

Here is a little history about the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ark of the Covenant was one of the most instrumental symbols of faith and God's presence. The contents included the tables of the Mosaic law, a pot of manna, and the rod of Aaron. The Ark's was when God commanded Moses "make an ark of acacia wood."

The **Ark of the Covenant** is described as a wooden chest, covered in pure gold, with an elaborately designed lid called the mercy seat. According to the [Book of Exodus](#), the Ark contained the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. According to the [New Testament Book of Hebrews](#), it also contained [Aaron's rod](#) and a pot of [manna](#).

The biblical account relates that approximately one year after the [Israelites' exodus from Egypt](#), the Ark was created according to the pattern given to [Moses](#) by God when the Israelites were encamped at the foot of [Mount Sinai](#). Thereafter, the gold-plated [acacia](#) chest was carried by its staves by the [Levites](#) approximately 2,000 [cubits](#) (approximately 800 meters or 2,600 feet) in advance of the people when on the march. In the Tent of Meetings, it is said that God spoke with Moses "from between the two [cherubim](#)" on the Ark's cover.

The Ark represented God's presence being with them. They knew that if God was with them, then God's provision and God's protection would also be with them as well. Sadly, eventually the nation of Israel began to see the Ark not as representative of God's presence but as a good luck charm.

Even though the nation of Israel had great celebration and rejoicing over moving the Ark to Jerusalem under the reign of King David, they neglected to follow God's instructions the first time. This is a reminder that zeal alone is not enough. It is important to make sure you are following what God tells you to do.

When you fast forward to today there is good news. Regardless of what happened to the Ark, you have access to God's presence through the work of Christ at the cross. This life-changing relationship is available to all who carry Christ in their hearts as Savior and Lord.

We encourage everyone to respond to what Christ has done for us! Spend time in the Most Holy Place, God's Presence, by reading His Word. Let His Word shape how you think and live your life. God has always wanted to be with us. Starting in the Garden of Eden where He walked daily with Adam and Eve, to the wilderness where He made a way via the Ark to be near His people, to Jesus making a way for our sin, that separates us from God, to be forgiven so He can come close to us. God wants to be with His people both in Honduras and throughout the earth!