第四篇

約櫃和帳幕的歷史

詩歌：

讀經：撒上四 1～七 2

撒上 4:1 撒母耳的話傳遍了以色列。以色列人出去與非利士人打仗，安營在以便以謝附近；非利士人安營在亞弗。

撒上 4:2 非利士人向以色列人擺陣。戰事展開後，以色列人在非利士人面前被擊敗；非利士人殺了在田野陣地上的人，約有四千。

撒上 4:3 百姓回到營裏，以色列的長老說，耶和華今日爲何在非利士人面前擊敗我們呢？我們不如將耶和華的約櫃從示羅接到我們這裏來，好進入我們中間，救我們脫離仇敵的手。

撒上 4:4 於是百姓打發人到示羅，從那裏將坐在二基路伯中間萬軍之耶和華的約櫃抬來。以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈與神的約櫃同來。

撒上 4:5 耶和華的約櫃到了營中，全以色列就大聲歡呼，地也迴聲響應。

撒上 4:6 非利士人聽見歡呼的聲音，就說，在希伯來人營裏有這樣大聲的歡呼，是怎麼回事？隨後就知道耶和華的約櫃到了營中。

撒上 4:7 非利士人就懼怕起來，因爲他們說，有神到了他們營中；又說，我們有禍了！因爲向來不曾有這樣的事。

撒上 4:8 我們有禍了！誰能救我們脫離這些大能之神的手呢？從前在曠野用各樣災殃擊打埃及人的，就是這些神。

撒上 4:9 非利士人哪，你們要剛強，要作大丈夫，免得作希伯來人的奴僕，如同他們作過你們的奴僕一樣。你們要作大丈夫，與他們爭戰。

撒上 4:10 非利士人和以色列人打仗，以色列人被擊敗，各向各家奔逃；被殺的人甚多，以色列的步兵仆倒了三萬。

撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。

撒上 4:12 當日，有一個便雅憫人從陣上逃跑，衣服撕裂，頭蒙塵土，來到示羅。

撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。

撒上 4:14 以利聽見呼喊的聲音就說，這喧嚷的聲音是怎麼回事？那人急忙來報信給以利。

Message Four

The History of the Ark and the Tabernacle

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: 1 Sam. 4:1—7:2

1 Sam. 4:1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. And Israel went forth against the Philistines in battle; and they encamped near Eben-ezer, and the Philistines encamped in Aphek.

1 Sam. 4:2 And the Philistines arrayed themselves against Israel; and when the battle spread, Israel was struck down before the Philistines. And they slew about four thousand men of the array in the field.

1 Sam. 4:3 And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has Jehovah struck us down today before the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from Shiloh that it may come into our midst, and thus save us from the hand of our enemies.

1 Sam. 4:4 So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they took up from there the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah of hosts who is enthroned between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Ark of the Covenant of God.

1 Sam. 4:5 And when the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, and the earth resounded.

1 Sam. 4:6 And the Philistines heard the sound of the shout and said, What does the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean? Then they found out that the Ark of Jehovah had come into their camp.

1 Sam. 4:7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into their camp. And they said, Woe to us! For there has never been such a thing as this before.

1 Sam. 4:8 Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck the Egyptians with every kind of plague in the wilderness.

1 Sam. 4:9 Be strong and be men, O Philistines, lest you become servants to the Hebrews as they have been servants to you. Be men then and fight.

1 Sam. 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and they struck Israel; and every man fled to his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell.

1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Sam. 4:12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the array and came to Shiloh on the same day, with his clothes torn and earth upon his head.

1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.

1 Sam. 4:14 And when Eli heard the sound of the cry, he said, What does this sound of commotion mean? And the man hurried and came and told Eli.

撒上 4:15 那時以利九十八歲了，眼目發直，不能看見。
撒上 4:16 那人對以利說，我是從陣上來的，今日我從陣上逃回。以利說，我兒，事情怎樣？
撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。
撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。
撒上 4:19 以利的兒媳，非尼哈的妻子懷孕將到產期，她聽見神的約櫃被擄去，以及她公公和丈夫都死了的消息，就猛然疼痛，曲身生產。
撒上 4:20 她將要死的時候，旁邊站着的婦人們對她說，不要怕，你生了一個兒子了；她卻不回答，也不放在心上。
撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。
撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。
撒上 5:1 非利士人將神的約櫃擄去，從以便以謝抬到亞實突。
撒上 5:2 非利士人將神的約櫃抬進大衮廟，放在大衮的旁邊。

撒上 5:3 次日，亞實突人清早起來，見大衮仆倒在耶和華的約櫃前，面伏於地，就把大衮放回原處。
撒上 5:4 又次日清早起來，見大衮仆倒在耶和華的約櫃前，面伏於地，並且大衮的頭和兩手掌都在門檻上折斷，只剩下大衮的軀幹。
撒上 5:5 因此，在亞實突，大衮的祭司和一切進大衮廟的人，都不踏大衮廟的門檻，直到今日。
撒上 5:6 耶和華的手重重的加在亞實突人身上，敗壞他們，擊打他們，使他們生痔瘡，亞實突和其四境都是如此。
撒上 5:7 亞實突人見這光景，就說，以色列神的約櫃不可留在我們這裏，因爲祂的手厲害的加在我們和我們的神大衮身上；
撒上 5:8 就打發人去請非利士人的眾首領到他們那裏聚集，問他們說，我們向以色列神的約櫃應當怎樣行呢？他們回答說，可以將以色列神的約櫃轉運到迦特去。於是將以色列神的約櫃轉運到那裏去。
撒上 5:9 轉運到那裏之後，耶和華的手攻擊那城，引起極大的恐慌；祂擊打那城的人，使他們無論大小都生痔瘡。
撒上 5:10 他們就把神的約櫃送到以革倫。神的約櫃到了以革倫，以革倫人就喊嚷起來說，他們將以色列神的約櫃轉運到我們這裏，要害死我們和我們的族人。
撒上 5:11 於是打發人去請非利士的眾首領來聚集，說，願你們將以色列神的約櫃送回原處，免得害死我們和我們的族人。原來神的手重重的攻擊那城，城中的人有因驚慌而死的；
撒上 5:12 沒有死的人都受擊打生了痔瘡。城中呼號的聲音上達於天。
撒上 6:1 耶和華的約櫃在非利士人的鄉間七個月。
撒上 6:2 非利士人將祭司和占卜的召了來，問他們說，我們向耶和

1 Sam. 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, and he could not see.
1 Sam. 4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who has come from the array, and I fled from the array today. And he said, How did the matter go, my son?
1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.
1 Sam. 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to deliver; and when she heard the report that the Ark of God had been taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she bowed down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.
1 Sam. 4:20 And around the time that she died, the women who stood around her said, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer or pay attention.
1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 5:1 When the Philistines took the Ark of God, they brought it from Eben-ezer to Ashdod.
1 Sam. 5:2 And the Philistines took the Ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon, and they set it next to Dagon.
1 Sam. 5:3 And when the Ashdodites arose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground, before the Ark of Jehovah. And they took Dagon and put him back in his place.
1 Sam. 5:4 And when they arose early in the morning of the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground, before the Ark of Jehovah. And Dagon's head and the palms of his hands were cut off, lying on the threshold; only Dagon's trunk was left to him.
1 Sam. 5:5 Because of this, neither the priests of Dagon nor any who enter the house of Dagon tread upon Dagon's threshold in Ashdod to this day.
1 Sam. 5:6 But the hand of Jehovah was heavy upon the Ashdodites, and He devastated them and struck them with tumors, even Ashdod and its borders.
1 Sam. 5:7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Ark of the God of Israel cannot stay with us, for His hand is hard on us and on Dagon our god.
1 Sam. 5:8 Therefore they sent for and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to themselves, and they said, What shall we do with the Ark of the God of Israel? And they said, Let the Ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath. And they brought the Ark of the God of Israel there.

1 Sam. 5:9 Then after they brought it there, the hand of Jehovah was against the city, causing a very great panic. And He struck the men of the city, from small to great; and they broke out with tumors.
1 Sam. 5:10 Then they sent the Ark of God to Ekron. But when the Ark of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought the Ark of the God of Israel around to us to kill us and our people.
1 Sam. 5:11 And they sent for and gathered all the princes of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the Ark of the God of Israel; and let it return to its place, so that it does not kill us and our people. For the panic of death was throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there,
1 Sam. 5:12 And the men who did not die were stricken with tumors. And the cry of the city went up to heaven.
1 Sam. 6:1 Now the Ark of Jehovah was in the country of the Philistines seven months.
1 Sam. 6:2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, What shall we do with the

華的約櫃應當怎樣行？請指示我們用何法將約櫃送回原處。

撒上 6:3 他們說，你們若將以色列神的約櫃送回去，不可空空的送去，必要給祂獻贖愆祭，然後你們可以得痊愈，也可以知道祂的手爲何不離開你們。

撒上 6:4 非利士人說，應當用甚麼獻爲贖愆祭呢？他們回答說，當照非利士人首領的數目，用五個金痔瘡，五隻金老鼠，因爲在你們眾人和你們首領的身上都是一樣的災。

撒上 6:5 所以當製造你們痔瘡的像，和你們那些毀壞地的老鼠的像，並要歸榮耀給以色列的神，或者祂向你們和你們的神，並你們的地，把手放輕些。

撒上 6:6 你們爲何硬着心，像埃及人和法老那樣硬着心呢？神嚴厲的對付埃及人，埃及人豈不是讓以色列人去，他們就去了麼？

撒上 6:7 現在你們應當把一輛新車和兩隻未曾負軛有乳的母牛豫備好，把母牛套在車上，使牛犢回家去，不跟着母牛。

撒上 6:8 把耶和華的約櫃放在車上，將所獻作贖愆祭的金物裝在匣子裏，放在櫃旁，將櫃送去。

撒上 6:9 你們要看看：車若直行以色列的境界上伯示麥去，這大災就是耶和華降在我們身上的；若不然，便可以知道不是祂的手擊打我們，是我們偶然遇見的。

撒上 6:10 非利士人就這樣行，將兩隻有乳的母牛套在車上，將牛犢關在家裏，

撒上 6:11 把耶和華的約櫃和裝金老鼠並痔瘡像的匣子都放在車上。

撒上 6:12 牛在通往伯示麥的路上直行，走在一條大道上，一面走一面叫，不偏左右。非利士人的首領跟在後面，直到伯示麥的境界。

撒上 6:13 伯示麥人正在谷中收割麥子，舉目看見約櫃，就歡歡喜喜的觀看。

撒上 6:14 車到了伯示麥人約書亞的田間，就站住了。在那裏有一塊大石頭。他們把車的木頭劈了，將兩隻母牛獻給耶和華爲燔祭。

撒上 6:15 利未人將耶和華的約櫃和櫃旁裝金物的匣子拿下來，放在那塊大石頭上。當日伯示麥人將燔祭和平安祭獻給耶和華。

撒上 6:16 非利士人的五個首領看見，當日就回以革倫去了。

撒上 6:17 非利士人獻給耶和華作贖愆祭的金痔瘡像，乃是這些：一個是爲亞實突，一個是爲迦薩，一個是爲亞實基倫，一個是爲迦特，一個是爲以革倫。

撒上 6:18 還有金老鼠，是照非利士人五個首領一切城邑的數目，包括堅固的城邑和無城牆的村莊，直到放耶和華約櫃的大石頭那裏；這石頭到今日還在伯示麥人約書亞的田間。

撒上 6:19 耶和華因伯示麥人觀看祂的約櫃，就擊殺他們，共擊殺了民中七十人。百姓因耶和華大大擊殺他們，就哀哭了。

撒上 6:20 伯示麥人說，誰能在耶和華這聖別的神面前站立得住呢？祂可以從我們這裏上到誰那裏去呢？

Ark of Jehovah? Make known to us how we should send it forth to its place.

1 Sam. 6:3 And they said, If you send away the Ark of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty, but be sure to return Him a trespass offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be made known to you why His hand has not turned away from you.

1 Sam. 6:4 And they said, What is the trespass offering that we should return to Him? And they said, Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was upon you all and upon your lords.

1 Sam. 6:5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice that devastate the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps He will lighten His hand on you and your gods and your land.

1 Sam. 6:6 Why then should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had dealt severely with them, did they not let the people go, and they went?

1 Sam. 6:7 So now take and prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which the yoke has never come, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home, away from them.

1 Sam. 6:8 And take the Ark of Jehovah and put it on the cart; and in a box by the side of it, place the articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering; and send it away that it may go.

1 Sam. 6:9 Then watch: If it goes up toward its own border at Beth-shemesh, it is He who has done us this great harm. But if it does not, we will know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance.

1 Sam. 6:10 And the men did so and took two milch cows and tied them to the cart and shut up their calves at home.

1 Sam. 6:11 And they put the Ark of Jehovah on the cart with the box and the gold mice and the images of their tumors.

1 Sam. 6:12 And the cows went straight in the way toward Beth-shemesh; they went on one road, lowing as they went; and they did not turn to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh.

1 Sam. 6:13 Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the Ark, they rejoiced to see it.

1 Sam. 6:14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite and stood still there. And there was a great stone there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered up the cows as a burnt offering to Jehovah.

1 Sam. 6:15 Then the Levites took down the Ark of Jehovah and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold; and they placed them on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to Jehovah.

1 Sam. 6:16 And when the five lords of the Philistines saw this, they returned to Ekron that day.

1 Sam. 6:17 And these are the gold tumors that the Philistines returned to Jehovah as a trespass offering: for Ashdod, one; for Gaza, one; for Ashkelon, one; for Gath, one; for Ekron, one;

1 Sam. 6:18 And the gold mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines that belonged to the five lords, both of fortified cities and country villages, as far as the great stone on which they rested the Ark of Jehovah, which is there to this day, in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite.

1 Sam. 6:19 And He struck the men of Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of Jehovah; and He struck seventy men among the people. And the people mourned because Jehovah struck the people with a great slaughter.

1 Sam. 6:20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who can stand before Jehovah, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?

撒上 6:21 於是他們打發使者去見基列耶琳的居民，說，非利士人將耶和華的約櫃送回來了，你們下來將約櫃接到你們那裏去罷。
撒上 7:1 基列耶琳人就來，將耶和華的約櫃接上去，抬到山上亞比拿達的家中，又使他兒子以利亞撒分別爲聖，看守耶和華的約櫃。
撒上 7:2 從約櫃停在基列耶琳那日起，過了許多日子，有二十年之久，以色列全家都哀慟尋求耶和華。

1 Sam. 6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have returned the Ark of Jehovah; come down and take it up to you.
1 Sam. 7:1 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the Ark of Jehovah and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill, and they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Ark of Jehovah.

1 Sam. 7:2 And it was a long time from the day that the Ark began to abide in Kiriath-jearim, for it was twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah.

壹 基督已經得着我們，使我們能得着祂，好使神得以建造到我們裏面，並使我們得以建造到祂裏面，而成爲團體的神人，就是召會作爲神的帳幕的實際；召會就是活神的家，神與人相互的住處—腓三8，12～14，約一14，啓二一2～3，七15，提前三15，約十四2，23。

I. Christ has gained us so that we might gain Him in order for God to be built into us and for us to be built into Him to become a corporate God-man, the reality of the church as the tabernacle of God, which is the house of the living God, the mutual abode of God and man—Phil. 3:8, 12-14; John 1:14; Rev. 21:2-3; 7:15; 1 Tim. 3:15; John 14:2, 23.

