

Has Jeremiah Become Known As "Ollam Fodhla"?

Was "Ollam Fodhla", mentioned in the Irish annals, the name by which Jeremiah the prophet became known in Ireland? This article details the research on this question, looking at Irish history and chronology.

It has been claimed that Ollam Fodhla was not Jeremiah. Ollam was of known Milesian descent in Irish history. He is also a known descendent of Scota. "Baruch" Jeremiah's "scribe" is also further down the lineage from Ollam (about 400 years).

One critic wrote that "Ollam Fodhla is well known in the Irish Annals and was considered (and documented) as one of the Milesian race, having ancestral heritage (not suddenly turning up in a boat). Ollam Fodhla is sometimes referred to as the 21st King. Some National Israel writers seem to miss the obvious problems linked to the idea that Ollam Fodhla (Jeremiah) is actually descended from Scota / Milesius. The approximate times of Ollam Fodhla's descent and reign, were dated about 400 years after Milesius, based on the Annals of the Four Masters ...

Answer:

We are working with the Irish annals as our main source, therefore it must be noted that they are written as poetry, and cannot be taken as very accurate historical accounts of the past. However, some research sheds a bit of light on this age and a possible course of events emerges for us to see.

Ollam Fodhla has not been suggested as the Irish name for Jeremiah without detailed consideration of the attempts to date and organise the information contained in the Irish annals. We should however be aware that these annals sometimes contradict each other in the details and also that their chronologies are often flawed. For example, many scholars agree that THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY KINGS IN THE IRISH LINEAGE AND THAT SOME HAVE, EITHER OUT OF IGNORANCE OR PURPOSE, BEEN ADDED.

The "Annals of the Four Masters" place the first year of Ollam Fodhla at A.M. (anno mundi) 3883. But we can see immediately that the assertion that this corresponds to the year 1317 BC does not agree with Biblical chronology. They assumed, adopting the Septuagint chronology, that it took 5200 years from Adam to Christ, some 1200 years too many! A better way to date the arrival of Ollam Fodhla is described in the book "The Royal House of Britain - an Enduring Dynasty" (available through The Covenant Bookshop, <http://www.covpub.co.uk/>), which is highly recommended to those interested in the details of this subject). Here we read that King Cimboath lived during the founding of Emania as the provincial capital of Ulster. His reign helps to determine the arrival of Ollam Fodhla through some ancient manuscripts attributed to the old-time poet Fortchern, which place him eight generations before Emania. We quote: "The 'Book of Invasions' is also cited as giving the names of the seven kings between Ollam's time and Cimboath." So we have a second witness. Scholars have concluded that Ollam may thus have lived about 240 years before Cimboath, who lived up until 346 BC. THIS YIELDS A DATE FOR OLLAM'S ARRIVAL ON THE IRISH SCENE OF 586 B.C., right at the time when Jerusalem was taken by Nebuchadrezzar!