

The Levites (*priests*) took the Ark off of the cart, along with the offering of gold tumors and rats and placed them on the rock. The people of Beth Shemesh chopped up the wood of the cart and sacrificed the cows as a burnt offering to the Lord. But God struck down seventy men, *who were not* **CONSECRATED** priests, because they looked into the Ark. The people said, "Who can stand in the **PRESENCE** of this Holy God?" Then they sent the Ark to Abinadab's house and **CONSECRATED** his son Eleazar to guard it. It remained there for twenty years. (1 Sam. 4-7:1)

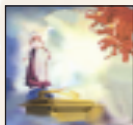
When David became king, he captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David (*Jerusalem*) and decided to bring the Ark of God, who is **ENTHRONED** between the cherubim, from Abinadab's house into it. They put the Ark on a new cart, drawn by oxen, with the sons of Abinadab, Uzzah and Ahio, guiding them. David and all of Israel formed a **PROCESSION**, celebrating with all their **might** before the Lord with **instruments, shouting** songs. When the oxen stumbled, Uzzah reached out to steady the Ark. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of this irreverent act—God struck him down and he died before the Ark. David was afraid of the Lord and said, "How can the Ark of the Lord ever come to me?" So he decided not to take the Ark to the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom.



The Ark remained there for three months. When David saw that the Lord blessed Obed-Edom, he decided again to bring the Ark to the City of David. He told the Levites: "**CONSECRATE** yourselves to bring up the Ark. No one but you can carry the Ark because the Lord has **chosen** you to minister before Him. It was because you did not bring it up the first time that the Lord broke out in anger." Every six steps David sacrificed a bull and a calf. He was wearing only a linen apron, dancing with all his **might** before the Lord, while he and all of Israel formed a **PROCESSION** with **trumpets, shouting** as they brought up the Ark.

They set the Ark inside a tent. David **appointed** the Levites to regularly petition and give thanks and praise to the Lord with **instruments** and **songs**. After David was settle in his palace, he said to the prophet Nathan, "I am living in a palace of cedar while the Lord is **LIVING** in a tent." That night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Tell my servant David, you are not the one to build me a house to **DWELL IN**; but I will **raise up** one of your sons to build a house for me." By the Spirit of the Lord, David drew the plans for the temple. (2 Sam. 6-7; 1 Chron. 15-17, 28:11-19)

David **appointed** his son Solomon to be king after he died, who built the great temple of the Lord. When the Ark was **brought** into it and placed in the inner sanctuary, the Most Holy Place, beneath the wings of the cherubim, the temple was filled with a cloud—the **SHEKINAH** Glory of the Lord! *The Ark was removed from the temple at some point, then brought back by King Josiah. It was carried to Babylon and is not seen again until the Apostle John sees it in a vision.* (2 Chron. 5, 35, 36)



John heard the 7th **trumpet** sound and loud voices in heaven **shouting**, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ." God's temple in heaven opened and the Ark containing God's Covenant was seen. There were flashes of lightning, thunder, and a great earthquake. Then a great and wonderful **sign** appeared: a **PREGNANT** woman, clothed with the sun and a crown of stars. Her WOMB contained a Son—Immanuel, "GOD DWELLS WITH US"—His New Covenant of Mercy. † (Rev. 11-12/card 1)

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### The Naked Truth

## THE HISTORY OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

### Messages from Mary—the Ark of the New Covenant



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"Hail Mary! full of grace, the Lord's **DIVINE PRESENCE** is with you. Blessed is the fruit of your **WOMB—Jesus!**" (Lk. 1: 28, 42 para).

Mary has been calling the world to prayer from Medjugorje (Med.) since 1981 (card 15).

"ARISE, O LORD, AND ENTER YOUR TEMPLE WITH THE ARK, THE SYMBOL OF YOUR POWER. FOR THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION; HE HAS DESIRED IT FOR HIS DWELLING: 'THIS IS MY RESTING PLACE FOREVER. HERE I WILL SIT ENTHRONED.'" (Ps. 132: 8, 13)

"DAVID WILL BE YOUR PRINCE FOREVER. HE WILL EAT IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE." (Ez. 37:25, 44:3)

**KING DAVID, wearing a linen apron, danced before the Lord with all of his MIGHT, while he and all of Israel brought the ARK OF THE COVENANT to the City of David (Zion) with shouts and the sound of trumpets.**



**As the PROCESSION entered the city, his wife watched from a window. When she saw David dancing naked before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. When he came home, she said to him, "How glorious the king looked today, exposing himself to the slave girls like any vile pervert." David replied, "I was dancing before the Lord, who CONSECRATED me as prince over Israel. I am willing to act like a fool to show my joy in the Lord. I will celebrate and become even more vile than this for I will be abased in my own eyes"** (2 Sam. 6: 14-22).