腓 3:8 不但如此，我也將萬事看作虧損，因我以認識我主基督耶穌爲至寶；我因祂已經虧損萬事，看作糞土，爲要贏得基督，
腓 3:12 這不是說，我已經得着了，或已經完全了，我乃是竭力追求，或者可以取得基督耶穌所以取得我的。
腓 3:13 弟兄們，我不是以爲自己已經取得了，我只有一件事，就是忘記背後，努力面前的，
腓 3:14 向着標竿竭力追求，要得神在基督耶穌裏，召我向上去得的獎賞。
約 1:14 話成了肉體，支搭帳幕在我們中間，豐豐滿滿的有恩典，有實際。我們也見過祂的榮耀，正是從父而來獨生子的榮耀。
啓 21:2 我又看見聖城新耶路撒冷由神那裏從天而降，豫備好了，就如新婦妝飾整齊，等候丈夫。
啓 21:3 我聽見有大聲音從寶座出來，說，看哪，神的帳幕與人同在，祂要與人同住，他們要作祂的百姓，神要親自與他們同在，作他們的神。
啓 7:15 所以他們在神寶座前，晝夜在祂殿中事奉祂；坐寶座的要用帳幕覆庇他們。
提前 3:15 倘若我躭延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。
約 14:2 在我父的家裏，有許多住處；若是沒有，我早已告訴你們了；我去是爲你們豫備地方。
約 14:23 耶穌回答說，人若愛我，就必遵守我的話，我父也必愛他，並且我們要到他那裏去，同他安排住處。

Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,
Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
Rev. 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
Rev. 7:15 Because of this they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits upon the throne will tabernacle over them.
1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

貳 我們要進入基督身體的實際，就必須看見約櫃的內在意義：

II. In order to enter into the reality of the Body of Christ, we must see the intrinsic significance of the Ark:

一約櫃豫表基督是三一神與祂的子民同在，爲着完成祂的經綸，在地上建立祂的國度—太一23。

太 1:23 『看哪，必有童女懷孕生子，人要稱祂的名爲以馬內利。』（以馬內利繙出來，就是神與我們同在。）

二約櫃是帳幕的中心和內容，表徵基督是召會的中心和內容；在帳幕的異象裏，頭一項題到的是約櫃，這指明基督在召會中居於首位—出二五22，西一17下，18下：

出 25:22 我要在那裏與你相會，又要從見證的櫃遮罪蓋上兩個基路伯中間，和你說我所要吩咐你傳給以色列人的一切事。

西 1:17 祂在萬有之先，萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫；

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

1 約櫃包含律法的版，律法是神的見證，神所是的彰顯和啓示—出二五16，三一18。

出 25:16 必將我所要賜給你的見證版，放在櫃裏。

出 31:18 耶和華在西乃山和摩西說完了話，就把兩塊見證的版交給他，是神用指頭寫的石版。

2 至聖所裏的約櫃表徵基督是神居所—召會（弗二21～22）的中心，也是召會作爲神的家（提前三15～16，參撒上四22，啓三20）的內容。

弗 2:21 在祂裏面，全房聯結一起，長成在主裏的聖殿；

弗 2:22 你們也在祂裏面同被建造，成爲神在靈裏的居所。

提前 3:15 倘若我躭延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。

提前 3:16 並且，大哉！敬虔的奧祕！這是眾所公認的，就是：祂顯現於肉體，被稱義於靈裏，被天使看見，被傳於萬邦，被信仰於世人中，被接去於榮耀裏。

撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。

啓 3:20 看哪，我站在門外叩門；若有聽見我聲音就開門的，我要進到他那裏，我與他，他與我要一同坐席。

三約櫃是用皂莢木包金作的，表徵是靈的基督作神的具體化身並作神性與人性的調和（神與人的建造），住在我們的靈裏，使我們接觸神並

A. The Ark typifies Christ as the presence of the Triune God with His people for the carrying out of His economy to establish His kingdom on earth—Matt. 1:23.

Matt. 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

B. The Ark was the center and content of the tabernacle, signifying Christ as the center and content of the church; the Ark being the first item mentioned in the vision of the tabernacle indicates that Christ occupies the place of preeminence in the church—Exo. 25:22; Col. 1:17b, 18b:

Exo. 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Col. 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

1. The Ark contained the tablets of the law as the testimony of God, the expression and revelation of who God is—Exo. 25:16; 31:18.

Exo. 25:16 And you shall put into the Ark the Testimony which I shall give you.

Exo. 31:18 And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave to Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

2. The Ark in the Holy of Holies signifies Christ as the center of God's dwelling place, the church (Eph. 2:21-22), and the contents of the church as the house of God (1 Tim. 3:15-16; cf. 1 Sam. 4:22; Rev. 3:20).

Eph. 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph. 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

1 Tim. 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

C. The Ark of acacia wood overlaid with gold signifies the pneumatic Christ as the embodiment of God and as the mingling of divinity with humanity, the building of God with man, dwelling in our spirit for us to contact God

享受神—提後四22，林後三17，西二9，來九4：

提後 4:22 願主與你的靈同在。願恩典與你們同在。
林後 3:17 而且主就是那靈；主的靈在那裏，那裏就有自由。
西 2:9 因爲神格一切的豐滿，都有形有體的居住在基督裏面，
來 9:4 有金香壇，和四面包金的約櫃，櫃裏有盛嗎哪的金罐、和亞倫發過芽的杖、並兩塊約版；

1 皂莢木表徵基督的人性，品質堅剛，標準崇高，乃是彰顯神的基本實質—出二五10，太三16，四4，八20，九12～13，十一29，十二19～20，十七27，二十28，二七12，14，可一35，六39～41，約六12，七6，參徒十六7。

出 25:10 他們要用皂莢木作一個櫃，長二肘半，寬一肘半，高一肘半。
太 3:16 耶穌受了浸，隨即從水裏上來，看哪，諸天向祂開了，祂就看見神的靈，彷彿鴿子降下，落在祂身上。
太 4:4 耶穌卻回答說，經上記着，『人活着不是單靠食物，乃是靠神口裏所出的一切話。』
太 8:20 耶穌對他說，狐狸有洞，天空的飛鳥有窩，人子卻沒有枕頭的地方。
太 9:12 耶穌聽見，就說，強健的人用不着醫生，有病的人纔用得着。
太 9:13 你們去研究，『我要的是憐憫，不是祭祀，』是甚麼意思；我來本不是召義人，乃是召罪人。
太 11:29 我心裏柔和謙卑，因此你們要負我的軛，且要跟我學，你們魂裏就必得安息；
太 12:19 祂不爭競，不喧嚷，街上也沒有人聽見祂的聲音。
太 12:20 壓傷的蘆葦，祂不折斷；將殘的火把，祂不吹滅，直到祂施行公理，至於得勝。
太 17:27 但爲免絆跌他們，你要到海邊去釣魚，拿起先釣上來的魚，開牠的口，就必找到一塊錢，可以拿去給他們，作你我的殿稅。
太 20:28 正如人子來，不是要受人的服事，乃是要服事人，並且要捨命，作多人的贖價。
太 27:12 可是，當祂被祭司長和長老控告的時候，甚麼都不回答。
太 27:14 耶穌仍不回答，連一句話也不說，以致總督極爲希奇。
可 1:35 清早，天還黑，耶穌起來，到曠野地方去，在那裏禱告。

可 6:39 耶穌吩咐他們叫眾人一組一組的，坐在青草地上。
可 6:40 眾人就一班一班的坐下，有一百一班的，有五十一班的。
可 6:41 耶穌拿着五個餅兩條魚，望着天祝福，擘開餅，遞給門徒，擺在眾人面前，也把那兩條魚分給眾人。

and enjoy God—2 Tim. 4:22; 2 Cor. 3:17; Col. 2:9; Heb. 9:4:

2 Tim. 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
2 Cor. 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
Heb. 9:4 Having a golden altar and the Ark of the Covenant covered about everywhere with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna and Aaron's rod that budded and the tablets of the covenant,

1. Acacia wood signifies Christ's humanity, strong in character and high in standard, as the basic substance for expressing God—Exo. 25:10; Matt. 3:16; 4:4; 8:20; 9:12-13; 11:29; 12:19-20; 17:27; 20:28; 27:12, 14; Mark 1:35; 6:39-41; John 6:12; 7:6; cf. Acts 16:7.

Exo. 25:10 And they shall make an ark of acacia wood: two and a half cubits shall be its length; and one and a half cubits, its width; and one and a half cubits, its height.
Matt. 3:16 And having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.
Matt. 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."
Matt. 8:20 And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have roosts, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.
Matt. 9:12 Now when He heard this, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill.
Matt. 9:13 But go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.
Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Matt. 12:19 He will not strive nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.
Matt. 12:20 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench until He brings forth justice unto victory.
Matt. 17:27 But that we do not stumble them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. And when you open its mouth, you will find a stater; take that and give it to them for Me and you.
Matt. 20:28 Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.
Matt. 27:12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.
Matt. 27:14 And He did not answer him, not even to one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.
Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still night, He went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.
Mark 6:39 And He ordered them to have all recline by companies on the green grass.
Mark 6:40 And they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.
Mark 6:41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish and, looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among all.

約 6:12 他們喫飽了，耶穌對門徒說，把剩下的零碎收拾起來，免得有糟蹋的。
約 7:6 耶穌就對他們說，我的時候還沒有到，你們的時候卻常是方便的。
徒 16:7 到了每西亞的邊界，他們試着要往庇推尼去，耶穌的靈卻不許，

2 皂莢木裏外都包金，表徵神聖的性情滲進屬人的性情裏，並托在屬人的性情上，好藉着屬人的性情得着彰顯—出二五 11，啓三 18 上，彼後一 4，參啓十七 4。

出 25:11 你要把櫃裏外包上純金，四圍鑲上金牙邊。

啓 3:18 我勸你向我買火煉的金子，叫你富足；又買白衣穿上，叫你赤身的羞恥不露出來；又買眼藥擦你的眼睛，使你能看見。
彼後 1:4 藉這榮耀和美德，祂已將又寶貴又極大的應許賜給我們，叫你們既逃離世上從情慾來的敗壞，就藉着這些應許，得有分於神的性情。
啓 17:4 那女人穿着紫色和朱紅色的衣服，用金子、寶石、珍珠爲妝飾，手中拿着金杯，盛滿了可憎之物，並她淫亂的污穢。

四約櫃的平息蓋表徵基督是神和祂的贖民相會的地方—出二五 17 ～ 22：

出 25:17 要用純金作遮罪蓋，長二肘半，寬一肘半。

出 25:18 要用金子錘出兩個基路伯，安在遮罪蓋的兩端。

出 25:19 這端作一個基路伯，那端作一個基路伯，兩端的基路伯要與遮罪蓋接連一塊。
出 25:20 兩個基路伯要在蓋上展開翅膀，遮掩遮罪蓋；基路伯要臉對臉，朝着遮罪蓋。

出 25:21 要將遮罪蓋安在櫃的上邊，又將我所要賜給你的見證版放在櫃裏。
出 25:22 我要在那裏與你相會，又要從見證的櫃遮罪蓋上兩個基路伯中間，和你說我所要吩咐你傳給以色列人的一切事。

1 基督是那位成就平息的，（來二 17，）平息了神與我們之間的關係，藉着祂自己作平息的祭物（約壹二 2，四 10）滿足了神的要求，藉此使我們與神和好。

John 6:12 And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather the broken pieces left over that nothing may be lost.
John 7:6 Jesus therefore said to them, My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.
Acts 16:7 And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

2. The acacia wood being overlaid with gold both inside and outside signifies the divine nature penetrating the human nature and resting on the human nature so that it may be expressed through the human nature—Exo. 25:11; Rev. 3:18a; 2 Pet. 1:4; cf. Rev. 17:4.

Exo. 25:11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold; inside and outside you shall overlay it; and you shall make a rim of gold upon it all around.
Rev. 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.
2 Pet. 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
Rev. 17:4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the unclean things of her fornication.

D. The propitiatory cover of the Ark signifies Christ as the meeting place of God and His redeemed people—Exo. 25:17-22:

Exo. 25:17 And you shall make an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits shall be its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
Exo. 25:18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, at the two ends of the expiation cover.
Exo. 25:19 And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover you shall make the cherubim on its two ends.
Exo. 25:20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above the cover, covering the expiation cover with their wings, with their faces toward one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the expiation cover.
Exo. 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.
Exo. 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

1. Christ is the One who propitiates (Heb. 2:17), the One who appeases the relationship between God and us, the One who reconciles us to God by satisfying God's demand through Himself as the propitiatory sacrifice (1 John 2:2; 4:10).

來 2:17 所以祂凡事該與祂的弟兄一樣，爲要在關於神的事上，成爲憐憫、忠信的大祭司，好爲百姓的罪成就平息。

約壹 2:2 祂爲我們的罪，作了平息的祭物，不是單爲我們的罪，也是爲所有世人的罪。

約壹 4:10 不是我們愛神，乃是神愛我們，差祂的兒子，爲我們的罪作了平息的祭物，在此就是愛了。

2 基督也是那有神性照耀和人性救贖的平息蓋，就是我們在神面前享受平息的地方，以及我們能與公義、聖別、榮耀的神相會並交通，以接受祂作恩典的地方—羅三 25，來四 16：

羅 3:25 神擺出基督耶穌作平息處，是憑着祂的血，藉着人的信，爲要在神以寬容越過人先時所犯的罪上，顯示祂的義；

來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，爲要受憐憫，得恩典，作應時的幫助。

a 平息蓋上兩個金子作的基路伯，指明神的榮耀是從基督照耀出來；（出二五 18 ～ 20；）平息祭物的血彈在約櫃的平息蓋上，表徵因着基督救贖的血，我們能與公義的神在祂的榮耀中有交通。（利十六 14 ～ 15。）

出 25:18 要用金子錘出兩個基路伯，安在遮罪蓋的兩端。

出 25:19 這端作一個基路伯，那端作一個基路伯，兩端的基路伯要與遮罪蓋接連一塊。

出 25:20 兩個基路伯要在蓋上展開翅膀，遮掩遮罪蓋；基路伯要臉對臉，朝着遮罪蓋。

利 16:14 也要取些公牛的血，用指頭彈在遮罪蓋上朝東的一面，又在遮罪蓋的前面用指頭彈血七次。

利 16:15 隨後他要宰那爲百姓作贖罪祭的公山羊，把羊的血帶入幔內，彈在遮罪蓋的上面和前面，好像彈公牛的血一樣。

b 神越與我們相會，越與我們說話，並且我們越與神相會，越聽祂說話，在我們的經歷中就越有神的見證。

Heb. 2:17 Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

2. Christ is also the propitiatory cover with the shining of His divinity and the redeeming of His humanity, the place where we enjoy propitiation before God and where we can meet and fellowship with our righteous, holy, and glorious God to receive Him as grace—Rom. 3:25; Heb. 4:16:

Rom. 3:25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

a. The two cherubim of gold on the propitiatory cover indicate that God's glory shines out from Christ (Exo. 25:18-20); the blood of the propitiatory sacrifice being sprinkled on the propitiatory cover of the Ark signifies that because of the blood of Christ's redemption, we can have fellowship with the righteous God in the midst of His glory (Lev. 16:14-15).

Exo. 25:18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, at the two ends of the expiation cover.

Exo. 25:19 And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover you shall make the cherubim on its two ends.

Exo. 25:20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above the cover, covering the expiation cover with their wings, with their faces toward one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the expiation cover.

Lev. 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger upon the expiation cover toward the east, and before the expiation cover he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

Lev. 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.

b. The more God meets with us and speaks with us, and the more we meet with God and listen to His speaking, the more of the testimony of God there will be in our experience.

