

The Tabernacle

The Journeys Of The Ark In Table Form

Note:

While I have attempted to do this chronologically, it may not be absolutely correct, but is given as a suggested chronological order.

Relevant Data	References	Journey
Directions for it being made	Ex. 25:10-22	At Sinai
Directions for it's placement	Ex. 26:34; 40:2-3	At Sinai
The Israelites directed to make it	Ex. 35:10-12; 37:1-9	At Sinai
It is brought to Moses for inspection	Ex. 39:33-35	At Sinai
It was anointed with oil	Ex. 30:26; 49:9	At Sinai
The law is put in the sides of the ark where it could be taken out and read periodically. At some date it was put in the ark. (Heb. 9:4)	Ex. 40:20 Deut. 31:26	At Sinai
Aaron's rod is put in the ark. It seems that the rod was placed before the ark, and it is my understanding this was temporary and in the ark of wood, not the one in the Tabernacle for Moses was told to place it beside the ark. If it was in the Ark of the covenant in the Holiest, Moses could not have gone into that holy place and opened the ark to take it out or put it back in. Evidently at some later date it was put in the Ark of the covenant as Hebrews states.	Num. 17:10 Heb. 9:4	
The Ark is put in the Holiest and it is covered by the veil	Ex. 40:3; 21	At Sinai
The Kohathites appointed to carry the ark on their shoulders. These men felt the weight of the ark and mercy Seat, but never beheld it's glory. On special occasions carried by priests as when crossing Jordan (Josh. 3:6, 14). We can only see the glory of Christ by divine revelation.	Num. 3:30-31; 4:15	At Sinai
The three coverings of the ark when in transit	Num. 4:5-6	At Sinai
It went before the children of Israel on their journeys, and 2000 cubits. However, the normal place when in transit was being in the midst (Num. 3:17)	Num. 10:33 Josh. 3:4	At Sinai
The Ark Began the journey to Canaan	Num. 10:3-36	Leaving Sinai en route to Jericho

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The Ark crossing the Jordan, but was in the midst while the men lifted 12 stones for a memorial	Josh. 3:6- 4:11 Josh. 4:3-9	The Ark in the midst of the Jordan. Did they place another 12 stones in the midst of the Jordan or how does v. 3, where they were to take them out of the Jordan, correspond with v. 9 where they place stones in the place where the feet of the priests stood?
The repeated journeys round Jericho with the priests carrying the Ark	Josh. 6:6	The walls fall down
The Ark is placed between Eban and Gerizim as the blessings and cursings are pronounced	Josh. 8:33	
To Shiloh	Josh. 18:1	While the Ark is not specifically mentioned here, the Tabernacle is, and the Ark is taken from here (1 Sam. 4:3, 4)
In the temple of the Lord at Shiloh	1 Sam. 3:3	
The Ark taken from Shiloh to Ebenezer where they were encamped (ch. 5:1)	1 Sam. 4:3, 4	
It is captured by the Philistines	1 Sam. 4:17, 22	
Taken to Ashdod to the temple of Dagon	1 Sam. 5:1	In 1 Sam. 5:1 the Philistines brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod
It was carried to Gath	1 Sam. 5:8	
It was sent to Ekron	1 Sam. 5:10	It was here 7 months (1 Sam. 6:1)
To Beth-shemesh in the new cart	1 Sam. 6:13	
It was brought by the men of Kirjath-jearim to the house of Abinadab	1 Sam. 7:1	It was in Kirjath-jearim for twenty years (1 Sam. 7:2)
Brought to the house of Obededom	2 Sam. 6:10	IT was there three months (2 Sam. 6:11). It appears that the ark was the only piece of furniture brought back to Jerusalem for later Joash came and brake the wall of Jerusalem and took all the vessels that were in the house of Obededom (2 Chron. 25:24).
It was carried by the divinely instructed way	2 Sam. 6:13; 1 Chron. 15:1-15, 25; 16:1	

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It was brought from the house of Obededom to Jerusalem	1 Chron. 15:5	
Put in the tabernacle David had prepared for it	2 Sam. 6:17	
The Ark was brought into the Holiest of all in Solomon's temple	1 Kgs. 6:19; 8:1, 3, 4, 6	The staves were drawn and the ends were seen in the holy place (1 Kgs. 8:8) When placed in Solomon's temple it was to be "no more a burden upon your shoulders" (2 Chron. 35:3)

May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13

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