



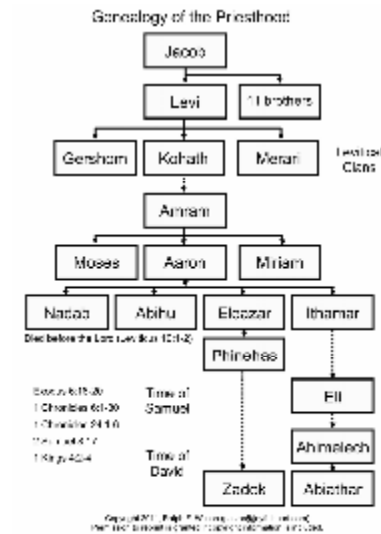
Crossing The Jordan River
Joshua 3 & 4

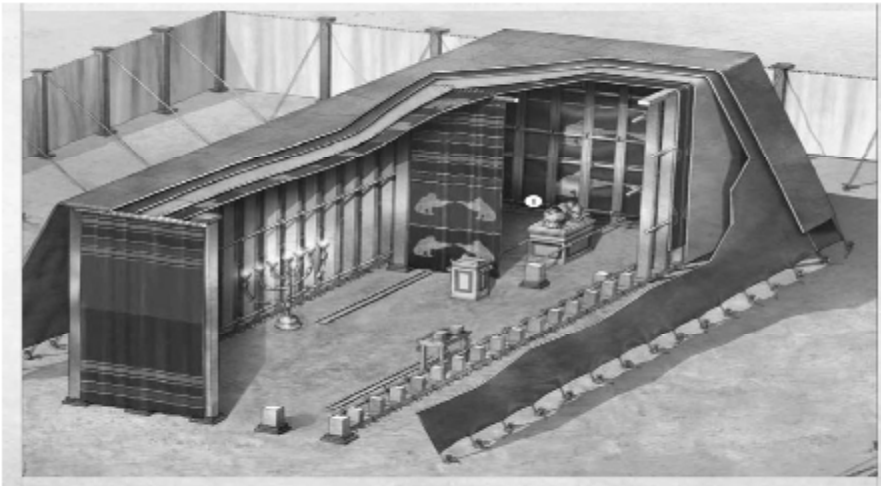
The Ark is mentioned 17 times in Joshua 3 & 4.

Three significant titles given to the Ark:

1. "The ark of the covenant and the ark of the testimony" (used 9 times in 3 & 4)
2. "The ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth" (3:11, 13)
3. "The ark of the LORD your God" and "The ark of the covenant of the LORD your God" (3:3, 4:5)

The Ark of the Covenant





Outline for Chapters 3 & 4

Instructions for crossing, Part 1 (3:1-6)

Instructions for crossing, Part 2 (3:7-13)

The miracle of the crossing (3:14-17)

Memorializing the crossing, Part 1 (4:1-11)

The crossing completed (4:12-18)

Memorializing the crossing, Part 2 (4:19-24)

Timeline: Joshua 1 and 3

1. Camped at Shittim; spies sent out; officers give first commands; 3 days prep to move to Jordan; spies report to Joshua end of day 3 (1:10–11)
2. Early in the morning move from Shittim to the Jordan; after 3 days officers give commands; Joshua tells them to consecrate themselves (day 6); they will cross Jordan the next day, which will be day 7 (3:1-5).

Consecrate

- To purify, make holy, set apart
- Separation from things that are unclean, anything that would contaminate one's relationship with a perfect God.
- "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew an upright spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).
- Inner and outer cleansing



“Take twelve stones from this place in the middle of the Jordan” (4:3).



REST

- To enter God’s rest (3:14-17) meant to enter the Promised Land. It was a physical rest from their enemies, where they could live peacefully and enjoy God’s blessings.
- The rest God offers today is the promise of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- He provided the eternal rest of salvation by His blood shed on the cross for forgiveness of sin.
- God’s rest, then, is a spiritual rest, not a physical one.