叁 約櫃和帳幕的歷史，描繪神心頭的願望、召會的荒涼、以及召會的恢復，好作神的見證，神的彰顯—出二五9～10，二六26～30，四十38：

出 25:9 製造帳幕和其中的一切物件，都要照我所指示你的樣式。

出 25:10 他們要用皂莢木作一個櫃，長二肘半，寬一肘半，高一肘半。

出 26:26 你要用皂莢木作閂，爲帳幕這面的板作五條閂，

出 26:27 爲帳幕那面的板作五條閂，又爲帳幕後面朝西的板作五條閂。

出 26:28 板腰間的中閂，要從這一頭通到那一頭。

出 26:29 板要用金包裹，又要作板上的金環，用以套閂；閂也要用金包裹。

出 26:30 要照着在山上指示你的樣子，立起帳幕。

出 40:38 日間有耶和華的雲彩在帳幕以上，夜間雲中有火，顯在以色列全家的眼前；在他們一切的行程中，都是這樣。

一 約櫃是帳幕的中心和內容，表徵基督是召會的中心和內容，而召會就是神的帳幕，神的家，作神團體的彰顯—二五22，四十21，西二9，弗二21～22，提前三15。

出 25:22 我要在那裏與你相會，又要從見證的櫃遮罪蓋上兩個基路伯中間，和你說我所要吩咐你傳給以色列人的一切事。

出 40:21 把櫃抬進帳幕，掛上遮掩櫃的幔子，把見證的櫃遮掩了；是照耶和華所吩咐他的。

西 2:9 因爲神格一切的豐滿，都有形有體的居住在基督裏面，

弗 2:21 在祂裏面，全房聯結一起，長成在主裏的聖殿；

弗 2:22 你們也在祂裏面同被建造，成爲神在靈裏的居所。

提前 3:15 倘若我躭延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。

二 在約櫃第一階段的歷史裏，約櫃是在帳幕裏；這表徵正常的召會是基督的彰顯，基督是召會的內容；然而，約櫃至終與帳幕分開了；這表徵召會墮落並失去基督的實際與同在—出四十34～35，撒上四1～七2。

出 40:34 當時，雲彩遮蓋會幕，耶和華的榮光充滿了帳幕。

III. The history of the Ark and the tabernacle portrays the desire of God's heart, the desolation of the church, and the recovery of the church for God's testimony, God's expression—Exo. 25:9-10; 26:26-30; 40:38:

Exo. 25:9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.

Exo. 25:10 And they shall make an ark of acacia wood: two and a half cubits shall be its length; and one and a half cubits, its width; and one and a half cubits, its height.

Exo. 26:26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

Exo. 26:27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle at the rear westward.

Exo. 26:28 And the middle bar shall pass through in the center of the boards from end to end.

Exo. 26:29 And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

Exo. 26:30 And you shall set up the tabernacle according to its plan, which you were shown in the mountain.

Exo. 40:38 For the cloud of Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel on all their journeys.

A. As the center and content of the tabernacle, the Ark signifies Christ as the center and content of the church as God's tabernacle, God's house, for God's corporate expression—25:22; 40:21; Col. 2:9; Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15.

Exo. 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Exo. 40:21 And he brought the Ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil for the screen and screened the Ark of the Testimony, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Eph. 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph. 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

B. In the first stage of its history, the Ark was in the tabernacle; this signifies that the normal church was the expression of Christ, and Christ was the content of the church; however, the Ark eventually was separated from the tabernacle; this signifies that the church became degraded and lost the reality and presence of Christ—Exo. 40:34-35; 1 Sam. 4:1—7:2.

Exo. 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

出 40:35 摩西不能進會幕，因爲雲彩停在其上，並且耶和華的榮光充滿了帳幕。

撒上 4:1 撒母耳的話傳遍了以色列。以色列人出去與非利士人打仗，安營在以便以謝附近；非利士人安營在亞弗。

撒上 4:2 非利士人向以色列人擺陣。戰事展開後，以色列人在非利士人面前被擊敗；非利士人殺了在田野陣地上的人，約有四千。

撒上 4:3 百姓回到營裏，以色列的長老說，耶和華今日爲何在非利士人面前擊敗我們呢？我們不如將耶和華的約櫃從示羅接到我們這裏來，好進入我們中間，救我們脫離仇敵的手。

撒上 4:4 於是百姓打發人到示羅，從那裏將坐在二基路伯中間萬軍之耶和華的約櫃抬來。以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈與神的約櫃同來。

撒上 4:5 耶和華的約櫃到了營中，全以色列就大聲歡呼，地也迴聲響應。

撒上 4:6 非利士人聽見歡呼的聲音，就說，在希伯來人營裏有這樣大聲的歡呼，是怎麼回事？隨後就知道耶和華的約櫃到了營中。

撒上 4:7 非利士人就懼怕起來，因爲他們說，有神到了他們營中；又說，我們有禍了！因爲向來不曾有這樣的事。

撒上 4:8 我們有禍了！誰能救我們脫離這些大能之神的手呢？從前在曠野用各樣災殃擊打埃及人的，就是這些神。

撒上 4:9 非利士人哪，你們要剛強，要作大丈夫，免得作希伯來人的奴僕，如同他們作過你們的奴僕一樣。你們要作大丈夫，與他們爭戰。

撒上 4:10 非利士人和以色列人打仗，以色列人被擊敗，各向各家奔逃；被殺的人甚多，以色列的步兵仆倒了三萬。

撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。

撒上 4:12 當日，有一個便雅憫人從陣上逃跑，衣服撕裂，頭蒙塵土，來到示羅。

撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。

撒上 4:14 以利聽見呼喊的聲音就說，這喧嚷的聲音是怎麼回事？那人急忙來報信給以利。

撒上 4:15 那時以利九十八歲了，眼目發直，不能看見。

撒上 4:16 那人對以利說，我是從陣上來的，今日我從陣上逃回。以利說，我兒，事情怎樣？

撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。

撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。

撒上 4:19 以利的兒媳，非尼哈的妻子懷孕將到產期，她聽見神的約櫃被擄去，以及她公公和丈夫都死了的消息，就猛然疼痛，曲身生產。

Exo. 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud settled on it and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

1 Sam. 4:1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. And Israel went forth against the Philistines in battle; and they encamped near Eben-ezer, and the Philistines encamped in Aphek.

1 Sam. 4:2 And the Philistines arrayed themselves against Israel; and when the battle spread, Israel was struck down before the Philistines. And they slew about four thousand men of the array in the field.

1 Sam. 4:3 And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has Jehovah struck us down today before the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from Shiloh that it may come into our midst, and thus save us from the hand of our enemies.

1 Sam. 4:4 So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they took up from there the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah of hosts who is enthroned between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Ark of the Covenant of God.

1 Sam. 4:5 And when the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, and the earth resounded.

1 Sam. 4:6 And the Philistines heard the sound of the shout and said, What does the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean? Then they found out that the Ark of Jehovah had come into their camp.

1 Sam. 4:7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into their camp. And they said, Woe to us! For there has never been such a thing as this before.

1 Sam. 4:8 Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck the Egyptians with every kind of plague in the wilderness.

1 Sam. 4:9 Be strong and be men, O Philistines, lest you become servants to the Hebrews as they have been servants to you. Be men then and fight.

1 Sam. 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and they struck Israel; and every man fled to his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell.

1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Sam. 4:12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the array and came to Shiloh on the same day, with his clothes torn and earth upon his head.

1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.

1 Sam. 4:14 And when Eli heard the sound of the cry, he said, What does this sound of commotion mean? And the man hurried and came and told Eli.

1 Sam. 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, and he could not see.

1 Sam. 4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who has come from the array, and I fled from the array today. And he said, How did the matter go, my son?

1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.

1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

1 Sam. 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to deliver; and when she heard the report that the Ark of God had been taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she bowed down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.

撒上 4:20 她將要死的時候，旁邊站着的婦人們對她說，不要怕，你生了一個兒子了；她卻不回答，也不放在心上。
撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。
撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。
撒上 5:1 非利士人將神的約櫃擄去，從以便以謝抬到亞實突。
撒上 5:2 非利士人將神的約櫃抬進大衮廟，放在大衮的旁邊。

撒上 5:3 次日，亞實突人清早起來，見大衮仆倒在耶和華的約櫃前，面伏於地，就把大衮放回原處。
撒上 5:4 又次日清早起來，見大衮仆倒在耶和華的約櫃前，面伏於地，並且大衮的頭和兩手掌都在門檻上折斷，只剩下大衮的軀幹。
撒上 5:5 因此，在亞實突，大衮的祭司和一切進大衮廟的人，都不踏大衮廟的門檻，直到今日。
撒上 5:6 耶和華的手重重的加在亞實突人身上，敗壞他們，擊打他們，使他們生痔瘡，亞實突和其四境都是如此。
撒上 5:7 亞實突人見這光景，就說，以色列神的約櫃不可留在我們這裏，因爲祂的手厲害的加在我們和我們的神大衮身上；
撒上 5:8 就打發人去請非利士人的眾首領到他們那裏聚集，問他們說，我們向以色列神的約櫃應當怎樣行呢？他們回答說，可以將以色列神的約櫃轉運到迦特去。於是將以色列神的約櫃轉運到那裏去。
撒上 5:9 轉運到那裏之後，耶和華的手攻擊那城，引起極大的恐慌；祂擊打那城的人，使他們無論大小都生痔瘡。
撒上 5:10 他們就把神的約櫃送到以革倫。神的約櫃到了以革倫，以革倫人就喊嚷起來說，他們將以色列神的約櫃轉運到我們這裏，要害死我們和我們的族人。
撒上 5:11 於是打發人去請非利士的眾首領來聚集，說，願你們將以色列神的約櫃送回原處，免得害死我們和我們的族人。原來神的手重重的攻擊那城，城中的人有因驚慌而死的；
撒上 5:12 沒有死的人都受擊打生了痔瘡。城中呼號的聲音上達於天。
撒上 6:1 耶和華的約櫃在非利士人的鄉間七個月。
撒上 6:2 非利士人將祭司和占卜的召了來，問他們說，我們向耶和華的約櫃應當怎樣行？請指示我們用何法將約櫃送回原處。
撒上 6:3 他們說，你們若將以色列神的約櫃送回去，不可空空的送去，必要給祂獻贖愆祭，然後你們可以得痊愈，也可以知道祂的手爲何不離開你們。
撒上 6:4 非利士人說，應當用甚麼獻爲贖愆祭呢？他們回答說，當照非利士人首領的數目，用五個金痔瘡，五隻金老鼠，因爲在你們眾人和你們首領的身上都是一樣的災。
撒上 6:5 所以當製造你們痔瘡的像，和你們那些毀壞地的老鼠的像，並要歸榮耀給以色列的神，或者祂向你們和你們的神，並你們的地，把手放輕些。
撒上 6:6 你們爲何硬着心，像埃及人和法老那樣硬着心呢？神嚴厲的對付埃及人，埃及人豈不是讓以色列人去，他們就去了麼？

1 Sam. 4:20 And around the time that she died, the women who stood around her said, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer or pay attention.
1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 5:1 When the Philistines took the Ark of God, they brought it from Eben-ezer to Ashdod.
1 Sam. 5:2 And the Philistines took the Ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon, and they set it next to Dagon.
1 Sam. 5:3 And when the Ashdodites arose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground, before the Ark of Jehovah. And they took Dagon and put him back in his place.
1 Sam. 5:4 And when they arose early in the morning of the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground, before the Ark of Jehovah. And Dagon's head and the palms of his hands were cut off, lying on the threshold; only Dagon's trunk was left to him.
1 Sam. 5:5 Because of this, neither the priests of Dagon nor any who enter the house of Dagon tread upon Dagon's threshold in Ashdod to this day.
1 Sam. 5:6 But the hand of Jehovah was heavy upon the Ashdodites, and He devastated them and struck them with tumors, even Ashdod and its borders.
1 Sam. 5:7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Ark of the God of Israel cannot stay with us, for His hand is hard on us and on Dagon our god.
1 Sam. 5:8 Therefore they sent for and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to themselves, and they said, What shall we do with the Ark of the God of Israel? And they said, Let the Ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath. And they brought the Ark of the God of Israel there.

1 Sam. 5:9 Then after they brought it there, the hand of Jehovah was against the city, causing a very great panic. And He struck the men of the city, from small to great; and they broke out with tumors.
1 Sam. 5:10 Then they sent the Ark of God to Ekron. But when the Ark of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought the Ark of the God of Israel around to us to kill us and our people.
1 Sam. 5:11 And they sent for and gathered all the princes of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the Ark of the God of Israel; and let it return to its place, so that it does not kill us and our people. For the panic of death was throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there,
1 Sam. 5:12 And the men who did not die were stricken with tumors. And the cry of the city went up to heaven.
1 Sam. 6:1 Now the Ark of Jehovah was in the country of the Philistines seven months.
1 Sam. 6:2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, What shall we do with the Ark of Jehovah? Make known to us how we should send it forth to its place.
1 Sam. 6:3 And they said, If you send away the Ark of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty, but be sure to return Him a trespass offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be made known to you why His hand has not turned away from you.
1 Sam. 6:4 And they said, What is the trespass offering that we should return to Him? And they said, Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was upon you all and upon your lords.
1 Sam. 6:5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice that devastate the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps He will lighten His hand on you and your gods and your land.
1 Sam. 6:6 Why then should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had dealt severely with them, did they not let the people go, and they went?

撒上 6:7 現在你們應當把一輛新車和兩隻未曾負軛有乳的母牛豫備好，把母牛套在車上，使牛犢回家去，不跟着母牛。
撒上 6:8 把耶和華的約櫃放在車上，將所獻作贖愆祭的金物裝在匣子裏，放在櫃旁，將櫃送去。

撒上 6:9 你們要看看：車若直行以色列的境界上伯示麥去，這大災就是耶和華降在我們身上的；若不然，便可以知道不是祂的手擊打我們，是我們偶然遇見的。
撒上 6:10 非利士人就這樣行，將兩隻有乳的母牛套在車上，將牛犢關在家裏，
撒上 6:11 把耶和華的約櫃和裝金老鼠並痔瘡像的匣子都放在車上。

撒上 6:12 牛在通往伯示麥的路上直行，走在一條大道上，一面走一面叫，不偏左右。非利士人的首領跟在後面，直到伯示麥的境界。
撒上 6:13 伯示麥人正在谷中收割麥子，舉目看見約櫃，就歡歡喜喜的觀看。
撒上 6:14 車到了伯示麥人約書亞的田間，就站住了。在那裏有一塊大石頭。他們把車的木頭劈了，將兩隻母牛獻給耶和華爲燔祭。
撒上 6:15 利未人將耶和華的約櫃和櫃旁裝金物的匣子拿下來，放在那塊大石頭上。當日伯示麥人將燔祭和平安祭獻給耶和華。

撒上 6:16 非利士人的五個首領看見，當日就回以革倫去了。
撒上 6:17 非利士人獻給耶和華作贖愆祭的金痔瘡像，乃是這些：一個是爲亞實突，一個是爲迦薩，一個是爲亞實基倫，一個是爲迦特，一個是爲以革倫。
撒上 6:18 還有金老鼠，是照非利士人五個首領一切城邑的數目，包括堅固的城邑和無城牆的村莊，直到放耶和華約櫃的大石頭那裏；這石頭到今日還在伯示麥人約書亞的田間。
撒上 6:19 耶和華因伯示麥人觀看祂的約櫃，就擊殺他們，共擊殺了民中七十人。百姓因耶和華大大擊殺他們，就哀哭了。

