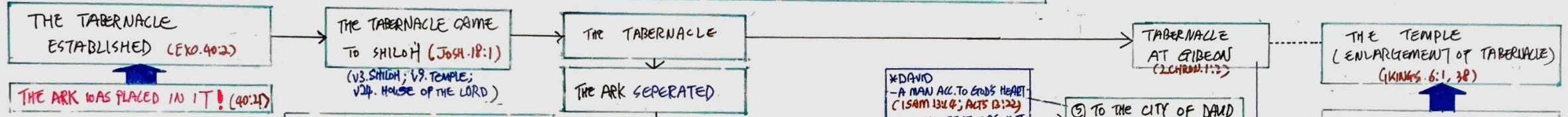


GOD'S BUILDING - HIS HEARTS DESIRE THE HISTORY OF THE ARK & THE TABERNACLE

* GOD DIDN'T PUNISH THE PHILISTINES FOR USING A CART TO MOVE THE ARK, BUT HE COULDN'T TOLERATE DAVID COPYING THE PHILISTINE'S WAY.



*** THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY**
(OF THE COVENANT / OF GOD)

- 1) EMBODIMENT OF THE TRINE-GOD, THE TYPE OF THE FIRST GOD-MAN, JESUS
- 2) SIGNIFIES THE DUAL NATURE OF CHRIST
- 3) THREE HIDDEN THINGS
(MARIANA - BODILY & RO) TESTIMONY
- 4) EXPIATION COVER
- PLACE OF PROPITIATION
- WHERE THE THRONE OF GOD IS
- WHERE GOD MEET US & SPEAK TO US

*** SIX POINTS WITH THE TABERNACLE**

THE TABERNACLE BEING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE ARK (THE TABERNACLE OF THE TESTIMONY)

- 1) GOD'S GLORY (EXO. 40:34-38)
- IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES WITH THE ARK
- 2) GOD'S SPEAKING (LEV. 1:1)
- ON THE ARK BETWEEN CHERUBIMS
- 3) THE PRIESTLY SERVICE (1 PET. 2:5)
- TOTALLY RELATED WITH GOD'S BUILDING
- 4) GOD'S ARMY (NUM. 2:1-2)
- SERVICE OF PRESTHOOD MEANS "WAREFARE" (NUM. 4:2)
- ONLY WEAPON IN THE ARMY IS THE ARK
- 5) POSSESSION OF THE GOOD LAND (DEUT. 8:7; JOS. 6:4)
- THE ARMY MARCHING & FIGHTING TO POSSESS THE LAND
- PRIESTS BEARING THE ARK
- 6) THE WORSHIP CENTER (JOSH. 18:1)
- PEOPLE CAN SEEK & FIND GOD (1 SAM. 1:3)

* CROSSED RIVER OF JORDAN AND CAME TO THE GOOD LAND (JOSH. 3:1-4)
↳ THE ARK TOOK THE LEAD (3:6, 17)

* 300 YEARS UNDER THE JUDGES
↳ "ALL DO RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES..." (JUDGE 11:26)
↳ BEING DEGRADED

* IN THE TIME OF ELI
"THE WORD OF JEHOVAH WAS RARE IN THOSE DAYS..." (1 SAM. 3:1)
↳ VISIONS NOT WIDESPREAD
↳ ELI'S EYES WERE DIM (3:3)
↳ ELI'S TWO SONS WERE EVIL (2:34)

* SHILOH WILL BE DESTROYED LATER DUE TO THE WICKEDNESS OF ISRAEL. (JER. 7:12) (1 SAM. 7:12)

* THIS GRADUAL DEGRADATION OF ISRAEL PRE-FIGURES THE GENERAL SITUATION OF DEGRADATION OF THE CHURCHES IN THE CHRISTIAN HISTORY. (REV. 2-3)

* GOD HAD TO CALL & ESTABLISH SAMUEL AS HIS PROPHET. (1 SAM. 2:35; 3:20)

1) THE ARK CAPTURED BY THE PHILISTINES
(1 SAM. 4:1-5:2)

- ISRAEL NOT DEALT WITH THEIR SINS.
- THOUGHT THEY WILL WIN THE WAR IF THEY TOOK THE ARK
- THEY WERE DEFEATED AND THE ARK WAS CAPTURED BY THE PHILISTINES (TO THE HOUSE OF DAGON)

- ELI'S TWO SONS DIED (4:11)
- THE ARK SUBDUED THE PHILISTINES (1 SAM. 7:12-13)

