



# LOST WORLDS OF ANCIENT AMERICA

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## *Story Angles*

### **Headline: Jews in America Before Columbus**

#### **Subheadline: New Evidence for arrivals from ancient Israel**

Scientific testing of an engraved tablet removed from a Tennessee burial mound by Smithsonian Institution archaeologists has confirmed that its Hebrew text was inscribed nearly 2,000 years ago. This finding by Minnesota geologist, Scott Wolter, has been complimented by a Catskill Mountain stone emblazoned with the contemporaneous image of a menorah. Both discoveries, which threaten to overturn official views of our continent's prehistory, are described in "The Lost Worlds of Ancient America."

### **Headline: Peruvians Mastered Flight Centuries Before Wright Brothers**

#### **Subheadline: Pre-Inca aviators soared over the Andes**

Aerostats, or free-floating hot-air balloons operated by Amazonian natives; Andean traditions of ancestral flights through the heavens, and prehistoric pottery illustrations depicting such adventures; plus physical evidence on the ground in Peru, combine to show that the ancient inhabitants of South America took to the sky even before the birth of the Inca Empire. Their forgotten aeronautical achievements, together with photographs of modern attempts at recreating them, are showcased in "The Lost Worlds of Ancient America."

## **Headline: Who Made the Stone Spheres of Ancient Central America?**

### **Subheadline: Costa Rican evidence for ancient high technology**

Beginning in 1940, the first of what would eventually amount to hundreds of virtually perfect stone spheres --- some nearly seven feet across and weighing up to sixteen tons -- was accidentally unearthed from the soil of Costa Rica. Who sculpted them, how long ago, and for what purpose? These are some of the questions tackled in "The Lost Worlds of Ancient America."