撒上 6:20 伯示麥人說，誰能在耶和華這聖別的神面前站立得住呢？祂可以從我們這裏上到誰那裏去呢？
撒上 6:21 於是他們打發使者去見基列耶琳的居民，說，非利士人將耶和華的約櫃送回來了，你們下來將約櫃接到你們那裏去罷。
撒上 7:1 基列耶琳人就來，將耶和華的約櫃接上去，抬到山上亞比拿達的家中，又使他兒子以利亞撒分別爲聖，看守耶和華的約櫃。
撒上 7:2 從約櫃停在基列耶琳那日起，過了許多日子，有二十年之久，以色列全家都哀慟尋求耶和華。

三約櫃豫表作神具體化身的基督，也豫表基督是三一神與祂的子民同在，爲着完成祂的經綸，在地上建立祂的國度；（書三 3，10～17；）

1 Sam. 6:7 So now take and prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which the yoke has never come, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home, away from them.
1 Sam. 6:8 And take the Ark of Jehovah and put it on the cart; and in a box by the side of it, place the articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering; and send it away that it may go.
1 Sam. 6:9 Then watch: If it goes up toward its own border at Beth-shemesh, it is He who has done us this great harm. But if it does not, we will know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance.
1 Sam. 6:10 And the men did so and took two milch cows and tied them to the cart and shut up their calves at home.
1 Sam. 6:11 And they put the Ark of Jehovah on the cart with the box and the gold mice and the images of their tumors.
1 Sam. 6:12 And the cows went straight in the way toward Beth-shemesh; they went on one road, lowing as they went; and they did not turn to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh.
1 Sam. 6:13 Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the Ark, they rejoiced to see it.
1 Sam. 6:14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite and stood still there. And there was a great stone there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered up the cows as a burnt offering to Jehovah.
1 Sam. 6:15 Then the Levites took down the Ark of Jehovah and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold; and they placed them on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to Jehovah.
1 Sam. 6:16 And when the five lords of the Philistines saw this, they returned to Ekron that day.
1 Sam. 6:17 And these are the gold tumors that the Philistines returned to Jehovah as a trespass offering: for Ashdod, one; for Gaza, one; for Ashkelon, one; for Gath, one; for Ekron, one;

1 Sam. 6:18 And the gold mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines that belonged to the five lords, both of fortified cities and country villages, as far as the great stone on which they rested the Ark of Jehovah, which is there to this day, in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite.
1 Sam. 6:19 And He struck the men of Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of Jehovah; and He struck seventy men among the people. And the people mourned because Jehovah struck the people with a great slaughter.
1 Sam. 6:20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who can stand before Jehovah, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?
1 Sam. 6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have returned the Ark of Jehovah; come down and take it up to you.
1 Sam. 7:1 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the Ark of Jehovah and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill, and they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Ark of Jehovah.

1 Sam. 7:2 And it was a long time from the day that the Ark began to abide in Kiriath-jearim, for it was twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah.

C. The Ark typifies Christ as the embodiment of God and as the presence of the Triune God with His people for the carrying out of His economy to establish His kingdom on earth (Josh. 3:3, 10-17); to

把約櫃接出來，就是把神的同在接出來。（民十 33～36，撒上四 3～4。）

書 3:3 吩咐百姓說，你們看見耶和華你們神的約櫃，又見祭司利未人抬着，就要從所在的地方起行，跟着約櫃去。
書 3:10 約書亞說，看哪，全地之主的約櫃必在你們前頭過去，到約但河裏，藉此你們就知道，活神是在你們中間，並且祂必在你們面前趕出迦南人、赫人、希未人、比利洗人、革迦撒人、亞摩利人、耶布斯人。（10、11 節合併。）
書 3:12 你們現在要從以色列支派中選取十二個人，每支派一人，
書 3:13 等到抬全地之主耶和華約櫃的祭司，把腳掌踏在約但河水裏，約但河的水，就是從上往下流的水，必然斷絕，立起成壘。
書 3:14 百姓離開帳棚要過約但河的時候，抬約櫃的祭司乃在百姓的前頭。
書 3:15 抬櫃的祭司到了約但河，腳一沾到水邊，（原來約但河水在收割的日子漲過兩岸，）

書 3:16 那從上往下流的水便在極遠之地，撒拉但旁的亞當城那裏停住，立起成壘；那往亞拉巴的海，就是鹽海，下流的水全然斷絕。於是百姓在耶利哥的對面過去了。
書 3:17 抬耶和華約櫃的祭司在約但河中的乾地上站定，以色列眾人就從乾地上過去，直到國民盡都過了約但河。

民 10:33 以色列人從耶和華的山往前行，走了三天的路程；在這三天的路程中，耶和華的約櫃在他們前頭往前行，爲他們尋找安歇的地方。
民 10:34 他們拔營往前行，日間有耶和華的雲彩在他們以上。
民 10:35 約櫃往前行的時候，摩西就說，耶和華阿，求你興起，願你的仇敵四散；願恨你的人從你面前逃跑。
民 10:36 約櫃停住的時候，他就說，耶和華阿，求你回到以色列的千萬人中。
撒上 4:3 百姓回到營裏，以色列的長老說，耶和華今日爲何在非利士人面前擊敗我們呢？我們不如將耶和華的約櫃從示羅接到我們這裏來，好進入我們中間，救我們脫離仇敵的手。
撒上 4:4 於是百姓打發人到示羅，從那裏將坐在二基路伯中間萬軍之耶和華的約櫃抬來。以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈與神的約櫃同來。

四約櫃的行動乃是神在作祂具體化身的基督裏，在地上行動的圖畫；（詩六八 1～18；）然而，以色列人與非利士人爭戰時，神無意行動。

詩 68:1 願神興起；願祂的仇敵四散；願恨祂的人從祂面前逃跑。
詩 68:2 你要驅逐他們，使他們如煙被風吹散；惡人要見神的面而滅沒，如蠟見火而融化。

bring out the Ark was to bring out the presence of God (Num. 10:33-36; 1 Sam. 4:3-4).

Josh. 3:3 And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah your God and the Levitical priests bearing it, you shall set out from your place and go after it.
Josh. 3:10 And Joshua said, By this you will know that the living God is in your midst, and that He will most certainly dispossess before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites. Josh. 3:11 The Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth is now crossing over before you into the Jordan.
Josh. 3:12 Therefore now take twelve men for yourselves out of the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.
Josh. 3:13 And when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the Ark of Jehovah, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan; the waters of the Jordan, the waters that flow down from upstream, will be cut off, and they will stand in a heap.
Josh. 3:14 And so it happened that when the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were before the people.
Josh. 3:15 And when those who carried the Ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who carried the Ark dipped into the edge of the water (now the Jordan overflowed all its banks throughout all the days of the harvest),
Josh. 3:16 The waters that flowed down from upstream stood and rose up in a heap a great distance away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that flowed down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people crossed over from opposite Jericho.
Josh. 3:17 And the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel was crossing over on dry ground, until all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan.
Num. 10:33 So they set out from the mountain of Jehovah three days' journey, with the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah setting out before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.
Num. 10:34 And the cloud of Jehovah was over them by day when they set out from the camp.
Num. 10:35 And when the Ark set out, Moses said, Rise up, O Jehovah, and let Your enemies be scattered; / And let those who hate You flee before You.
Num. 10:36 And when it came to rest, he said, Return, O Jehovah, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel.

1 Sam. 4:3 And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has Jehovah struck us down today before the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from Shiloh that it may come into our midst, and thus save us from the hand of our enemies.
1 Sam. 4:4 So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they took up from there the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah of hosts who is enthroned between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Ark of the Covenant of God.

D. The move of the Ark was a picture of God's move on the earth in Christ as His embodiment (Psa. 68:1-18); however, during Israel's fighting with the Philistines, God did not intend to move.

Psa. 68:1 Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered; / And let those who hate Him flee before Him.
Psa. 68:2 As smoke is driven away, You will drive them away; / As wax melts before fire, / The wicked will perish before God.

詩 68:3 惟有義人必然喜樂；他們必在神面前歡欣，並歡喜快樂。
詩 68:4 你們當向神唱詩，歌頌祂的名；要因那坐車行過荒野的人誇勝，祂的名是耶和華；要在祂面前歡樂。
詩 68:5 神在祂的聖所作孤兒的父，作寡婦的伸冤者。
詩 68:6 神叫孤獨的有家可居住，使被囚的出來得亨通；惟有悖逆的住在乾燥之地。
詩 68:7 神阿，你曾在你百姓前頭出來，在荒野行走，〔細拉〕
詩 68:8 那時地見神的面就震動，天也落雨；西乃山見了以色列神的面也震動。
詩 68:9 神阿，你降下沛雨；你產業凋萎的時候，你使它復甦。
詩 68:10 你的羊羣住在其中；神阿，你憑你的恩惠爲困苦人有所豫備。
詩 68:11 主發命令；傳好信息的婦女成了大羣。
詩 68:12 統兵的君王逃跑了，逃跑了！留守在家的婦女，分得了掠物。
詩 68:13 你們雖然躺臥在羊圈之間，卻像鴿子的翅膀鍍了白銀，翎毛鍍了綠黃色的金。
詩 68:14 全能者在境內趕散列王的時候，勢如飄雪在撒們。
詩 68:15 巴珊山是大能的山，巴珊山是多峯多嶺的山：
詩 68:16 你們多峯多嶺的山哪，爲何嫉視神所願居住的山？耶和華必住這山，直到永遠。
詩 68:17 神的車輦累萬盈千；主在其中，好像在西乃，在聖所一樣。

詩 68:18 你已經升上高處，擄掠了那些被擄的；你在人間，甚至在悖逆的人中間，受了恩賜，叫耶和華神可以住在他們中間。

五以色列人沒有想到神的經綸，也不關心神的經綸；他們把約櫃接出來與非利士人爭戰，指明他們是爲着自己的安全、平安、安息、和好處僭用神，甚至強迫神與他們一同出去。

六原則上，甚麼時候我們爲着自己的亨通禱告，卻根本不顧神的經綸，我們就作了同樣的事；我們不該僭用神，乃該像撒母耳一樣，照着神的心，且爲着祂的經綸禱告、生活並爲人。

七人今天以自己的需要頂替神的見證；甚麼時候把人的需要頂替神的見證，甚麼時候就是墮落的開始，就要出問題；約櫃不僅是神的約櫃，（撒上四 11，13，17～19，21～22，）也是見證的櫃。（出二五 22，四十 21。）

撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。
撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的

Psa. 68:3 But the righteous will rejoice; they will exult before God / And be glad with rejoicing.
Psa. 68:4 Sing to God; sing psalms to His name; / Triumph in Him who rides through the deserts - / For Jah is His name - and exult before Him.
Psa. 68:5 A Father to the orphans and a Judge for the widows / Is God in His holy habitation.
Psa. 68:6 God causes the solitary to dwell in a household; / He brings the prisoners forth into prosperity; / But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
Psa. 68:7 O God, when You went forth before Your people, / When You marched through the desert, Selah.
Psa. 68:8 The earth trembled, the heavens also dripped, / At the presence of God; / Sinai there quaked / At the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Psa. 68:9 You shed forth bountiful rain, O God; / You confirmed Your inheritance when it languished.
Psa. 68:10 Your living flock dwelt in the land; / In Your goodness You provided for the poor, O God.
Psa. 68:11 The Lord gives the command; / The women who bear the glad tidings are a great host.
Psa. 68:12 The kings of the armies flee. / They flee! / And she who abides at home / Divides the spoil.
Psa. 68:13 Though you lie among the sheepfolds, / There are dove wings covered with silver, / And its pinions, with greenish yellow gold.
Psa. 68:14 When the Almighty scattered / The kings in the land, / It snowed on Zalmon.
Psa. 68:15 O mighty mountain, O mountain of Bashan, / O many-peaked mountain, O mountain of Bashan:
Psa. 68:16 Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountains, / At the mountain on which God desires to dwell? / Indeed Jehovah will dwell there forever.
Psa. 68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, / Thousands upon thousands; / The Lord is among them, / As at Sinai, in the sanctuary.
Psa. 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.

E. The children of Israel had no thought of or concern for God's economy, and their bringing out the Ark to battle the Philistines indicated that they were usurping God, even forcing Him to go out with them for their safety, peace, rest, and profit.

F. In principle, we do the same thing whenever we pray for our prosperity without any consideration of God's economy; instead of usurping God, we should pray, live, and be persons, like Samuel, according to God's heart and for His economy.

G. Today men are replacing God's testimony with man's need; when man's need replaces God's testimony, degradation begins and problems arise; the Ark was not only the Ark of God (1 Sam. 4:11, 13, 17-19, 21-22) but also the Ark of the Testimony (Exo. 25:22; 40:21).

1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled

約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。
撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。
撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。
撒上 4:19 以利的兒媳，非尼哈的妻子懷孕將到產期，她聽見神的約櫃被擄去，以及她公公和丈夫都死了的消息，就猛然疼痛，曲身生產。
撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。
撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。
出 25:22 我要在那裏與你相會，又要從見證的櫃遮罪蓋上兩個基路伯中間，和你說我所要吩咐你傳給以色列人的一切事。

出 40:21 把櫃抬進帳幕，掛上遮掩櫃的幔子，把見證的櫃遮掩了；是照耶和華所吩咐他的。

八以色列人應當悔改，徹底認罪，離棄偶像，回轉向神，也該求問神要他們作甚麼。

九但他們對神的渴望和神永遠的經綸完全無心，只基於已過藉約櫃的行動所經歷的得勝，而迷信的信靠約櫃。

十因着以色列人的墮落，約櫃被非利士人擄去，就與帳幕分開，使帳幕成爲沒有實際，沒有正確內容的虛空器皿；（撒上四 11～六 1；）這表徵召會在其歷史的第二階段墮落並失去基督的實際與同在。（三～四，啓三 20。）

撒上 3:1 童子撒母耳在以利面前事奉耶和華。當那些日子，耶和華的言語稀少，不常有異象。
撒上 3:2 一日，以利睡臥在自己的地方；他眼目已經昏花，不能看見。
撒上 3:3 神的燈還沒有熄滅；撒母耳睡臥在耶和華的殿中，那裏有神的約櫃。
撒上 3:4 耶和華呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:5 他就跑到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。他就去睡了。
撒上 3:6 耶和華又呼喚說，撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我兒，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。

for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.
1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.
1 Sam. 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to deliver; and when she heard the report that the Ark of God had been taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she bowed down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.
1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.
Exo. 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
Exo. 40:21 And he brought the Ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil for the screen and screened the Ark of the Testimony, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

H. Israel should have repented, made a thorough confession, returned to God from their idols, and inquired of God as to what He wanted them to do.

I. Instead, having no heart for God's desire or for His eternal economy, they exercised their superstition to trust in the Ark based on their past victories that they had experienced through the move of the Ark.

J. Due to Israel's degradation, the Ark was captured by the Philistines and was separated from the tabernacle, leaving the tabernacle an empty vessel with no reality, no proper content (1 Sam. 4:11—6:1); this signifies that in the second stage of its history, the church became degraded and lost the reality and presence of Christ (chs. 3—4; Rev. 3:20).

1 Sam. 3:1 And the boy Samuel ministered to Jehovah before Eli. Now the word of Jehovah was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
1 Sam. 3:2 And at that time Eli lay in his place, and his eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see.
1 Sam. 3:3 And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel lay in the temple of Jehovah, where the Ark of God was.
1 Sam. 3:4 Then Jehovah called to Samuel. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:5 And he ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call. Go back and lie down. And he went and lay down.
1 Sam. 3:6 And Jehovah called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call, my son. Go back and lie down.