"DEAR CHILDREN, I STRIVE, BY EXAMPLE, TO TEACH YOU HUMILITY, WISDOM, AND LOVE BECAUSE I NEED YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO ME. I WILL GIVE THEM TO MY SON AND IN RETURN HE WILL GIVE YOU DIVINE PEACE. YOU WILL CARRY IT TO ALL THOSE YOU MEET AND WITNESS GOD'S LOVE WITH YOUR LIFE. YOU WILL GIVE THE GIFT OF MY SON THROUGH YOURSELVES. THROUGH RECONCILIATION, FASTING, AND PRAYER, I WILL LEAD YOU."

**Pray for our leaders to lead like David—FOLLOW the Lord with all their MIGHT!**

"DEAR CHILDREN, I call you to **live** according to my Son and to spread His peace and love; so that as my apostles, you may accept God's truth **with all your heart**. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to guide you; then you will be able to faithfully **serve** my Son and show His love to others with your **life (might)**. According to the love of my Son and my love, I strive to bring all of my strayed children into my embrace and show them the way of **faith**. Help me in my **BATTLE** and **pray** with me that sinners may become aware of their sins and repent sincerely. **Pray** for those whom my Son has **chosen** and **CONSECRATED** in His Name" (Med. 12/2/12).



## THE ARK OF THE COVENANT: EXODUS TO REVELATIONS



“Dear Children, with great joy in my heart, I call you to conversion. Do not forget that you are all important in this great plan, which God **LEADS** through Medjugorje (*card 15*). God desires to convert the entire world and to call it to salvation and to the way toward Himself, who is the beginning and the ending of every being. In a special way, **from the depth of my Heart**, I call you all to **open** yourselves to this great grace that God gives you through my **presence** here. I desire to **LEAD** you on the way that **LEADS** to Jesus and to your salvation” (*Med. 6/07, 12/25/09*).

**THE LORD SAID TO MOSES**, “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering to use to make a sanctuary (*tent*) for me with furnishings, and **\*MY DIVINE PRESENCE WILL DWELL AMONG THEM**. Make it exactly like the **pattern** I will show you. First, make an Ark (*chest*) of acacia wood and overlay it with pure gold. Make an Atonement Cover for the Ark and overlay it with pure gold. Make two gold cherubim on each end of the Cover, facing each other with their wings spread upward, **overshadowing** the Cover. Place the Cover on the Ark and put the Covenant (*10 commandments*), which I will give you into the Ark. Above the Cover, between the cherubim, I will meet with you and give you all my commands.” Moses’ brother, Aaron, and his sons (*Levites*) were **\*CONSECRATED** to serve as priests. (*Ex. 25:8–22; Ex. 28, 29*)



THE SANCTUARY AND ITS FURNISHINGS served as a **copy** of what is in heaven. The first room of the sanctuary was called the Holy Place. Behind a veil (curtain) was an inner room, called the Most Holy Place, where the Ark was placed. The **\*SHEKINAH** or the **DIVINE PRESENCE, DWELT** (rested) between the cherubim—God’s Mercy Seat and Throne. The Ark **contained** the Old Covenant. Once a year on the Feast of Atonement, the high priest would go behind the veil and sprinkle the Cover with the sacrificial blood of a lamb in atonement for sins. This was only a **pattern** of things to come. Jesus is the minister of a New Covenant in which He offered His own Blood to the Father in atonement for our sins (*Heb. 8–9/card 10*). Mary is the **ARK** of the New Covenant (*cards 1, 4*). Her **WOMB contained** the New Covenant of the Father—His Son—Immanuel, meaning **“GOD DWELLS WITH US.”** Mary’s head is always covered, **signifying** her **overshadowing** by the Atonement Cover. The Ark **LED** Israel in **BATTLE**, conquering the Promised Land.

