. I made the complete circuit of the dome, and had with the almost care noted the great vessel from many different points. I thoroughly ascertained myself, going back and repeatedly at different parts of the great craft that once for forty days and forty nights had on board of it every living and creeping animal and insect and every flying thing in the world.

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