撒上 3:7 那時撒母耳還未認識耶和華，耶和華的話還未向他啓示。
撒上 3:8 耶和華第三次呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利纔明白是耶和華呼喚童子。
撒上 3:9 於是以利對撒母耳說，去睡罷；祂若呼喚你，你就說，耶和華阿，請說，僕人敬聽。撒母耳就去，睡在原處。
撒上 3:10 耶和華又來站着，像前幾次呼喚說，撒母耳，撒母耳。撒母耳說，請說，僕人敬聽。
撒上 3:11 耶和華對撒母耳說，我在以色列中必行一件事，叫一切聽見的人無不耳鳴。
撒上 3:12 我指着以利家所說的話，到了那日，必從始至終應驗在以利身上。
撒上 3:13 我曾告訴他，我必因他所知道的罪孽，永遠降罰與他的家；因爲他兒子自招咒詛，他卻不禁止他們。
撒上 3:14 所以我向以利家起誓說，以利家的罪孽永不能藉祭物和供物得遮蓋。
撒上 3:15 撒母耳睡到天亮，就開了耶和華的殿門；撒母耳不敢將異象告訴以利。
撒上 3:16 以利呼喚撒母耳說，我兒撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:17 以利說，耶和華對你說了甚麼話？你不要向我隱瞞；你若將神對你所說的隱瞞一句，願祂重重的降罰與你。
撒上 3:18 撒母耳就把一切話都告訴了以利，並沒有隱瞞。以利說，祂是耶和華，願祂行自己眼中看爲好的。
撒上 3:19 撒母耳長大了，耶和華與他同在，使他所說的話一句都不落空。
撒上 3:20 從但到別是巴所有的以色列人都知道，撒母耳被確立爲耶和華的申言者。
撒上 3:21 耶和華繼續在示羅顯現；因爲耶和華在示羅藉着祂的話，將祂自己啓示給撒母耳。
撒上 4:1 撒母耳的話傳遍了以色列。以色列人出去與非利士人打仗，安營在以便以謝附近；非利士人安營在亞弗。
撒上 4:2 非利士人向以色列人擺陣。戰事展開後，以色列人在非利士人面前被擊敗；非利士人殺了在田野陣地上的人，約有四千。
撒上 4:3 百姓回到營裏，以色列的長老說，耶和華今日爲何在非利士人面前擊敗我們呢？我們不如將耶和華的約櫃從示羅接到我們這裏來，好進入我們中間，救我們脫離仇敵的手。
撒上 4:4 於是百姓打發人到示羅，從那裏將坐在二基路伯中間萬軍之耶和華的約櫃抬來。以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈與神的約櫃同來。
撒上 4:5 耶和華的約櫃到了營中，全以色列就大聲歡呼，地也迴聲響應。
撒上 4:6 非利士人聽見歡呼的聲音，就說，在希伯來人營裏有這樣大聲的歡呼，是怎麼回事？隨後就知道耶和華的約櫃到了營中。
撒上 4:7 非利士人就懼怕起來，因爲他們說，有神到了他們營中；又說，我們有禍了！因爲向來不曾有這樣的事。
撒上 4:8 我們有禍了！誰能救我們脫離這些大能之神的手呢？從前

1 Sam. 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, and the word of Jehovah had not yet been revealed to him.
1 Sam. 3:8 Then Jehovah called Samuel again, the third time. And he rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. Then Eli perceived that it was Jehovah calling the boy.
1 Sam. 3:9 And Eli said to Samuel, Go and lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah; for Your servant is listening. And Samuel went and lay down in his place.
1 Sam. 3:10 Then Jehovah came and stood by and called as at the other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant is listening.
1 Sam. 3:11 And Jehovah said to Samuel, I am about to do something in Israel which will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.
1 Sam. 3:12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.
1 Sam. 3:13 For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever because of the iniquity which he knew; for his sons brought the curse upon themselves, and he did not restrain them.
1 Sam. 3:14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be expiated by sacrifice or by offering forever.
1 Sam. 3:15 And Samuel lay down until the morning, when he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.
1 Sam. 3:16 But Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel my son. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:17 And he said, What was the word that He spoke to you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and even more, if you hide from me any of the word which He spoke to you.
1 Sam. 3:18 So Samuel told him everything and did not hide anything from him. And he said, He is Jehovah; let Him do what is good in His sight.
1 Sam. 3:19 And Samuel grew, and Jehovah was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
1 Sam. 3:20 And all Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 3:21 And Jehovah continued to appear in Shiloh, for Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 4:1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. And Israel went forth against the Philistines in battle; and they encamped near Eben-ezer, and the Philistines encamped in Aphek.
1 Sam. 4:2 And the Philistines arrayed themselves against Israel; and when the battle spread, Israel was struck down before the Philistines. And they slew about four thousand men of the array in the field.
1 Sam. 4:3 And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has Jehovah struck us down today before the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from Shiloh that it may come into our midst, and thus save us from the hand of our enemies.
1 Sam. 4:4 So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they took up from there the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah of hosts who is enthroned between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Ark of the Covenant of God.
1 Sam. 4:5 And when the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, and the earth resounded.
1 Sam. 4:6 And the Philistines heard the sound of the shout and said, What does the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean? Then they found out that the Ark of Jehovah had come into their camp.
1 Sam. 4:7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into their camp. And they said, Woe to us! For there has never been such a thing as this before.
1 Sam. 4:8 Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that

在曠野用各樣災殃擊打埃及人的，就是這些神。
撒上 4:9 非利士人哪，你們要剛強，要作大丈夫，免得作希伯來人的奴僕，如同他們作過你們的奴僕一樣。你們要作大丈夫，與他們爭戰。
撒上 4:10 非利士人和以色列人打仗，以色列人被擊敗，各向各家奔逃；被殺的人甚多，以色列的步兵仆倒了三萬。
撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。
撒上 4:12 當日，有一個便雅憫人從陣上逃跑，衣服撕裂，頭蒙塵土，來到示羅。
撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。
撒上 4:14 以利聽見呼喊的聲音就說，這喧嚷的聲音是怎麼回事？那人急忙來報信給以利。
撒上 4:15 那時以利九十八歲了，眼目發直，不能看見。
撒上 4:16 那人對以利說，我是從陣上來的，今日我從陣上逃回。以利說，我兒，事情怎樣？
撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。
撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。
撒上 4:19 以利的兒媳，非尼哈的妻子懷孕將到產期，她聽見神的約櫃被擄去，以及她公公和丈夫都死了的消息，就猛然疼痛，曲身生產。
撒上 4:20 她將要死的時候，旁邊站着的婦人們對她說，不要怕，你生了一個兒子了；她卻不回答，也不放在心上。
撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。
撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。
撒上 5:1 非利士人將神的約櫃擄去，從以便以謝抬到亞實突。
撒上 5:2 非利士人將神的約櫃抬進大衮廟，放在大衮的旁邊。

撒上 5:3 次日，亞實突人清早起來，見大衮仆倒在耶和華的約櫃前，面伏於地，就把大衮放回原處。
撒上 5:4 又次日清早起來，見大衮仆倒在耶和華的約櫃前，面伏於地，並且大衮的頭和兩手掌都在門檻上折斷，只剩下大衮的軀幹。
撒上 5:5 因此，在亞實突，大衮的祭司和一切進大衮廟的人，都不踏大衮廟的門檻，直到今日。
撒上 5:6 耶和華的手重重的加在亞實突人身上，敗壞他們，擊打他們，使他們生痔瘡，亞實突和其四境都是如此。
撒上 5:7 亞實突人見這光景，就說，以色列神的約櫃不可留在我們這裏，因爲祂的手厲害的加在我們和我們的神大衮身上；
撒上 5:8 就打發人去請非利士人的眾首領到他們那裏聚集，問他們說，我們向以色列神的約櫃應當怎樣行呢？他們回答說，

struck the Egyptians with every kind of plague in the wilderness.
1 Sam. 4:9 Be strong and be men, O Philistines, lest you become servants to the Hebrews as they have been servants to you. Be men then and fight.

1 Sam. 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and they struck Israel; and every man fled to his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell.
1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
1 Sam. 4:12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the array and came to Shiloh on the same day, with his clothes torn and earth upon his head.
1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.
1 Sam. 4:14 And when Eli heard the sound of the cry, he said, What does this sound of commotion mean? And the man hurried and came and told Eli.
1 Sam. 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, and he could not see.
1 Sam. 4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who has come from the array, and I fled from the array today. And he said, How did the matter go, my son?
1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.
1 Sam. 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to deliver; and when she heard the report that the Ark of God had been taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she bowed down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.
1 Sam. 4:20 And around the time that she died, the women who stood around her said, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer or pay attention.
1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 5:1 When the Philistines took the Ark of God, they brought it from Eben-ezer to Ashdod.
1 Sam. 5:2 And the Philistines took the Ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon, and they set it next to Dagon.
1 Sam. 5:3 And when the Ashdodites arose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground, before the Ark of Jehovah. And they took Dagon and put him back in his place.
1 Sam. 5:4 And when they arose early in the morning of the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground, before the Ark of Jehovah. And Dagon's head and the palms of his hands were cut off, lying on the threshold; only Dagon's trunk was left to him.
1 Sam. 5:5 Because of this, neither the priests of Dagon nor any who enter the house of Dagon tread upon Dagon's threshold in Ashdod to this day.
1 Sam. 5:6 But the hand of Jehovah was heavy upon the Ashdodites, and He devastated them and struck them with tumors, even Ashdod and its borders.
1 Sam. 5:7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Ark of the God of Israel cannot stay with us, for His hand is hard on us and on Dagon our god.
1 Sam. 5:8 Therefore they sent for and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to themselves, and they said, What shall we do with the Ark of the God of Israel? And they said, Let the Ark of the God of

可以將以色列神的約櫃轉運到迦特去。於是將以色列神的約櫃轉運到那裏去。

撒上 5:9 轉運到那裏之後，耶和華的手攻擊那城，引起極大的恐慌；祂擊打那城的人，使他們無論大小都生痔瘡。

撒上 5:10 他們就把神的約櫃送到以革倫。神的約櫃到了以革倫，以革倫人就喊嚷起來說，他們將以色列神的約櫃轉運到我們這裏，要害死我們和我們的族人。

撒上 5:11 於是打發人去請非利士的眾首領來聚集，說，願你們將以色列神的約櫃送回原處，免得害死我們和我們的族人。原來神的手重重的攻擊那城，城中的人有因驚慌而死的；

撒上 5:12 沒有死的人都受擊打生了痔瘡。城中呼號的聲音上達於天。

撒上 6:1 耶和華的約櫃在非利士人的鄉間七個月。

啓 3:20 看哪，我站在門外叩門；若有聽見我聲音就開門的，我要進到他那裏，我與他，他與我要一同坐席。

十一 墮落的以色列人是愚昧的，因爲他們不直接信靠神，反而信靠神所設立的制度；他們把神的約櫃從帳幕接出來以前，應當先求問神，像約書亞在耶利哥所作的一樣。（書六 2～4，參九 14。）

書 6:2 耶和華對約書亞說，看哪，我已經把耶利哥和耶利哥的王，並大能的勇士，都交在你手中。

書 6:3 你們的一切兵丁要圍繞這城，一日圍繞一次，六日都要這樣行。

書 6:4 七個祭司要拿着七個羊角號走在約櫃前。到第七日，你們要繞城七次，祭司也要吹號。

書 9:14 以色列人受了他們些食物，並沒有求耶和華指示。

十二 我們應該從靈的深處對主說，『主阿，我在地上，不是爲着我的健康、我的亨通、我的安全、我的平安、我的安息或我的好處。因着我要作一個得勝的真拿細耳人與你合作，以完成你的經綸，我求問你：你心裏對我的計畫是甚麼？』—撒上二 30 下，35，民六 1～9，參王上八 48，耶三二 39。

撒上 2:30 因此，耶和華以色列的神宣示說，我確實說過，你家和你父家必永遠行在我面前；但現在我耶和華宣示說，我絕不容你們這樣行。因爲尊重我的，我必尊重他們；藐視我的，他們必被輕視。

撒上 2:35 我要爲自己立一個忠信的祭司；他必照我的心意而行。我要爲他建立穩固的家；他必永遠行在我的受膏者面前。

民 6:1 耶和華對摩西說，

民 6:2 你要對以色列人說，無論男女許了特別的願，就是拿細耳人的願，要將自己分別出來歸給耶和華，

Israel be brought around to Gath. And they brought the Ark of the God of Israel there.

1 Sam. 5:9 Then after they brought it there, the hand of Jehovah was against the city, causing a very great panic. And He struck the men of the city, from small to great; and they broke out with tumors.

1 Sam. 5:10 Then they sent the Ark of God to Ekron. But when the Ark of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought the Ark of the God of Israel around to us to kill us and our people.

1 Sam. 5:11 And they sent for and gathered all the princes of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the Ark of the God of Israel; and let it return to its place, so that it does not kill us and our people. For the panic of death was throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there,

1 Sam. 5:12 And the men who did not die were stricken with tumors. And the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 Sam. 6:1 Now the Ark of Jehovah was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

K. In their degradation Israel was foolish because they did not trust in God directly; rather, they trusted in the systems ordained by God; before bringing the Ark of God out of the tabernacle, they should have checked with God as Joshua did at Jericho (Josh. 6:2-4; cf. 9:14).

Josh. 6:2 And Jehovah said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho and its king and the mighty men of valor into your hand.

Josh. 6:3 And you shall circle the city, all the men of valor, going around the city one time. Thus shall you do for six days.

Josh. 6:4 And seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Ark. Then on the seventh day you shall circle the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Josh. 9:14 And the men took some of their provisions, but they did not ask for the counsel of Jehovah.

L. From the depths of our spirit we should say to the Lord, "Lord, I am not here on earth for my health, my prosperity, my safety, my peace, my rest, or my profit; because I want to be a true overcoming Nazarite cooperating with You for the fulfillment of Your economy, I ask You what is on Your heart concerning me"—1 Sam. 2:30b, 35; Num. 6:1-9; cf. 1 Kings 8:48; Jer. 32:39.

1 Sam. 2:30 Therefore Jehovah the God of Israel declares, I surely said that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever; but now Jehovah declares, Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who spurn Me will be lightly esteemed.

1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.

Num. 6:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

Num. 6:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to Jehovah,

民 6:3 他就要遠離淡酒和濃酒，也不可喝淡酒或濃酒作的醋；不可喝甚麼葡萄汁，也不可喫鮮葡萄或乾葡萄。
民 6:4 在他分別出來的一切日子，凡葡萄樹上結的，自核至皮所作的物，都不可喫。
民 6:5 在他許願分別出來的一切日子，不可用剃刀剃頭。他要成爲聖別，直到他將自己分別出來歸耶和華的日子滿了；他要任由髮綹長長。
民 6:6 在他將自己分別出來歸耶和華的一切日子，不可挨近死人。
民 6:7 他的父母、兄弟、或姊妹死了的時候，他不可因他們使自己不潔淨，因爲那分別出來歸神的憑據在他頭上。
民 6:8 在他分別出來的一切日子，他是歸耶和華爲聖的。
民 6:9 若有人在他旁邊忽然死了，以致玷污了他分別出來的頭，他就要在得潔淨的日子剃頭，就是在第七日剃頭。
王上 8:48 他們若在擄掠他們之仇敵的地，全心全魂歸向你，又向着自己的地，就是你賜給他們列祖之地，和你所選擇的城，並我爲你名所建造的殿，向你禱告，
耶 32:39 我要賜給他們一個心和一條路，好叫他們終身敬畏我，使他們和他們以後的子孫得福樂。

十三 以色列人因着墮落得罪神到極點，神就離開他們；至終，約櫃並沒有拯救以色列人，反而約櫃本身也被擄去，神的榮耀離開以色列；（撒上二 30，34，四 10～18，22，詩七八 61；）『無約櫃』就是『無基督』，而『無基督』意思就是『以迦博』，即『無榮耀』—撒上四 21～22，啓三 20。

撒上 2:30 因此，耶和華以色列的神宣示說，我確實說過，你家和你父家必永遠行在我面前；但現在我耶和華宣示說，我絕不容你們這樣行。因爲尊重我的，我必尊重他們；藐視我的，他們必被輕視。
撒上 2:34 你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈所遭遇的事，要給你作兆頭：他們二人必同日而死。
撒上 4:10 非利士人和以色列人打仗，以色列人被擊敗，各向各家奔逃；被殺的人甚多，以色列的步兵仆倒了三萬。
撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。
撒上 4:12 當日，有一個便雅憫人從陣上逃跑，衣服撕裂，頭蒙塵土，來到示羅。
撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。
撒上 4:14 以利聽見呼喊的聲音就說，這喧嚷的聲音是怎麼回事？那人急忙來報信給以利。
撒上 4:15 那時以利九十八歲了，眼目發直，不能看見。
撒上 4:16 那人對以利說，我是從陣上來的，今日我從陣上逃回。以利說，我兒，事情怎樣？
撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺

Num. 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.
Num. 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.
Num. 6:5 All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to Jehovah; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
Num. 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person.
Num. 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
Num. 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.
Num. 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.
1 Kings 8:48 And if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who have carried them captive, and they pray to You toward their land that You have given to their fathers, the city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name;
Jer. 32:39 And I will give them one heart and one way, to fear Me all the days, for their own good and for the good of their children after them.