2) MOVED TO BETHSHEMESH
(1 SAM. 6:1-3)

- CARRIED BY A CART WITH TWO OXES
- THEY WERE SMITTEN WHEN THEY LOOKED INTO THE ARK
- NO FEAR OF GOD AMONG THEM

* THE ARK WAS SEPARATED FOR ABOUT 70+ YEARS

7 MONTHS IN THE PHILISTINES (1 SAM. 6:1)
20 YEARS IN THE ABINADAB'S (1 SAM. 7:2)
3 MONTHS IN OBED-EDOM'S (2 SAM. 6:12)
40 YEARS REIGN OF KING DAVID
TEMPLE COMPLETED AT THE 11TH YEAR OF KING SOLOMON (1 KINGS 6:38)

* THE ARK ALWAYS PROTECT ITSELF, NO HUMAN EFFORTS NECESSARY
* "LET GOD ARISE..." (PSA. 68:1; CP) NUM. 10:35
↳ TYPE OF GOD'S MOVE ON THE EARTH IN CHRIST (FROM MT. SINAI THROUGH THE WILDERNESS TO MT. ZION (CW. 1, 8, 16))

* DAVID - A MAN ACC. TO GOD'S HEART (1 SAM. 13:14; ACTS 13:22)
- BUT HIS TENT WAS NOT ACC. TO THE PATTERN (1 SAM. 7:17)
- LATER, HE DECIDED TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR GOD (2 SAM. 7:12-13)

3) TO THE CITY OF DAVID (DAVID'S TENT)
(2 SAM. 6:11-12; 1 CHRON. 15:1-2)

- DAVID LEARNED A LESSON; LET LEVITES TO MOVE THE ARK (1 SAM. 6:7; 1 CHRON. 15:2)
- YET HE PLACED THE ARK IN HIS TENT, NOT IN THE TABERNACLE.

+ DAVID HAD A HEART BUT HIS TENT WAS NOT ACC. TO THE PATTERN.

4) TO THE HOUSE OF OBED-EDOM (2 SAM. 6:1-10)

- DAVID NOT CONSULTED THE WORD OF GOD (NUM. 4:1-15)
- BUT CONSULTED CAPTAINS TO FOLLOW THE PHILISTINE'S WAY
- URZAN WAS KILLED, WE'D FLESH.
- THE ARK STAYED AT OBED-EDOM'S

3) TO KIRJATH-JEARIM (HOUSE OF ABINADAB)
(1 SAM. 7:1-2)

- THEY WELCOMED THE PRESENCE OF GOD
- THE ARK STAYED THERE 20 YEARS

* SOLOMON WENT TO THE TABERNACLE AT GIBEON, OFFERED 1000 BURNT OFFERINGS TO GET WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE BEFORE THE ARK. (1 CHRON. 1:110)

* BUT AFTER RECEIVING WISDOM, THE FIRST THING SOLOMON DID WAS COME TO JERUSALEM TO OFFER BURNT & PEACE OFFERINGS BEFORE THE ARK. (CF) THE MULTIFARIOUS WISDOM OF GOD (EPH. 3:10)

* SOLOMON SAW:
1) THE PRECIOUSNESS OF THE ARK
2) THE VANITY OF THE TABERNACLE WITHOUT THE ARK.

FOUR SITUATIONS OF THE TABERNACLE	PREFIGURE OF THE CHURCH HISTORY
1 THE ARK IN THE TABERNACLE (NORMAL SITUATION) (EXO. 40:2)	THE CHURCH WITH CHRIST IN IT * THE CHURCH PRODUCED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.
2 THE ARK SEPARATED FROM THE TABERNACLE (1 SAM. 4:11-6:1; 6:2-7:2; 2 SAM. 6:1-11)	THE CHURCH WITHOUT CHRIST IN IT - GENERAL SITUATION OF MANY SO-CALLED CHURCHES CHRIST WITHOUT THE CHURCH - GOD BLESSED MANY ABINADAB & OBED-EDOM IN HISTORY, BUT STILL THERE WAS NO CHURCH.
3 THE ARK IN DAVID'S TENT (2 SAM. 6:12-19; 1 CHRON. 15:1-16:1)	CHRIST WITH AN INADEQUATE CHURCH - MANY PITCH TENTS ACC. TO THEIR THOUGHTS TO HOUSE CHRIST IN.
4 THE ARK IN THE TEMPLE (1 KINGS 8:1-11)	CHRIST WITH A PROPER CHURCH - CHRIST AS THE REALITY IN THE CHURCH AS EXPRESSION