

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
DAVID AND THE ARK
2 SAMUEL 6



The Heart of the Matter

Once David became the king of Israel, he desired to reestablish the name and worship of Jehovah in the conscience of the nation. Under Saul, the Jews had become negligent in their spiritual walk. Because the favor and protection of Jehovah were inseparably linked with certain tangibles (burnt offerings, observing the Sabbath, and revering tabernacle furniture), the king determined to secure the ark of the covenant and reinstate the significance of the tabernacle . . . placing the ark in the midst of the people in Jerusalem. This chapter of Scripture involves all that transpired in moving the ark to the capital city and David's response to its presence.



Discovering the Way

1. Description of David . . . and Why (Acts 13:22)

God refers to David as "a man after My heart" because David took the Lord seriously, desiring to have his life in sync with God's desires.

2. Transportation of the Ark . . . and What (2 Samuel 6:1–19)

The ark was the place where the Lord met with His people, and moving it had to be undertaken with care. All of God's precepts had to be followed.

3. Celebration of the Lord . . . and How (2 Samuel 6:20–23)

David celebrated before the Lord as he had finally brought the ark to Jerusalem.

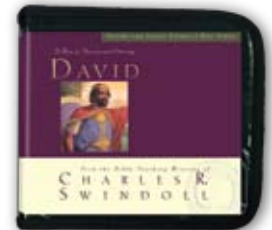


Starting Your Journey

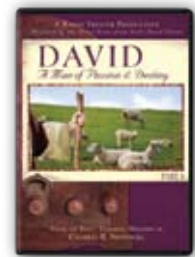
Two lessons emerge from this text: first, the better you know where you stand with the Lord, the freer you can be. And second, the freer you are before the Lord, the more confident you will be.



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THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

Scripture

Exodus 25:10–22. Original Hebrew term is used 195 times in the Old Testament.

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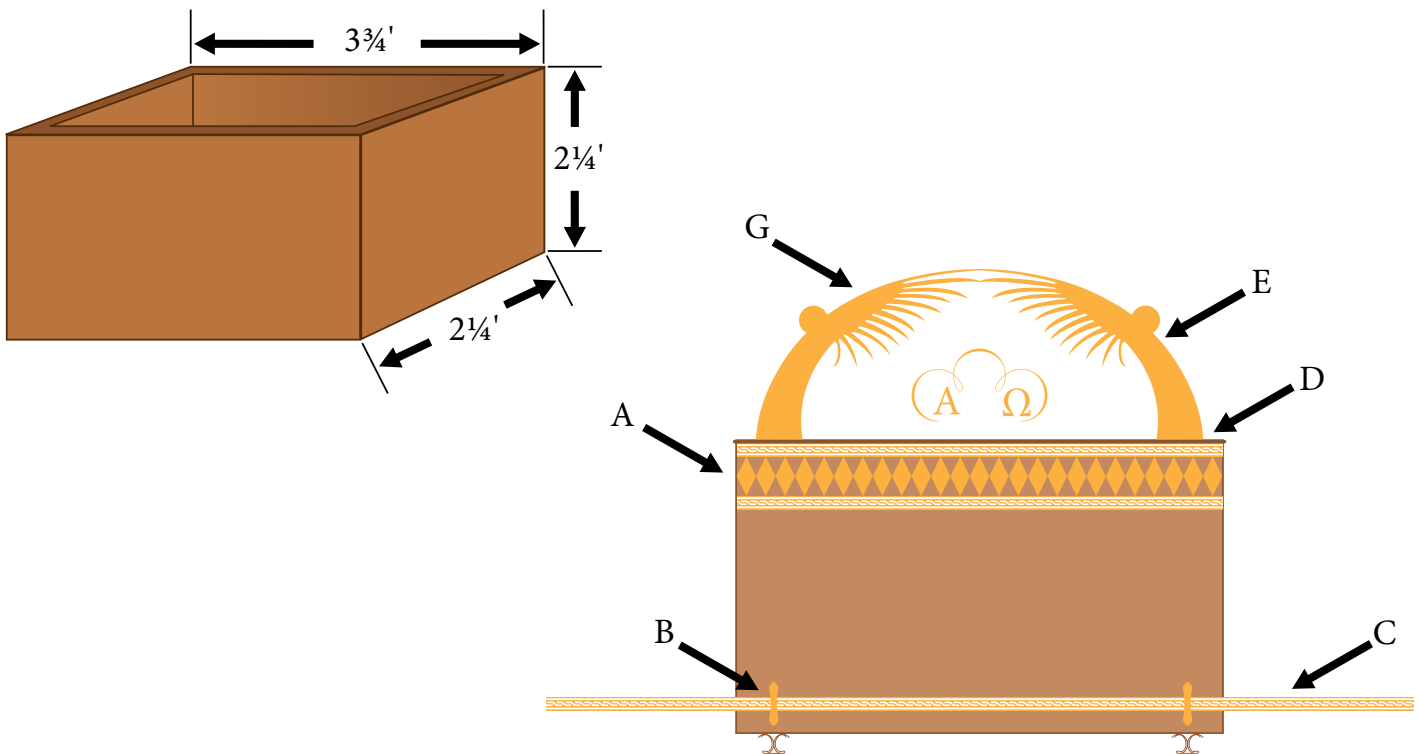
The Hebrew word translated *ark* means, literally, “box” or “chest,” suggesting its primary function as a container.

Specifications

The ark’s pattern, as revealed to Moses at Mt. Sinai, was to be comprised of a *body* (made of acacia wood) rectangular in shape, gold-plated inside and out with a gold molding (border) around it, forming a rim (A). Its dimensions were 3¾ feet long, 2¼ feet wide, and 2¼ feet high. Another significant part of the ark was its *cover*, called a “mercy seat” (D). This was a covering plate of pure gold that matched the dimensions of the chest (3¾ x 2¼ feet). At either end of this cover was a hammered gold cherub (E, G) with wings outstretched over the plate. Beneath this plate, within the container, were three objects, according to Hebrews 9:4—a golden jar holding manna, Aaron’s rod, and the tables of the covenant. Jehovah promised He would meet with the people above the mercy seat (A Ω).

Moving

At the base of each of the four corners there was a fixed ring of gold (B). Through these rings were slipped gold-plated poles (C) by which the entire chest was to be carried. Numbers 3:31, 4:15, and 7:9 clearly state that handling the tabernacle furniture was to be done by the Levites . . . on their shoulders.



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