

## **Strawbridge UMC Fall 2021 Bible Study**

### **The Ark of the Covenant**

(Fall Bible Study Syllabus)

- A. Read the Ark of the Covenant - Overview (*pdf*)
- B. Read the scriptures for the weekly lessons (*assigned each prior week*)
- C. Make study notes especially questions you have
- D. Participate in the LIVE Zoom meetings & Facebook broadcasts
- E. Understand Significance of Ark in Our Own Salvation

#### **Week 1 – Exodus 25 and 31**

- The Purpose for the Ark
- The Instructions for Construction given to Moses
- Who Built It
- Who Funded the Building of It

#### **Week 2 – Exodus 36 and 40**

- Were Instructions Followed
- Where was the Ark Placed
- Can You Visualize the Ark and its Temple Residence
- Exodus 20:4-5 (???)

#### **Week 3+ - Reference Scriptures by Selection**

List of relevant scriptures concerning the Ark (*in no particular order*)

#### **Exodus 20:4-5 \*\*\***

says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

#### **1 Samuel 6:19**

He struck down some of the men of Beth-Shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the Lord. He struck down of all the people, 50,070 men, and the people mourned because the Lord had struck the people with a great slaughter.

#### **Hebrews 9:1-5**

Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the

lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place. Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,

### **Jeremiah 3:16**

It shall be in those days when you are multiplied and increased in the land," declares the Lord, "they will no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord.' And it will not come to mind, nor will they remember it, nor will they miss it, nor will it be made again.

### **2 Samuel 6:1-23**

Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim. They placed the ark of God on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

### **2 Chronicles 35:3**

He also said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the Lord, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; it will be a burden on your shoulders no longer. Now serve the Lord your God and His people Israel.

### **1 Kings 8:9**

There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

### **Exodus 25:22**

There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

### **Revelation 11:19**

And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

### **Numbers 10:33**

Thus they set out from the mount of the Lord three days' journey, with the ark of the

covenant of the Lord journeying in front of them for the three days, to seek out a resting place for them.

### **Exodus 37:1-9**

Now Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits; and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding for it all around. He cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.

### **2 Samuel 6:12-16**

Now it was told King David, saying, "The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. And David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, and David was wearing a linen ephod.

### **Joshua 3:6**

And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over ahead of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went ahead of the people.

### **1 Kings 3:15**

Then Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

### **Deuteronomy 10:3-4**

"So I [Moses] made the ark out of acacia wood and chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hands. The Lord wrote on these tablets what he had written before, the Ten Commandments he had proclaimed to you on the mountain...."

### **1 Kings 14:25-26\*\*\***

In the fifth year of King [Rehoboam](#), [Shishak](#) king of [Egypt](#) attacked [Jerusalem](#). He carried off the treasures of the [Temple of the Lord](#) and the treasures of the royal [palace](#). **He took everything**, including all the [gold shields](#) Solomon had made.

## **Thematic Topics on the Ark of the Covenant:**

- Ark of the covenant » Tables of testimony alone placed in
- Ark of the covenant » Was carried » By priests of Levites alone
- Ark of the covenant » Profanation of, punished
- Ark of the covenant » The Israelites inquired of the lord before
- Ark of the covenant » **Placed in the holy of holies**
- Ark of the covenant » Brought into the city of David
- Ark of the covenant » Brought by Solomon into the temple with great solemnity
- Ark of the covenant » David made a tent for
- Ark of the covenant » Was called the » Ark of God's strength
- Ark of the covenant » Furnished with rings and staves
- Ark of the covenant » The pot of manna and Aaron's rod laid up before
- Ark of the covenant » **A type of Christ**
- Ark of the covenant » **Mercy-seat** laid upon
- Ark of the covenant » Was called the Ark of the testimony
- Ark of the covenant » Was carried before the Israelites in their journeys
- Ark of the covenant » Entirely covered with gold
- Ark of the covenant » Dimensions, of
- Ark of the covenant » Protecting of, rewarded
- Ark of the covenant » A copy of the law laid in the side of
- Ark of the covenant » Sanctified its resting-place
- Ark of the covenant » **Was Holy**
- Ark of the covenant » A symbol of the presence and glory of God
- Ark of the covenant » Esteemed the glory of Israel
- Ark of the covenant » Miracles connected with » Manner of its restoration

Ark of the covenant » Miracles connected with » Philistines plagued

Ark of the covenant » Removed from Kirjath-Jearim to the house of Obed-Edom

Ark of the covenant » Miracles connected with » Fall of Dagon

Ark of the covenant » Was carried » Sometimes to the camp in war

Ark of the covenant » At Kirjath-Jearim twenty years

Ark of the covenant » Miracles connected with » Fall of the walls of Jericho

Ark of the covenant » Was called the » **Ark of the covenant of the Lord**

Ark of the covenant » Covered with the vail by the priests before removal

Ark of the covenant » Captured by the Philistines

Ark of the covenant » Was called the » **Ark of God**

Ark of the covenant » Surrounded with a crown of gold

Ark of the covenant » Anointed with sacred oil

Ark of the covenant » Miracles connected with » Jordan divided

Ark of the covenant » Joy » Instances of » Of the Israelites » Taking »

Ark of the covenant » From Kirjath-Jearim

Ark of the covenant » associated with tumors and mice

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