

# The Ark Of The Covenant



- **The Ark of the Covenant** is also described as the *Ark of the Testimony*.
- It is described in the Book of Exodus; it contains the tablets of stone of the Ten Commandments.
- The Ark of the Covenant was carried by the Israelites during their forty years trip through the desert.
- Wherever the Israelites camped, the Ark was always placed in a special tent referred to as the Tabernacle.
- The book of Exodus tells that the Ark of the Covenant was built by the command of God the Almighty who gave instructions to Moses on Mount Sinai.

- At the time the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into the “Promised Land” the Bible states that the **river stopped flowing** when those who carried the Ark set foot in the river.
- The entire Ark was plated with gold, and a crown of gold was put around it.
- Four rings of gold were attached to its four feet, two on each side and through these rings staves of **shittim-wood** plated with gold were placed to carry the Ark.
- A golden cover was placed above the Ark; also called kapporet.

- As the Ark was the only place Old Testament believers could go (through the high priest) to have their sins forgiven, so Christ is now the only way to salvation and the kingdom of heaven.