

# *Journey* *to the Cross*

**Lesson 2:**  
**His Victory, Your Victory:**  
**Joshua**

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# Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho



You may talk about your men of Gideon  
You may talk about the men of Saul  
But there's none like good old Joshua  
at the battle of Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho,  
Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho  
and the walls came a-tumbling down



# Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho



Up to the walls of Jericho  
They marched with spears in hand  
"Come sound them ram horns," Joshua cried  
"Cause the battle is in my hand."

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho,  
Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho  
and the walls came a-tumbling down



# Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho



Then the lamb ram sheep horns began to blow  
The trumpets began to sound  
Joshua commanded the children to shout  
and the walls came a-tumblin' down

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho,  
Jericho

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## Memory Verse

**For it is written:  
“Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve Him only.”**

**Matthew 4:10**





**I did it!**

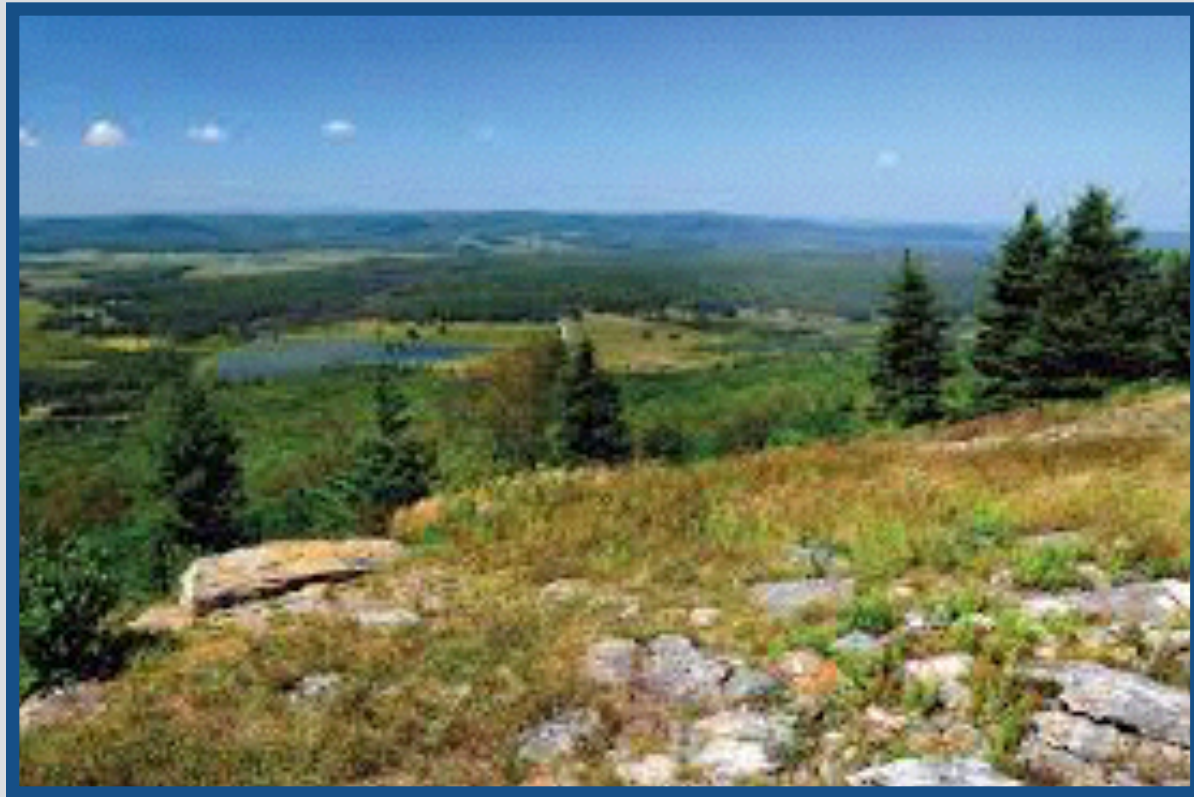


**Each received their goal by  
doing the work needed to  
achieve it.**

**This is NOT God's plan  
for salvation.  
We cannot earn salvation!**







**The Land**



**What shall we  
talk about today?**



**Ark of the Covenant**



# The Land

God **promised** them the land.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land."

Genesis 12:7 ESV

God **gave** them the land.

So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions.

Then the land had rest from war.

