

## The Ark of the Covenant

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The ark was overshadowed by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the glory cloud called the “Shekinah.” The ark was the dwelling place of God’s presence. (Exodus 40:34)

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The ark contained:  
The Ten Commandments on the tablets of stone,  
the manna from the desert in the golden urn,  
the priestly rod of Aaron that budded.  
(Hebrews 9:4; Deuteronomy 10:5)

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The ark traveled to the hill country of Judea to rest in the house of Obed-edom. (2 Samuel 6:1- 11)

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Dressed as a priest, King David danced and leaped for joy as the ark approached.  
(2 Samuel 6:14-16)

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David shouted for joy in the presence of the ark.  
(2 Samuel 6:15)

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David asks, “How can the ark of the Lord come to me?”  
(2 Samuel 6:9)

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The ark remained in the house of Obed-edom for three months and his house was greatly blessed.  
(2 Samuel 6:11)

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In Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, the Israelites circle Jericho with the ark of the covenant, blowing horns for seven days before the victory.  
(Joshua 6)

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“You Shall make an ark of acacia wood...plate it inside and outside with pure gold, and put a **molding of gold around the top of it.**”  
(Exodus 25:10-11)

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The ark returns home and ends up in Jerusalem, where God’s presence and glory is revealed in the temple. (2 Samuel 6:12; 1 Kings 8:9-11)

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**“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple...”**  
(Rev. 11:19)

## The Virgin Mary The Ark of The New Covenant

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The Virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and her womb became the dwelling place of the presence of God Incarnate.  
(Luke 1:35)

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The womb of the Virgin Mary contained Preborn Jesus, the Word of God Made Flesh (not just the tablets), The True Bread of Life (not just the manna), Jesus, the eternal Priestly King, (not just the rod).  
(Luke 1:35, John 6:41, Rev. 12:5)

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The Virgin Mary traveled to the hill country of Judea to the home of Elizabeth. (Luke 1:39)

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John the Baptist, of priestly lineage, leaped for joy in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth, as the Virgin Mary, carrying Preborn Jesus within her womb, approached. (Luke 1:41)

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Elizabeth exclaims with a loud cry of joy in the presence of the Virgin Mary carrying Preborn Jesus.  
(Luke 1:42)

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Elizabeth asks, “How does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”  
(Luke 1:43)

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The word “blessed” is used three times; indeed, the house of Elizabeth and Zechariah was blessed by God during the three months Mary remained there.  
(Luke 1:39-56)

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The angels blew seven trumpets, announcing the victory over Satan (Rev. 8-11) before introducing Mary, Ark of The New Covenant (Rev. 12), which proceeds the final battle in heaven.

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“A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun... and **on her head a crown of twelve stars.**”  
(Rev. 12:1)

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The Virgin Mary returns home and eventually ends up in Jerusalem, where she presents God Incarnate in the temple. (Luke 1:56; 2:21-22)

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**“And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”**  
(Rev. 12:1)