
THE ARK OF THE COVENANT
OF THE LORD OF HOSTS
WHO SITS ABOVE THE CHERUBIM

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SERMON/TEXT THEME

In the “Ark Narrative,” one of the most powerful yet misunderstood passages in 1 Samuel (4–7), we will discover that there is only one true King—and that King is the Lord of Hosts Who Sits Above the Cherubim.

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“Dagon has been turned into Humpty-Dumpty before the ark.”

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“That the cows have never been yoked will, of course, make hitching them to the cart more difficult, to say nothing of the fact that they have recently calved and their calves are to be taken from them and penned up. Under such conditions, if the cows, against all natural instincts, proceed towards Beth Shemesh, this will be a sign that the Lord has brought this great disaster on us.”

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