M. In their degradation the children of Israel offended God to the uttermost, and God left them; eventually, instead of the Ark saving Israel, the Ark itself was captured, and the glory of God departed from Israel (1 Sam. 2:30, 34; 4:10-18, 22; Psa. 78:61); to be "Arkless" is to be "Christless," and to be "Christless" means that there is "Ichabod," meaning No Glory (1 Sam. 4:21-22; Rev. 3:20).

1 Sam. 2:30 Therefore Jehovah the God of Israel declares, I surely said that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever; but now Jehovah declares, Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who spurn Me will be lightly esteemed.

1 Sam. 2:34 And this will be the sign to you, which will come upon your two sons, upon Hophni and Phinehas: In one day both of them shall die.
1 Sam. 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and they struck Israel; and every man fled to his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell.
1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
1 Sam. 4:12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the array and came to Shiloh on the same day, with his clothes torn and earth upon his head.
1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.
1 Sam. 4:14 And when Eli heard the sound of the cry, he said, What does this sound of commotion mean? And the man hurried and came and told Eli.
1 Sam. 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, and he could not see.
1 Sam. 4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who has come from the array, and I fled from the array today. And he said, How did the matter go, my son?
1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there

的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。

撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。

撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。

詩 78:61 又將祂的約櫃交與人擄去，將祂的榮美交在敵人手中。

撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。

撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。

啓 3:20 看哪，我站在門外叩門；若有聽見我聲音就開門的，我要進到他那裏，我與他，他與我要一同坐席。

肆 後來，約櫃得恢復，先被抬到基列耶琳，亞比拿達的家中，在那裏二十年之久，（撒上六 2～七 2，）然後又到了迦特人俄別以東的家，停在那裏三個月；（撒下六 1～11，參撒上一 24，書十八 1；）這表徵從第二世紀開始，有一些『俄別以東』興起，他們有主的同在（約櫃），但沒有正確的召會生活作基督的彰顯（帳幕）。

撒上 6:2 非利士人將祭司和占卜的召了來，問他們說，我們向耶和華的約櫃應當怎樣行？請指示我們用何法將約櫃送回原處。

撒上 6:3 他們說，你們若將以色列神的約櫃送回去，不可空空的送去，必要給祂獻贖愆祭，然後你們可以得痊愈，也可以知道祂的手爲何不離開你們。

撒上 6:4 非利士人說，應當用甚麼獻爲贖愆祭呢？他們回答說，當照非利士人首領的數目，用五個金痔瘡，五隻金老鼠，因爲在你們眾人和你們首領的身上都是一樣的災。

撒上 6:5 所以當製造你們痔瘡的像，和你們那些毀壞地的老鼠的像，並要歸榮耀給以色列的神，或者祂向你們和你們的神，並你們的地，把手放輕些。

撒上 6:6 你們爲何硬着心，像埃及人和法老那樣硬着心呢？神嚴厲的對付埃及人，埃及人豈不是讓以色列人去，他們就去了麼？

撒上 6:7 現在你們應當把一輛新車和兩隻未曾負軛有乳的母牛豫備好，把母牛套在車上，使牛犢回家去，不跟着母牛。

撒上 6:8 把耶和華的約櫃放在車上，將所獻作贖愆祭的金物裝在匣子裏，放在櫃旁，將櫃送去。

撒上 6:9 你們要看看：車若直行以色列的境界上伯示麥去，這大災就是耶和華降在我們身上的；若不然，便可以知道不是祂的手擊打我們，是我們偶然遇見的。

was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.

1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.

Psa. 78:61 And He gave over His Ark into captivity, / And His glory into the hand of the adversary.

1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

IV. Later, the Ark was recovered and brought first to the house of Abinadab at Kiriath-jearim, where it remained for twenty years (1 Sam. 6:2—7:2), and then to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite, where it stayed for three months (2 Sam. 6:1-11; cf. 1 Sam. 1:24; Josh. 18:1); this signifies that beginning from the second century a number of "Obed-edoms" were raised up, who had the Lord's presence (the Ark) but did not have the proper church life as the expression of Christ (the tabernacle).

1 Sam. 6:2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, What shall we do with the Ark of Jehovah? Make known to us how we should send it forth to its place.

1 Sam. 6:3 And they said, If you send away the Ark of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty, but be sure to return Him a trespass offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be made known to you why His hand has not turned away from you.

1 Sam. 6:4 And they said, What is the trespass offering that we should return to Him? And they said, Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was upon you all and upon your lords.

1 Sam. 6:5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice that devastate the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps He will lighten His hand on you and your gods and your land.

1 Sam. 6:6 Why then should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had dealt severely with them, did they not let the people go, and they went?

1 Sam. 6:7 So now take and prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which the yoke has never come, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home, away from them.

1 Sam. 6:8 And take the Ark of Jehovah and put it on the cart; and in a box by the side of it, place the articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering; and send it away that it may go.

1 Sam. 6:9 Then watch: If it goes up toward its own border at Beth-shemesh, it is He who has done us this great harm. But if it does not, we will know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance.

撒上 6:10 非利士人就這樣行，將兩隻有乳的母牛套在車上，將牛犢關在家裏，
撒上 6:11 把耶和華的約櫃和裝金老鼠並痔瘡像的匣子都放在車上。

撒上 6:12 牛在通往伯示麥的路上直行，走在一條大道上，一面走一面叫，不偏左右。非利士人的首領跟在後面，直到伯示麥的境界。
撒上 6:13 伯示麥人正在谷中收割麥子，舉目看見約櫃，就歡歡喜喜的觀看。
撒上 6:14 車到了伯示麥人約書亞的田間，就站住了。在那裏有一塊大石頭。他們把車的木頭劈了，將兩隻母牛獻給耶和華爲燔祭。
撒上 6:15 利未人將耶和華的約櫃和櫃旁裝金物的匣子拿下來，放在那塊大石頭上。當日伯示麥人將燔祭和平安祭獻給耶和華。

撒上 6:16 非利士人的五個首領看見，當日就回以革倫去了。
撒上 6:17 非利士人獻給耶和華作贖愆祭的金痔瘡像，乃是這些：一個是爲亞實突，一個是爲迦薩，一個是爲亞實基倫，一個是爲迦特，一個是爲以革倫。
撒上 6:18 還有金老鼠，是照非利士人五個首領一切城邑的數目，包括堅固的城邑和無城牆的村莊，直到放耶和華約櫃的大石頭那裏；這石頭到今日還在伯示麥人約書亞的田間。
撒上 6:19 耶和華因伯示麥人觀看祂的約櫃，就擊殺他們，共擊殺了民中七十人。百姓因耶和華大大擊殺他們，就哀哭了。

撒上 6:20 伯示麥人說，誰能在耶和華這聖別的神面前站立得住呢？祂可以從我們這裏上到誰那裏去呢？
撒上 6:21 於是他們打發使者去見基列耶琳的居民，說，非利士人將耶和華的約櫃送回來了，你們下來將約櫃接到你們那裏去罷。
撒上 7:1 基列耶琳人就來，將耶和華的約櫃接上去，抬到山上亞比拿達的家中，又使他兒子以利亞撒分別爲聖，看守耶和華的約櫃。
撒上 7:2 從約櫃停在基列耶琳那日起，過了許多日子，有二十年之久，以色列全家都哀慟尋求耶和華。
撒下 6:1 大衛又聚集以色列中所有挑選的三萬人。
撒下 6:2 大衛起身，率領跟隨他的眾人前往，要從巴拉猶大將神的約櫃運上來；這櫃是以那坐在二基路伯中間萬軍之耶和華的名起名的。
撒下 6:3 他們將神的約櫃放在新車上，從山岡上亞比拿達的家裏運走；亞比拿達的兩個兒子烏撒和亞希約趕這新車。
撒下 6:4 他們將神的約櫃從山岡上亞比拿達家裏運走；亞希約在櫃前行走。
撒下 6:5 大衛和以色列全家在耶和華面前，用松木製造的各樣樂器和琴、瑟、鼓、鈴、鈸，作樂跳舞。
撒下 6:6 到了拿艮的禾場，因爲牛閃前蹄，烏撒就伸手扶住神的約櫃。
撒下 6:7 耶和華向烏撒發怒；神因他的錯誤當場擊殺他，他就死在

1 Sam. 6:10 And the men did so and took two milch cows and tied them to the cart and shut up their calves at home.
1 Sam. 6:11 And they put the Ark of Jehovah on the cart with the box and the gold mice and the images of their tumors.
1 Sam. 6:12 And the cows went straight in the way toward Beth-shemesh; they went on one road, lowing as they went; and they did not turn to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh.
1 Sam. 6:13 Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the Ark, they rejoiced to see it.
1 Sam. 6:14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite and stood still there. And there was a great stone there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered up the cows as a burnt offering to Jehovah.
1 Sam. 6:15 Then the Levites took down the Ark of Jehovah and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold; and they placed them on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to Jehovah.
1 Sam. 6:16 And when the five lords of the Philistines saw this, they returned to Ekron that day.
1 Sam. 6:17 And these are the gold tumors that the Philistines returned to Jehovah as a trespass offering: for Ashdod, one; for Gaza, one; for Ashkelon, one; for Gath, one; for Ekron, one;

1 Sam. 6:18 And the gold mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines that belonged to the five lords, both of fortified cities and country villages, as far as the great stone on which they rested the Ark of Jehovah, which is there to this day, in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite.
1 Sam. 6:19 And He struck the men of Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of Jehovah; and He struck seventy men among the people. And the people mourned because Jehovah struck the people with a great slaughter.
1 Sam. 6:20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who can stand before Jehovah, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?
1 Sam. 6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have returned the Ark of Jehovah; come down and take it up to you.
1 Sam. 7:1 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the Ark of Jehovah and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill, and they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Ark of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 7:2 And it was a long time from the day that the Ark began to abide in Kiriath-jearim, for it was twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah.
2 Sam. 6:1 And David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
2 Sam. 6:2 And David rose up and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the Ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of Jehovah of hosts, who is enthroned between the cherubim.
2 Sam. 6:3 And they set the Ark of God upon a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.
2 Sam. 6:4 And they brought it with the Ark of God out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio went before the Ark.
2 Sam. 6:5 And David and all the house of Israel played before Jehovah on all manner of instruments of cypress wood, with lyres and with harps and with tambourines and with sistrums and with cymbals.
2 Sam. 6:6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah reached out for the Ark of God and took hold of it; for the oxen had stumbled.
2 Sam. 6:7 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error;

神的約櫃旁。
撒下 6:8 大衛惱怒，因爲耶和華突然擊殺烏撒；那地方便稱爲毘列斯烏撒，直到今日。
撒下 6:9 那日，大衛懼怕耶和華，說，耶和華的約櫃怎可到我這裏來？
撒下 6:10 於是大衛不肯將耶和華的約櫃搬到大衛城他那裏，卻轉運到迦特人俄別以東的家中。
撒下 6:11 耶和華的約櫃停在迦特人俄別以東家中三個月；耶和華賜福給俄別以東和他的全家。
撒上 1:24 她既給孩子斷了奶，就帶他一同上去，又帶了三隻公牛，一伊法細麵，一皮袋酒；孩子還小，她就帶他到示羅耶和華的殿中。
書 18:1 以色列人全會眾聚集在示羅，把會幕設立在那裏；那地已經在他們面前被制伏了。

伍 大衛將約櫃從俄別以東的家搬到他自己的城，在錫安山，耶路撒冷上好之地，他所豫備的帳棚裏；（撒下六 12～19，代上十五 1～十六 1；）這光景有了進步，但約櫃仍然不是在正確的地方，因爲還沒有回到帳幕裏：

撒下 6:12 有人告訴大衛王說，耶和華因爲神的約櫃，賜福給俄別以東的家，和一切屬他的。大衛就去，歡歡喜喜的將神的約櫃從俄別以東家中抬上大衛城去。
撒下 6:13 抬耶和華約櫃的人走了六步，大衛就獻牛與肥畜爲祭。
撒下 6:14 大衛束着細麻布的以弗得，在耶和華面前極力跳舞。
撒下 6:15 這樣，大衛和以色列的全家歡呼吹角，將耶和華的約櫃抬上來。
撒下 6:16 耶和華的約櫃進入大衛城的時候，掃羅的女兒米甲從窗戶往下觀看，見大衛王在耶和華面前踴躍跳舞，心裏就藐視他。
撒下 6:17 眾人將耶和華的約櫃抬進去，安放在所豫備的地方，就是在大衛爲約櫃所搭的帳棚裏。大衛在耶和華面前獻燔祭和平安祭。
撒下 6:18 大衛獻完了燔祭和平安祭，就在萬軍之耶和華的名裏給百姓祝福，
撒下 6:19 並且分給所有的百姓，給以色列全體羣眾，無論男女，每人一個餅，一塊肉，一個葡萄餅；眾百姓就各回各家去了。

代上 15:1 大衛在大衛城爲自己建造宮殿，又爲神的約櫃豫備地方，支搭帳幕。
代上 15:2 那時大衛說，除了利未人之外，無人可抬神的約櫃；因爲耶和華揀選他們抬耶和華的約櫃，且永遠事奉祂。

and he died there by the Ark of God.
2 Sam. 6:8 And David was angry because Jehovah had broken forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; and that place has been called Perez-uzzah to this day.
2 Sam. 6:9 And David was afraid of Jehovah that day; and he said, How shall the Ark of Jehovah come to me?
2 Sam. 6:10 So David did not want to remove the Ark of Jehovah to himself in the city of David. But David carried it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
2 Sam. 6:11 And the Ark of Jehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and Jehovah blessed Obed-edom and all his household.
1 Sam. 1:24 And as soon as she weaned him, she brought him up with her, along with three bulls and one ephah of flour and a skin of wine; and she brought him to the house of Jehovah in Shiloh, although the child was young.
Josh. 18:1 And the whole assembly of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh, and they set up the Tent of Meeting there; and the land was subdued before them.