\* CEREMONIALLY ANOINTED TO SERVE GOD

After Moses died, the Lord told Joshua to get the Israelites ready to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land. The officers gave the people orders: **“When you see the Ark, FOLLOW IT.”** Joshua said, **“CONSECRATE yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things AMONG you. This is how you will know that the Living God is AMONG you and that he will drive out your enemies, the Ark of the Lord will GO AHEAD of you into the Jordan.”** The Jordan was at flood stage; yet as soon as the feet of the priests, carrying the Ark, touched the river, the water from upstream stopped flowing, piling up like a heap, and the people crossed over on dry land, opposite Jericho, and celebrated their first Passover in the Promised Land.

Outside of Jericho, a man with his sword drawn, confronted Joshua, saying, “As the chief commander of the Lord’s army I come to you.” Joshua fell in reverence to the ground. The Lord ordered: “I have delivered Jericho into your hands. March around the city for six days. Have seven priests carry **trumpets** in front of the Ark. On the seventh day march around the city seven times with the priests blowing the **trumpets**. When you hear them give a **long trumpet blast**, have all of the people give a **loud shout**; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go in.”

Joshua formed a **PROCESSION**: an armed guard of men went ahead of the seven priests, then the Ark, more armed men, and the people **FOLLOWED** behind. They circled the city once for six days with the priests blowing the **trumpets**, but the people did not say a word. On the seventh day they circled the city seven times. Joshua commanded the people: “When the priests give a **long trumpet blast—shout!** The Lord has given you the city!” When the priests blew the **trumpets** and the people **shouted**, the wall around Jericho collapsed, the people went in, **battled**, and took the city. The Ark went with the Levites to Bethel. (*Jos. 3–6; Jud. 20:26–27*)

“Dear Children, anew I call you to **FOLLOW** me with **joy**. I desire to **LEAD** you to my Son, your Savior. I call you to **CONSECRATE** yourselves to my heart and the heart of my Son Jesus (*cards 5, 9*). I desire to **LEAD** you on the way of conversion and holiness” (*Med. 7/25/10, 10/25/03*).

When the priest Eli judged Israel, the Ark was in Shiloh. The Lord would not speak to him because he would not restrain his two greedy son\$, who were taking the Lord’s choices meat offerings. They also \$lept with the women who served at the sanctuary. God spoke to Samuel, a boy who ministered to Eli, who was not a Levite. A man of God came to Eli and said, “This is what the Lord says, ‘Why do you honor your son\$ above me—you and they have become fat on the best of my offerings! The time is coming when I will put an end to your family as my priests. They will all die in the prime of their life in distress and need; and as a sign to you of this, your two son\$ will die on the same day; and I will **CONSECRATE Samuel** for myself, a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my **heart and mind.**”

When Israel was defeated by the Philistines in battle, the elders went to Shiloh and brought the Ark to the **battlefield**, thinking it would save them from their enemies. Eli’s two son\$ accompanied the Ark. When the Ark came into the camp, all of Israel gave a **great shout!** The Philistines, hearing the **uproar**, asked, “What’s all the **shouting** about?” When they learned the Ark had come into Israel’s camp, they were afraid, saying, “The mighty gods who destroyed Egypt with plagues have come into their camp. Be strong and fight or we will be subject to the Hebrews.”

The Philistines fought hard and Israel was defeated, the Ark was captured, and Eli’s two son\$ were killed. A man from Israel’s camp ran to Eli with the news: “Israel has fled before the Philistines, the army has suffered heavy losses, your two son\$ are dead, and the Ark has been captured.” When he mentioned the Ark, fat Eli fell over backward, broke his neck, and died. Samuel became Israel’s judge.

The Philistines carried the Ark to Ashdod and put it beside their god Dagon. The next day Dagon was found on the ground, fallen on his face before the Ark; so they picked him up and put him back in his place. The next day he had fallen again before the Ark, but this time his head and hands were broken. The hand of the Lord was heavy on the people of Ashdod and its vicinity—he devastated them with plagues of tumors (*skin sores*) and rats. So they moved the Ark to Gath, throwing the city into a panic with an outbreak of tumors and rats. When they tried to move it to Ekron, the people of the city called the rulers of the Philistines and said, “Send the Ark of God away; let it go back to its own land or it will kill us and our people.”

They put the Ark on a wooden cart, pulled by two cows, with a guilt offering of gold in the image of tumors and rats and sent it on its way, saying, “If it goes to its own land, then the Lord has brought this disaster on us. But if it does not, then we will know that all of this happened to us by chance.” The cows went straight to the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh in Israel and stopped beside a large rock.