

“Let Us Bring Back the Ark ...”

Read **2Sam 6:1-15; 1Ch 13:1-14; 15:1-15**

The ark was a wooden box between 3-4' long, about 2' wide and 2' high. The ten commandments were put in the ark and it had a pure gold lid called the “mercy seat.” It was a reminder of the nation’s covenant relation with God (note v6). The ark had been in Kiriath-jearim about 70 years where it had been returned after being captured by the Philistines. Kiriath-jearim about 10 miles W.NW of Jerusalem.

The noble aim, **1Ch13:3**, “Let us bring back the ark ...”

How? “on a new cart” **13:7**

1. Who was in agreement with this decision, **13:1**? _____
2. How many agreed, **13:2-4**? _____
3. What indicates they felt they were doing the right thing, **13:2,4**? _____

4. What phrase in **v8** shows their zeal? _____

But, the results were tragic, **vv9-14**. **Chapter 15** reveals why.

5. What reason is given in **1Ch 15:2** that only certain people were to carry the ark? “for _____”
6. They learned the reason for the Lord’s outburst of anger — “for _____” **(15:13)**
7. This time they carried the ark “as _____” **(15:15)**

Questions to consider:

- Where did the Scriptures say, “Thou shalt not carry ark on a cart”?
- What difference it make as long as people are “seeking God”?

Compare the following with the lesson of this OT story:

- “Let us *remember the Lord’s death*.” Amen! But, **HOW?**
- “Let us *support the Lord’s work*.” Amen! But, **HOW?**
- “Let us *band together to preach the gospel*.” Amen! But, **HOW?**
- “Let us *praise God in song*.” Amen! But, **HOW?**
- “Let us *be saved*.” Amen! But, **HOW?**

See **1Co 10:6,11**.