Joshua 11:23 NIV



# Leadership & The Land

*Abraham - Joshua*

God chose **Abraham**. *Genesis 12:1-3*

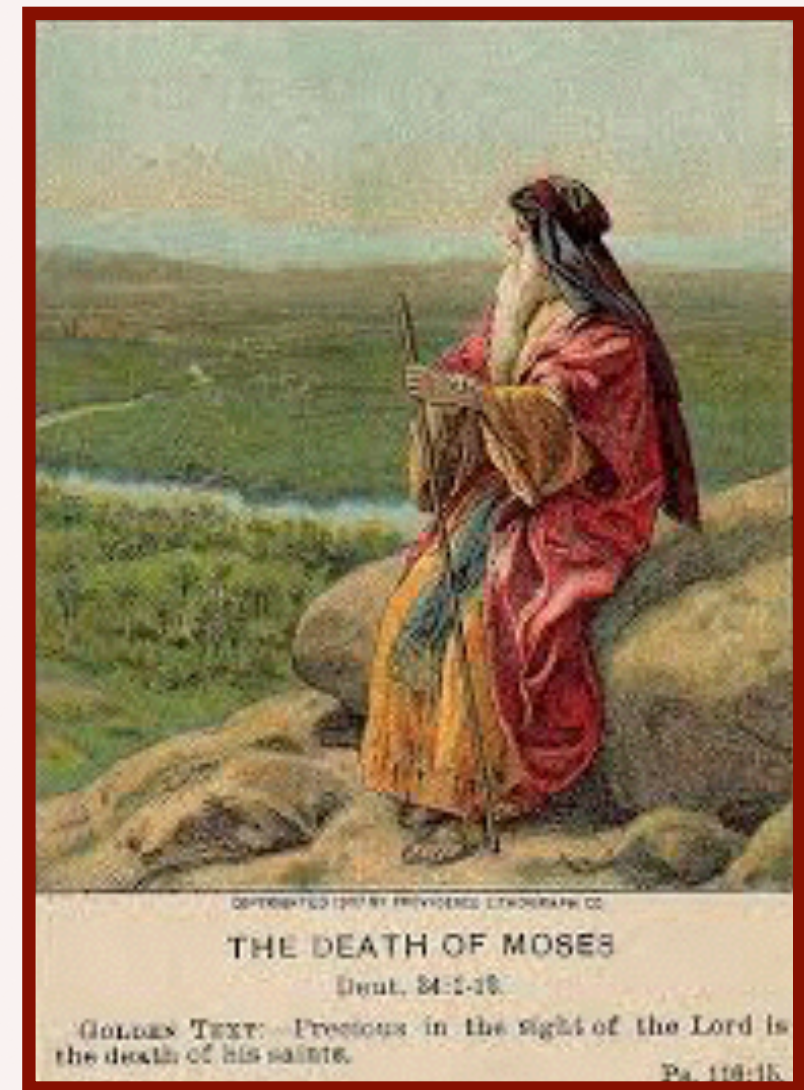
God guided **Isaac** to lead. *Genesis 26:1-6*

God called **Jacob**. *Genesis 35:10-12*

God through **Joseph** remembered the land. *Genesis 50:24*

God directed **Moses** concerning the land. *Numbers 34:1-12*

God led **Joshua** to lead them to enter the land. *Deut. 31:1-3*



**The Leadership is God initiated.**

**The transition from Moses to Joshua was a smooth succession with no fighting or hostile takeover.**



# Why is the land important?

## **Provision**

The land provided areas for growing crops and vineyard and for herding sheep and cattle.

## **Permanence**

The land was home and a place to bury the dead.

## **Covenantal**

The giving of the land was based on the unconditional covenant from God. It was the place where God could create God's nation.

# Ark of the Covenant



**In the NIV translation, there are 67 references in the Old and New Testament.**



# Ark of the Covenant

God told Moses to make the Ark and gave Moses the detailed plan for its construction.

The Ark was to hold the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 25:10-22



# What do we know about the Ark of the Covenant?



Ark literally means “chest”.

It was of wood overlaid with gold.

The lid held 2 cherubim looking at one another. Between them was mercy seat.

There were 2 rings on each side where poles could be inserted for transporting the Ark.

The Ark was respected but not worshipped.  
God was worshipped.



