

# Movements of the Ark of the Covenant

## MOVEMENTS OF THE ARK

- Numbered movements of the ark
- City
- Battle scene
- Route of the ark (in Israelite hands)
- Philistines merge at Aphek to join battle
- Route of the ark (in Philistine hands)



0 7 14 Miles  
0 7 14 Kilometers

MEDITERRANEAN  
SEA



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#1 – The ark was setup in Shiloh when it was brought into Canaan.

**See Joshua 18:1.**

#2 – Ark taken from Shiloh to battlefield at Ebenezer.

**See 1 Samuel 4:3-4.**

#3 – Ark captured by the Philistines & taken to Ashdod & to Gath & to Ekron.

**See 1 Samuel 4:11 & 5:1-10.**

The ark was in Philistine hands for 7 months (1 Samuel 6:1).

#4 – Ark was sent by the Philistines to Beth Shemesh.

**See 1 Samuel 5:11-12 & 6:8-12.**

#5 – Ark was sent to Kirjath Jearim (to the house of Abinadab).

**See 1 Samuel 6:20-21 & 7:1.**

The ark was in Kirjath Jearim (house of Abinadab) 20 years (1 Samuel 7:2).

#6 – Saul took the ark to a battle & back to the house of Abinadab.

**See 1 Samuel 14:18.**

This scene is debated as if Saul did not call for the ark, but for the priest's ephod for consulting.

#7 – David moved the ark to the house of Obed-Edom (not his plan).

**See 2 Samuel 6:9-12 & 1 Chronicles 13:5-14.**

The ark was in the house of Abinadab for around 60 years (Some of Samuel's life & all of Saul's reign & part of David's reign).

#8 – David moved the ark to Jerusalem.

**See 2 Samuel 6:12-17 & 1 Chronicles 15.**

#9 – Priests moved it as David fled Jerusalem. David sent it back.

**See 2 Samuel 15:24-29.**

# Lessons from the Movement of the Ark of the Covenant

## (2 Samuel 6 & 1 Chronicles 13 & 15)

- #1 – 2 Sam 6:12-15 & 1 Ch 15:1-2,13 – We need to do God's work His way.  
**It is good to get excited by the things of God...but also do them properly.**
- #2 – 2 Sam 6:16 & 1 Ch 15:29 – Some will always oppose God's work.  
**Michal despised David as he worshiped the Lord.**
- #3 – 2 Sam 6:17-19 & 1 Ch 16:1 – Doing God's work properly blesses people.  
**The people were greatly blessed.**
- #4 – 2 Sam 6:20-23 – Some will even oppose us face to face.  
**Michal did this to David.**
- #5 – 2 Sam 3:14 – We can have a hand in causing our opposition.  
**David demanded Michal be brought to him earlier.**
- #6 – Passage – We will be misunderstood by people.  
**This whole passage Michal didn't get David's worship.**
- #7 – Passage – We are to stand with God and against naysayers.  
**David did a great job of this here.**
- #8 – 2 Sam 6:23 – When we reject opposition, it can't bear fruit.  
**Michal bore no more children.**