V. David moved the Ark from Obed-edom's house to a tent that he had prepared for it in his own city, at Mount Zion, the choicest place in Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:12-19; 1 Chron. 15:1—16:1); this was an improved situation, but the Ark was still in an improper place because it had not been returned to the tabernacle:

2 Sam. 6:12 And it was told King David, saying, Jehovah has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he has because of the Ark of God. So David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with rejoicing.
2 Sam. 6:13 And when those who bore the Ark of Jehovah had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
2 Sam. 6:14 And David danced with all his might before Jehovah; and David was girded with a linen ephod.
2 Sam. 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of Jehovah with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.
2 Sam. 6:16 And when the Ark of Jehovah came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked down through a window and saw King David leaping and dancing before Jehovah; and she despised him in her heart.
2 Sam. 6:17 And they brought in the Ark of Jehovah and set it in its place in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings before Jehovah.
2 Sam. 6:18 And when David finished offering up the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah of hosts.
2 Sam. 6:19 And he apportioned to all the people, to the whole multitude of Israel, to both men and women, to each one, a cake of bread and a portion of meat and a cake of raisins. And all the people went away, each to his own house.
1 Chron. 15:1 And David made houses for himself in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the Ark of God and pitched a tent for it.
1 Chron. 15:2 Then David said, None should bear the Ark of God except the Levites, for Jehovah has chosen them to bear the Ark of Jehovah and to minister to Him forever.

代上 15:3 大衛招聚以色列眾人到耶路撒冷，要將耶和華的約櫃抬上去，到他所豫備的地方。
代上 15:4 大衛又聚集亞倫的子孫和利未人。
代上 15:5 哥轄子孫中有首領烏列，和他的弟兄一百二十人。
代上 15:6 米拉利子孫中有首領亞帥雅，和他的弟兄二百二十人。
代上 15:7 革順子孫中有首領約珥，和他的弟兄一百三十人。
代上 15:8 以利撒反子孫中有首領示瑪雅，和他的弟兄二百人。
代上 15:9 希伯崙子孫中有首領以列，和他的弟兄八十人。
代上 15:10 烏薛子孫中有首領亞米拿達，和他的弟兄一百一十二人。
代上 15:11 大衛將祭司撒督和亞比亞他，並利未人烏列、亞帥雅、約珥、示瑪雅、以列、亞米拿達召來，
代上 15:12 對他們說，你們是利未人宗族的首領，你們和你們的弟兄應當使自己分別爲聖，好將耶和華以色列神的約櫃抬上來，到我所豫備的地方。
代上 15:13 先前因爲你們沒有抬這約櫃，耶和華我們的神就突然擊殺我們，因我們沒有按定例求問祂。
代上 15:14 於是祭司和利未人使自己分別爲聖，好將耶和華以色列神的約櫃抬上來。
代上 15:15 利未子孫就用槓，肩抬神的約櫃，是照耶和華的話，正如摩西所吩咐的。
代上 15:16 大衛吩咐利未人的首領，派他們的弟兄作歌唱的，用琴、瑟和響鈸等樂器作樂，歡歡喜喜的揚聲歌頌。
代上 15:17 於是利未人派約珥的兒子希幔，和他弟兄中比利家的兒子亞薩，並他們族弟兄米拉利子孫裏古沙雅的兒子以探。
代上 15:18 和他們在一起的，還有他們的弟兄作第二班，就是撒迦利雅、雅薛、示米拉末、耶歇、烏尼、以利押、比拿雅、瑪西雅、瑪他提雅、以利斐利戶、彌克尼雅，並守門的俄別以東和耶利。
代上 15:19 這樣，歌唱的希幔、亞薩、以探敲銅鈸，大發響聲；
代上 15:20 撒迦利雅、雅薛、示米拉末、耶歇、烏尼、以利押、瑪西雅、比拿雅鼓瑟，調用女音；
代上 15:21 瑪他提雅、以利斐利戶、彌克尼雅、俄別以東、耶利、亞撒西雅領首彈琴，調用第八音。
代上 15:22 利未人的首領基拿尼雅管理歌唱的事，又訓練人歌唱，因爲他精通此事。
代上 15:23 比利家、以利加拿是爲約櫃守門的。
代上 15:24 祭司示巴尼、約沙法、拿坦業、亞瑪賽、撒迦利雅、比拿亞、以利以謝在神的約櫃前吹號；俄別以東和耶希亞也是爲約櫃守門的。
代上 15:25 於是大衛和以色列的長老並千夫長，都去從俄別以東的家，歡歡喜喜的將耶和華的約櫃抬上來。
代上 15:26 神幫助抬耶和華約櫃的利未人，他們就獻上七隻公牛和七隻公羊。
代上 15:27 大衛和所有抬約櫃的利未人，並歌唱的人，以及歌唱人的首領基拿尼雅，都穿着細麻布的外袍；大衛另外穿着細麻布的以弗得。

1 Chron. 15:3 So David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem in order to bring up the Ark of Jehovah to its place, which he had prepared for it.
1 Chron. 15:4 And David gathered the sons of Aaron and the Levites:
1 Chron. 15:5 Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the leader, and his brothers, one hundred twenty;
1 Chron. 15:6 Of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the leader, and his brothers, two hundred twenty;
1 Chron. 15:7 Of the sons of Gershom, Joel the leader, and his brothers, one hundred thirty;
1 Chron. 15:8 Of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the leader, and his brothers, two hundred;
1 Chron. 15:9 Of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the leader, and his brothers, eighty;
1 Chron. 15:10 Of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the leader, and his brothers, one hundred twelve.
1 Chron. 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests and the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah and Joel, Shemaiah and Eliel and Amminadab;
1 Chron. 15:12 And he said to them, You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, and bring up the Ark of Jehovah the God of Israel to the place that I have prepared for it.
1 Chron. 15:13 For because you did not bring it up the first time, Jehovah our God broke forth upon us; for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance.
1 Chron. 15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves in order to bring up the Ark of Jehovah the God of Israel.
1 Chron. 15:15 And the sons of the Levites bore the Ark of God as Moses had commanded, according to the word of Jehovah, upon their shoulders with the poles upon them.
1 Chron. 15:16 And David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers with musical instruments-harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals-to raise sounds of joy.
1 Chron. 15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;
1 Chron. 15:18 And with them their brothers of the second order: Zechariah, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth and Jehiel and Unni, Eliab and Benaiah and Maaseiah and Mattithiah and Eliphelehu and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom and Jeiel, the doorkeepers.

1 Chron. 15:19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound aloud with bronze cymbals;
1 Chron. 15:20 And Zechariah and Aziel and Shemiramoth and Jehiel and Unni and Eliab and Maaseiah and Benaiah with harps set to alamoth;
1 Chron. 15:21 And Mattithiah and Eliphelehu and Mikneiah and Obed-edom and Jeiel and Azaziah were appointed to lead with lyres set to sheminith.
1 Chron. 15:22 And Chenaniah, the leader of the Levites, was over the song; he instructed about the song, because he was skillful.
1 Chron. 15:23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the Ark.
1 Chron. 15:24 And Shebaniah and Joshaphat and Nethanel and Amasai and Zechariah and Benaiah and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the Ark of God; and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the Ark.
1 Chron. 15:25 So David and the elders of Israel and the captains of thousands went to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing.
1 Chron. 15:26 And because God helped the Levites who bore the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.
1 Chron. 15:27 And David was clothed with a fine linen robe, as were all the Levites who bore the Ark and the singers and Chenaniah, the song leader of the singers; and David had on a linen ephod.

代上 15:28 這樣，以色列眾人歡呼吹角、吹號、敲鈸，鼓瑟彈琴大發響聲，將耶和華的約櫃抬上來。
代上 15:29 耶和華的約櫃進了大衛城的時候，掃羅的女兒米甲從窗戶往下觀看，見大衛王踴躍跳舞，心裏就藐視他。

代上 16:1 眾人將神的約櫃抬進去，安放在大衛爲約櫃所搭的帳棚裏，就在神面前獻燔祭和平安祭。

一這光景表徵有別的信徒，像大衛一樣，顧到神的權益，嘗試實行召會生活，卻是照着自己的揀選，沒有照着神的啓示。

二這些信徒有基督，但他們雖有基督，卻帶着不正確召會生活的實行（由大衛在耶路撒冷的帳棚所豫表）—參王上三 3 ～ 15。

王上 3:3 所羅門愛耶和華，遵行他父親大衛的律例，只是仍在邱壇獻祭燒香。
王上 3:4 所羅門王到基遍去獻祭，因爲那裏有極大的邱壇；他在那壇上獻一千燔祭牲。
王上 3:5 在基遍，夜間夢中，耶和華向所羅門顯現；神說，我當賜給你甚麼？你可以求。
王上 3:6 所羅門說，你僕人我父親大衛用誠實、公義、和對你正直的心，行在你面前，你就按着他所行的，向他大施恩慈，又爲他存留這大恩慈，賜他一個兒子坐在他的位上，正如今日一樣。
王上 3:7 耶和華我的神阿，如今你使僕人接續我父親大衛作王；但我是幼童，不知道怎樣出入。
王上 3:8 僕人住在你所揀選的民中，這民多得無法數點，無法計算。

王上 3:9 所以求你賜僕人聰明的心，可以審斷你的民，能辨別善惡。不然，誰能審斷你這眾多的民呢？
王上 3:10 所羅門求這事，他的話在主眼中看爲美。
王上 3:11 神對他說，你既然求這事，不爲自己求長壽、求財富，也不求滅絕你仇敵的性命，單爲自己求辨識可以聽訟，

王上 3:12 我就照你的話而行。看哪，我賜你智慧和明辨的心，甚至在你以前沒有像你的，在你以後也沒有興起來像你的。
王上 3:13 你所沒有求的，我也賜給你，就是財富、榮耀，使你在世的一切日子，列王中沒有一個能比你的。
王上 3:14 你若行我的道路，謹守我的律例和誡命，正如你父親大衛所行的，我必使你長壽。
王上 3:15 所羅門醒了，不料是個夢。他就到耶路撒冷去，站在耶和華的約櫃前，獻燔祭和平安祭，又爲他的眾臣僕設擺筵席。

1 Chron. 15:28 So all Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah with shouting and with the sound of the horn and with trumpets and with cymbals, sounding aloud with harps and lyres.
1 Chron. 15:29 And when the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked down through a window and saw King David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.
1 Chron. 16:1 And they brought the Ark of God and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

A. This situation signifies that other believers who, like David, cared for God's interests, attempted to practice the church life according to their own choice, not according to God's revelation.

B. These believers had Christ, but they had Him with an improper practice of the church life (typified by David's tent in Jerusalem)—cf. 1 Kings 3:3-15.

1 Kings 3:3 And Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of David his father; however he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.
1 Kings 3:4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place; a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer on that altar.
1 Kings 3:5 In Gibeon Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, Ask what I should give you.
1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth and righteousness and in uprightness of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great lovingkindness and have given him a son to sit upon his throne, as it is this day.
1 Kings 3:7 And now, O Jehovah my God, You have made Your servant king in the place of David my father, though I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
1 Kings 3:8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people, whom You have chosen, a vast people that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.
1 Kings 3:9 Give therefore to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people and to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?
1 Kings 3:10 And this word seemed good in the sight of the Lord, that Solomon had asked for this matter.
1 Kings 3:11 And God said to him, Because you have asked for this matter and have not asked for long life for yourself and have not asked for riches for yourself and have not asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for discernment for yourself to understand justice;
1 Kings 3:12 I now do according to your words. I now give you a heart of wisdom and understanding, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor will one rise up after you like you.
1 Kings 3:13 And I also give you that for which you did not ask, both riches and glory, so that there will be no one among kings like you all your days.
1 Kings 3:14 And if you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as David your father walked, I will extend your days.
1 Kings 3:15 Then Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he went to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, and he offered up burnt offerings and offered peace offerings and made a feast for all his servants.

陸 最後，所羅門在耶路撒冷完成聖殿的建造，就把約櫃搬到殿內的至聖所裏，這纔完全恢復到正常的光景；今天在主的恢復裏，祂正在作工以恢復正常的光景，使基督在作祂身體實際的正確召會裏，得着彰顯—八 1 ～ 11，48，弗二 21 ～ 22，三 16 ～ 21。

王上 8:1 那時，所羅門將以色列的長老們和各支派的首領，就是以色列人宗族的首領，招聚到耶路撒冷所羅門王那裏，要把耶和華的約櫃從大衛城，就是錫安，運上來。
王上 8:2 以他念月，就是七月，在節期的時候，以色列人都聚集到所羅門王那裏。
王上 8:3 以色列的眾長老來到，祭司便抬起約櫃；
王上 8:4 他們將耶和華的約櫃、會幕、和會幕裏的一切聖器具，都運上來，是祭司和利未人將這一切運上來的。
王上 8:5 所羅門王和聚集到他那裏的以色列全會眾，一同在約櫃前獻牛羊爲祭，多得無法計算，無法數點。

王上 8:6 祭司將耶和華的約櫃抬進所豫備的地方，就是聖殿的內殿，也就是至聖所，放在兩個基路伯的翅膀底下。
王上 8:7 因爲基路伯張着翅膀在約櫃所在之處以上，遮掩約櫃和抬櫃的槓。
王上 8:8 這兩根槓甚長，槓頭在內殿前的聖所可以看見，在殿外卻不能看見，直到今日還在那裏。
王上 8:9 約櫃裏只有兩塊石版，就是以色列人出埃及地後，耶和華與他們立約的時候，摩西在何烈山所放的；除此以外，並無別物。
王上 8:10 祭司從聖所出來的時候，有雲充滿耶和華的殿；
王上 8:11 因着那雲的緣故，祭司不能站立供職，因爲耶和華的榮光充滿了耶和華的殿。
王上 8:48 他們若在擄掠他們之仇敵的地，全心全魂歸向你，又向着自己的地，就是你賜給他們列祖之地，和你所選擇的城，並我爲你名所建造的殿，向你禱告，
弗 2:21 在祂裏面，全房聯結一起，長成在主裏的聖殿；
弗 2:22 你們也在祂裏面同被建造，成爲神在靈裏的居所。
弗 3:16 願祂照着祂榮耀的豐富，藉着祂的靈，用大能使你們得以加強到裏面的人裏，
弗 3:17 使基督藉着信，安家在你們心裏，叫你們在愛裏生根立基，

弗 3:18 使你們滿有力量，能和眾聖徒一同領畧何爲那闊、長、高、深，

VI. Finally, after Solomon finished the building of the temple in Jerusalem, the Ark was moved into the Holy of Holies in the temple for a full recovery of the normal situation; today in His recovery the Lord is working to restore the normal condition of Christ within the proper church as the reality of the Body of Christ for His expression—8:1-11, 48; Eph. 2:21-22; 3:16-21.