# Rules for the Road

At first, the Ark was portable, and the following rules had to be observed:

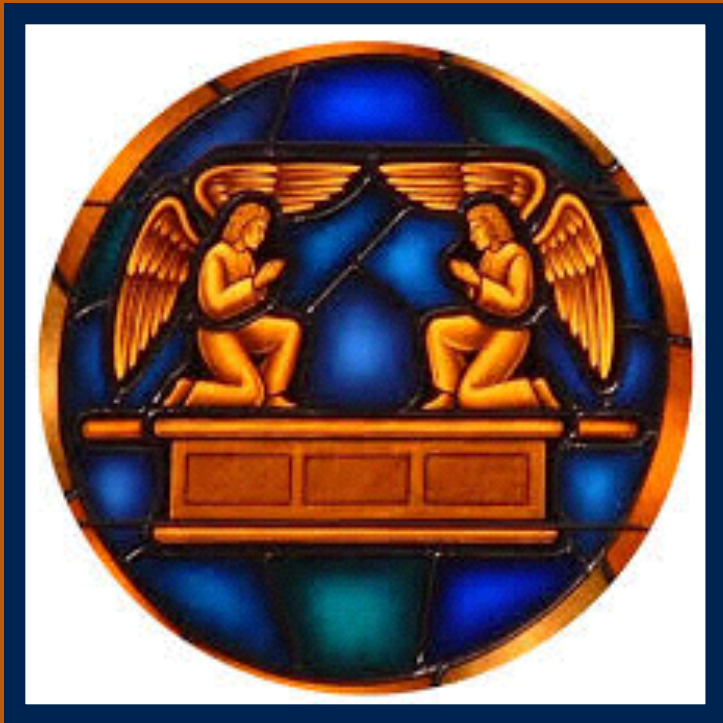
In transit, the Ark must be covered. It is not a spectacle.

It must be carried with poles laced through the rings on each side.

Levites were to carry it.

The Ark could NOT be touched!





# Where did the Ark go?

It traveled with the Israelites in the wilderness. Numbers 10:33

It crossed the Jordan River. Joshua 3

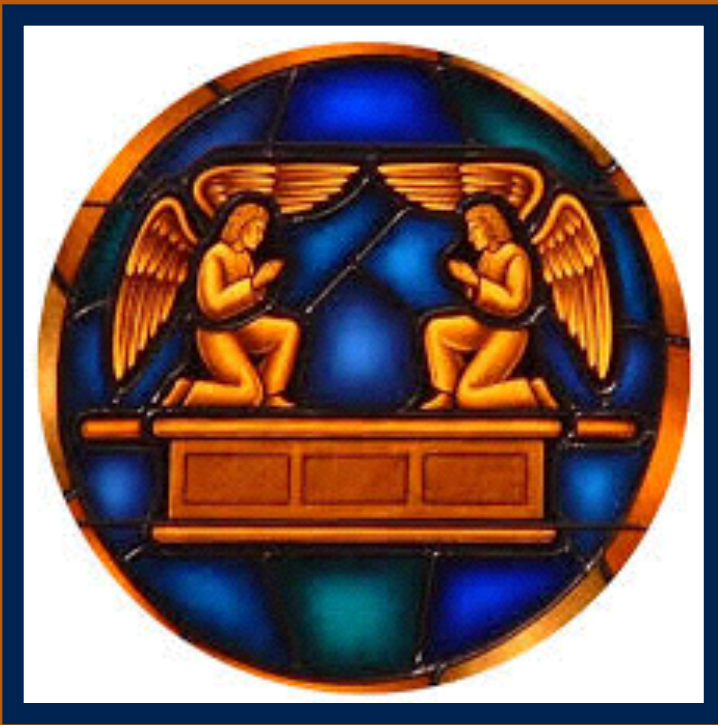
It encircled Jericho. Joshua 6

It came into camp during military operations. 1 Samuel 4

It was captured by the Philistines. 1 Samuel 4-6

It stayed in Kiriath-Jearim for 20 years. 1 Samuel 7





# Where did the Ark go?

## continued

David sent for it, but Uzzah touched it and died. 2 Samuel 6

David joyfully brought it to Jerusalem. 2 Samuel 6

Solomon put it in the Temple where it stayed. 1 Kings 8

It likely disappeared with the Babylonian invasion of 586 BC.

It will reappear after the 7th trumpet sounds. Revelation 11:19



# The Ark and Uzzah

Uzzah broke the rules, thus equating himself with God.

He thought God owed him since he was a good man and would earn favor by saving the Ark from falling.

He touched the Ark and died.



**2 Samuel 6**



# The Ark and Uzzah

**What did the  
Ark Rules  
teach us?**

Our God is not like other gods.

Pagan worshippers longed to touch the statues of the pagan gods so that the pagan would be blessed and receive power from the relics.

Uzzah thought he would go to God with his good works (saving the Ark from the dirt). But the soil was doing what God created it to do. Uzzah was not living the way God created him to live.



THE DEATH OF UZZAH.



# The Ark and Uzzah

There is a chasm between God and people. It cannot be bridged by human effort...the bridge cannot be earned by humankind. There must be a sacrifice because there is a debt that needs to be paid.

Jesus is our bridge.

Jesus is the sacrifice.

Out of great love and amazing grace, Jesus did it for us because we could never do it ourselves.

**What does God  
want us to  
know?**





# Ark of the Covenant, a symbol of God's Presence

There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat,  
from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the  
covenant, I will deliver to you all my commands for the  
Israelites.

Exodus 25:30 NRSV



**Jesus is God's Presence**



*What reminds you  
of God's Presence?*



# Ark of the Covenant, a symbol of God's Will

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Matthew 6:9 KJV

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me:  
nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. Luke 22:42 KJV



**Jesus shows us God's Will**



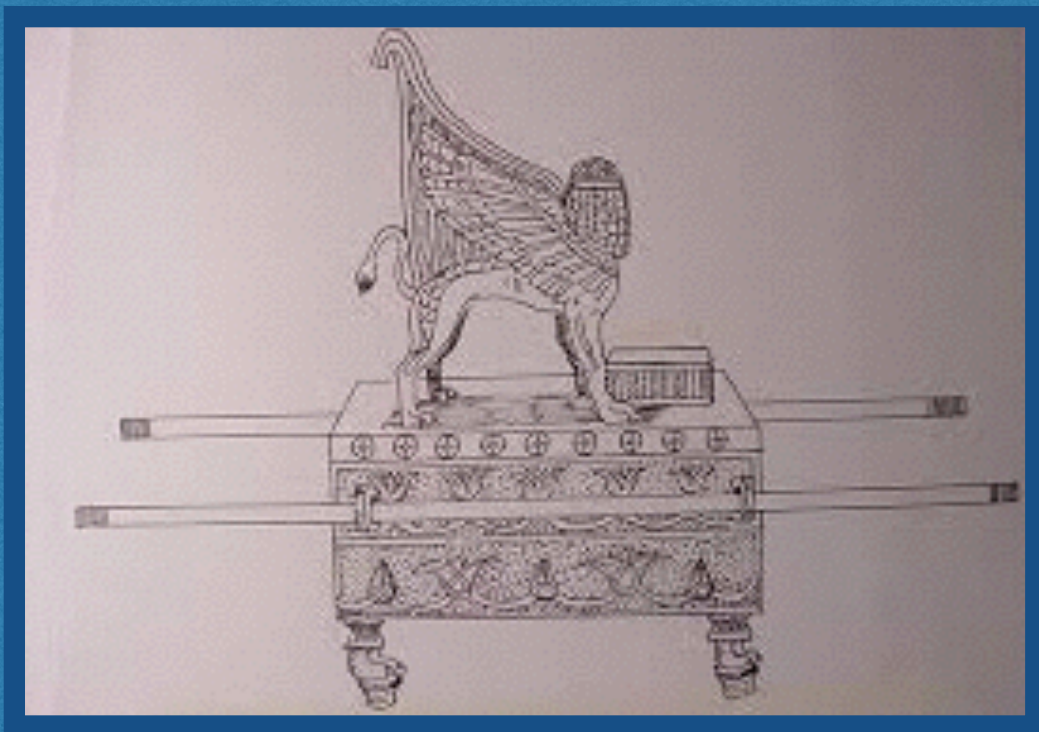
*How do you know  
God's Will ?*



# Ark of the Covenant, a symbol of God's Power

And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

Joshua 3:13 NIV



**Jesus demonstrated  
God's Power**



*Where do you see  
God's Power ?*

# This Week's Top 5



1. We need to let go of past leaders and follow the current leaders God sends us.



# This Week's Top 5



2. We need to feel God's Presence. We need to look for God at work in our lives.
3. We need to know God's Will and submit to it.
4. We need to see God's Power. We need to be prepared to see miracles.

# This Week's Top 5



5. We can't earn salvation. We must accept that we are sinners in need of a savior.





Skim  
means  
skim



## Applying the Lesson to Your Life

What reminds you of God's Presence?

Where do you see God's Power?

How do you know God's Will?