1 Kings 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem in order to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from the city of David, which is Zion.
1 Kings 8:2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves before King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethnaim, which is the seventh month.
1 Kings 8:3 And when all the elders of Israel came, the priests took up the Ark;
1 Kings 8:4 And they brought up the Ark of Jehovah and the Tent of Meeting and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; and the priests and Levites brought them up.
1 Kings 8:5 And King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel, who had assembled before him and were with him before the Ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen which could not be counted or numbered for multitude.
1 Kings 8:6 And the priests brought the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah to its place, into the innermost sanctuary of the house, into the Holy of Holies under the wings of the cherubim.
1 Kings 8:7 For the cherubim had their wings spread out over the place of the Ark, and the cherubim covered the Ark and its poles overhead.
1 Kings 8:8 And the poles extended out so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the Holy Place before the innermost sanctuary, but they were not seen outside; and they are there to this day.
1 Kings 8:9 There was nothing in the Ark except the two stone tablets, which Moses placed there at Horeb when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt.
1 Kings 8:10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, the cloud filled the house of Jehovah;
1 Kings 8:11 And the priests were not able to stand and minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah.
1 Kings 8:48 And if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who have carried them captive, and they pray to You toward their land that You have given to their fathers, the city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name;
Eph. 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
Eph. 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
Eph. 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
Eph. 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
Eph. 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

弗 3:19 並認識基督那超越知識的愛，使你們被充滿，成爲神一切的豐滿。
弗 3:20 然而神能照着運行在我們裏面的大能，極其充盈的成就一切，超過我們所求所想的；
弗 3:21 願在召會中，並在基督耶穌裏，榮耀歸與祂，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們。

柒 約櫃和帳幕的歷史豫表召會的歷史，完全描繪出召會從開始到如今的過程和光景；這歷史主要的有五方面：

一第一種光景是召會中有基督；這是由約櫃在帳幕裏所豫表，以約櫃爲內容，而帳幕是約櫃的彰顯；這是召會第一個時期的圖畫，在絕對正常的光景裏—基督是召會的內容，召會是基督的彰顯—出四十 34 ～ 38，弗三 16 ～ 21。

出 40:34 當時，雲彩遮蓋會幕，耶和華的榮光充滿了帳幕。
出 40:35 摩西不能進會幕，因爲雲彩停在其上，並且耶和華的榮光充滿了帳幕。
出 40:36 在以色列人所有的行程中，每逢雲彩從帳幕收上去，他們就起程；
出 40:37 雲彩若不收上去，他們就不起程，直等到雲彩收上去的日子。
出 40:38 日間有耶和華的雲彩在帳幕以上，夜間雲中有火，顯在以色列全家的眼前；在他們一切的行程中，都是這樣。
弗 3:16 願祂照着祂榮耀的豐富，藉着祂的靈，用大能使你們得以加強到裏面的人裏，
弗 3:17 使基督藉着信，安家在你們心裏，叫你們在愛裏生根立基，
弗 3:18 使你們滿有力量，能和眾聖徒一同領畧何爲那闊、長、高、深，
弗 3:19 並認識基督那超越知識的愛，使你們被充滿，成爲神一切的豐滿。
弗 3:20 然而神能照着運行在我們裏面的大能，極其充盈的成就一切，超過我們所求所想的；
弗 3:21 願在召會中，並在基督耶穌裏，榮耀歸與祂，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們。

二第二種光景是召會中沒有基督；這是由因着神百姓的失敗，約櫃被擄並與帳幕分開所豫表；帳幕成爲空的，描繪基督徒的失敗，使

Eph. 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
Eph. 3:20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,
Eph. 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

VII. The history of the Ark and the tabernacle is a prefigure of church history, giving us a full portrait of the course and situation of the church from the very beginning to the present time; there are five main aspects of this history:

A. The first situation is that of the church with Christ in it; this is typified by the Ark in the tabernacle, with the Ark as the content and the tabernacle as its expression; this is a picture of the first stage of the church in an absolutely normal condition of Christ being the content of the church and the church being the expression of Christ—Exo. 40:34-38; Eph. 3:16-21.

Exo. 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.
Exo. 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud settled on it and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.
Exo. 40:36 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel set out on all their journeys;
Exo. 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, they did not set out until the day that it was taken up.
Exo. 40:38 For the cloud of Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel on all their journeys.
Eph. 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
Eph. 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
Eph. 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
Eph. 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
Eph. 3:20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,
Eph. 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

B. The second situation is that of the church without Christ in it; this is typified by the Ark being captured and separated from the tabernacle because of the failure of the people of God; the tabernacle becoming

召會失去基督的實際和同在—啓二4～5，三20。

啓 2:4 然而有一件事我要責備你，就是你離棄了起初的愛。
啓 2:5 所以要回想你是從那裏墜落的，並要悔改，行起初所行的。不然，我就要臨到你那裏；你若不悔改，我就把你的燈臺從原處挪去。
啓 3:20 看哪，我站在門外叩門；若有聽見我聲音就開門的，我要進到他那裏，我與他，他與我要一同坐席。

三第三種光景是有基督卻沒有召會；這是由沒有帳幕的約櫃所豫表；首先在基列耶琳的亞比拿達家中二十年，（撒上七1～2，）後來在迦特人俄別以東的家中三個月，（撒下六10～12，）約櫃與帳幕分開；召會歷史啓示，從第二世紀到現在，有過許多俄別以東。

撒上 7:1 基列耶琳人就來，將耶和華的約櫃接上去，抬到山上亞比拿達的家中，又使他兒子以利亞撒分別爲聖，看守耶和華的約櫃。
撒上 7:2 從約櫃停在基列耶琳那日起，過了許多日子，有二十年之久，以色列全家都哀慟尋求耶和華。
撒下 6:10 於是大衛不肯將耶和華的約櫃搬到大衛城他那裏，卻轉運到迦特人俄別以東的家中。
撒下 6:11 耶和華的約櫃停在迦特人俄別以東家中三個月；耶和華賜福給俄別以東和他的全家。
撒下 6:12 有人告訴大衛王說，耶和華因爲神的約櫃，賜福給俄別以東的家，和一切屬他的。大衛就去，歡歡喜喜的將神的約櫃從俄別以東家中抬上大衛城去。

四第四種光景是基督同着不合式的召會；大衛在耶路撒冷爲約櫃豫備了一個帳棚，但不是照着神啓示給摩西的樣式；許多基督徒有約櫃—基督—同着不合式的召會—17節，代上十五1，代下一4，出二五9。

撒下 6:17 眾人將耶和華的約櫃抬進去，安放在所豫備的地方，就是在大衛爲約櫃所搭的帳棚裏。大衛在耶和華面前獻燔祭和平安祭。
代上 15:1 大衛在大衛城爲自己建造宮殿，又爲神的約櫃豫備地方，支搭帳幕。
代下 1:4 只是神的約櫃，大衛已經從基列耶琳運上去，到他爲約櫃所豫備的地方，因他曾在耶路撒冷爲約櫃支搭了帳幕。
出 25:9 製造帳幕和其中的一切物件，都要照我所指示你的樣式。

empty portrays the failures of the Christians that caused the church to lose the reality and presence of Christ—Rev. 2:4-5; 3:20.

Rev. 2:4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.
Rev. 2:5 Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

C. The third situation is that of Christ without the church; this is typified by the Ark being without the tabernacle; first, in the house of Abinadab at Kiriath-jearim for twenty years (1 Sam. 7:1-2) and then in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months (2 Sam. 6:10-12), the Ark was apart from the tabernacle; church history reveals that from the second century to the present time there have been many Obed-edoms.

1 Sam. 7:1 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the Ark of Jehovah and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill, and they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Ark of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 7:2 And it was a long time from the day that the Ark began to abide in Kiriath-jearim, for it was twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah.
2 Sam. 6:10 So David did not want to remove the Ark of Jehovah to himself in the city of David. But David carried it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
2 Sam. 6:11 And the Ark of Jehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and Jehovah blessed Obed-edom and all his household.
2 Sam. 6:12 And it was told King David, saying, Jehovah has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he has because of the Ark of God. So David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with rejoicing.

D. The fourth situation is that of Christ with an inadequate church; David had prepared a tent for the Ark in Jerusalem, but it was not according to the pattern revealed by God to Moses; many Christians have the Ark—Christ—with an inadequate church—v. 17; 1 Chron. 15:1; 2 Chron. 1:4; Exo. 25:9.

2 Sam. 6:17 And they brought in the Ark of Jehovah and set it in its place in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings before Jehovah.
1 Chron. 15:1 And David made houses for himself in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the Ark of God and pitched a tent for it.
2 Chron. 1:4 However David had brought up the Ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.
Exo. 25:9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.

五第五種光景是基督同着正確的召會；這是由約櫃同着已擴大又擴增爲殿的正確帳幕所豫表；乃是在這樣的光景裏，就是有基督作實際，同着彰顯祂的正確召會，我們感覺到完全在家了—詩九十1～2，九一1～16，九二12～15，一三二5，8，代上二八11～20，代下三1。

詩90:1 主阿，你世世代代作我們的居所。
詩90:2 諸山未曾生出，地與世界你未曾造成，從亙古到永遠，你是神。
詩91:1 住在至高者隱密處的，必住在全能者的蔭下。
詩91:2 我要論到耶和華說，祂是我的避難所，是我的山寨，是我的神，是我所信靠的！
詩91:3 因爲祂必救你脫離捕鳥人的網羅，脫離毒害的瘟疫。
詩91:4 祂必用自己的翎毛遮蔽你，你要投靠在祂的翅膀底下；祂的真實，是大小的盾牌。
詩91:5 你必不怕黑夜的驚駭，或是白日的飛箭；
詩91:6 也不怕黑暗中流行的瘟疫，或是午間損毀人的毒病。
詩91:7 雖有千人仆倒在你旁邊，萬人仆倒在你右邊，災害卻不得臨近你。
詩91:8 不過你要親眼觀看，見惡人遭報。
詩91:9 因你已將至高者，耶和華我的避難所，當你的居所；
詩91:10 禍患必不臨到你，災害也不挨近你的帳棚。
詩91:11 因祂要爲你吩咐祂的使者，在你所行的一切道路上保護你。
詩91:12 他們要用手托着你，免得你的腳碰在石頭上。
詩91:13 你要踹在獅子和虺蛇的身上，踐踏少壯獅子和大蛇。
詩91:14 神說，因爲祂專一愛我，我要搭救祂；因爲祂認識我的名，我要把祂安置在高處。
詩91:15 祂要呼求我，我就應允祂。祂在急難中，我要與祂同在；我要搭救祂，使祂尊貴。
詩91:16 我要使祂年日延長，得以滿足，將我的救恩顯明給祂。
詩92:12 義人要發旺如棕樹，生長如利巴嫩的香柏樹。
詩92:13 他們栽植於耶和華的殿中，發旺在我們神的院裏。
詩92:14 他們年老的時候，仍要結果子；要滿了汁漿而常發青；
詩92:15 好顯明耶和華是正直的；祂是我的磐石，在祂毫無不義。
詩132:5 直等我爲耶和華尋得所在，爲雅各的大能者尋得居所。
詩132:8 耶和華阿，求你興起，和你有能力的約櫃同入你安息之所。
代上28:11 大衛將殿的廊子、旁屋、府庫、樓房、內室、和安放遮罪蓋之至聖所的樣式指示他兒子所羅門；
代上28:12 又將他被靈感動所得的樣式，就是耶和華殿的院子、周圍的房屋、神殿的府庫、和聖物府庫的一切樣式，都指示他；
代上28:13 又指示他祭司和利未人的班次，與耶和華殿裏各樣事奉的工作，並耶和華殿裏一切事奉用之器皿的樣式；

E. The fifth situation is that of Christ with a proper church; this is typified by the Ark with the proper tabernacle that has been enlarged and increased to be the temple; it is in this situation—Christ as the reality with a proper church as His expression—that we feel completely at home—Psa. 90:1-2; 91:1-16; 92:12-15; 132:5, 8; 1 Chron. 28:11-20; 2 Chron. 3:1.

Psa. 90:1 O Lord, You have been our dwelling place / In all generations.
Psa. 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, / And before You gave birth to the earth and the world, / Indeed from eternity to eternity, You are God.
Psa. 91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High / Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
Psa. 91:2 I say of Jehovah, / My refuge and My fortress, / My God in whom I trust!
Psa. 91:3 For He will deliver You / From the snare of the fowler, / From the deadly pestilence.
Psa. 91:4 With His pinions He will cover You, / And under His wings You will take refuge; / His truth is a shield and a buckler.
Psa. 91:5 You will not be afraid of the terror by night, / Or of the arrow that flies by day,
Psa. 91:6 Or of the pestilence that walks in darkness, / Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.
Psa. 91:7 A thousand will fall at Your side, / And ten thousand at Your right hand; / But it will not come near to You.
Psa. 91:8 You will only look on with Your eyes / And see the recompense of the wicked.
Psa. 91:9 For You have made Jehovah, who is my refuge, / Even the Most High, Your habitation;
Psa. 91:10 No evil will befall You, / Nor will any plague come near Your tent.
Psa. 91:11 For He will give His angels charge concerning You / To keep You in all Your ways.
Psa. 91:12 They will bear You up in their hands, / Lest You dash Your foot against a stone.
Psa. 91:13 You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; / You will trample the young lion and the serpent.
Psa. 91:14 Because He has set His love upon Me, I will rescue Him; / I will set Him on high, because He has known My name.
Psa. 91:15 He will call upon Me, and I will answer Him. / I will be with Him in distress; / I will deliver Him and honor Him.
Psa. 91:16 With an extension of His days I will satisfy Him, / And I will show Him My salvation.
Psa. 92:12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree; / He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Psa. 92:13 Planted in the house of Jehovah, / They will flourish in the courts of our God.
Psa. 92:14 They will still bring forth fruit in old age; / They will be full of sap and green;
Psa. 92:15 To declare that Jehovah is upright; / He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
Psa. 132:5 Until I find a place for Jehovah, / A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.
Psa. 132:8 Arise, O Jehovah, unto Your resting place, / You and the Ark of Your strength.
1 Chron. 28:11 Then David gave Solomon his son the pattern of the portico of the temple and its buildings and its storehouses and its upper rooms and its inner rooms and the building for the expiation cover;
1 Chron. 28:12 And the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of Jehovah, and for all the chambers around, and for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the dedicated gifts;
1 Chron. 28:13 And for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah, and for all the vessels of the service of the house of Jehovah;

代上 28:14 關於金器，是按着各樣事奉用的器皿金子的重量；關於一切銀器，是按着各樣事奉用之銀器的重量；

代上 28:15 金燈臺和其金燈的重量，是按着每一燈臺和其燈的重量，以及銀燈臺的重量，是按着每一燈臺和其燈的重量，都是照着各種燈臺的用途；

代上 28:16 每張陳設餅金桌子金子的重量，銀桌子銀子的重量；

代上 28:17 純金的肉叉、盤子、和壺的重量；關於金碗，是按着每一金碗的重量；關於銀碗，是按着每一銀碗的重量；

代上 28:18 關於精金的香壇，是按着香壇的重量；以及作成車子樣式的基路伯金子的重量，這基路伯張開翅膀，遮掩耶和華的約櫃。

代上 28:19 大衛說，這一切樣式的細工，都是耶和華的手在我身上，畫出來使我明白的。

代上 28:20 大衛又對他兒子所羅門說，你當剛強壯膽去行；不要懼怕，也不要驚惶，因爲耶和華神，就是我的神，與你同在；祂必不撇下你，也不丟棄你，直到耶和華殿事奉的工作都完畢了。

代下 3:1 所羅門在耶路撒冷，耶和華向他父親大衛顯現的摩利亞山上，就是耶布斯人阿珥楠的禾場上，大衛所豫備的地方，開工建造耶和華的殿。

1 Chron. 28:14 And for the gold, by weight of the gold for all the vessels of each kind of service; for all the vessels of silver, by weight for all the vessels for each kind of service;

1 Chron. 28:15 And for the weight of the lampstands of gold and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; and for the weight of the lampstands of silver, by weight for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the service of each kind of lampstand

1 Chron. 28:16 And for the gold, by weight for the tables of the rows of bread for each table, and for the silver for the tables of silver;

1 Chron. 28:17 And for the flesh hooks and the basins and the pitchers, of pure gold; and for the bowls of gold, by weight for each bowl; and for the bowls of silver, by weight for each bowl;

1 Chron. 28:18 And for the incense altar of refined gold, by weight; and gold for the figure of the chariot, that is, the cherubim, spreading out their wings and covering the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah.

1 Chron. 28:19 All this, said David, has He made clear by a writing from the hand of Jehovah upon me, all the details of the pattern.

1 Chron. 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and be bold and do it; do not be afraid or dismayed, for Jehovah God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until the completion of all the work for the service of the house of Jehovah.

2 Chron. 3:1 And Solomon began to build the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where He had appeared to David his father, at the place that David prepared, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.