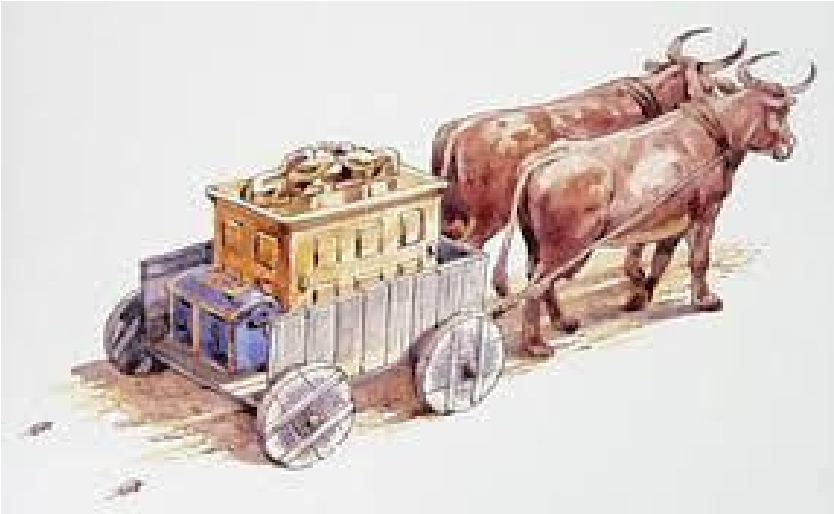
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The Ark on the Move
First Samuel 6:1 to 7:1



ADONAI could have withdrawn **Himself** from **His people**, but instead, **He** graciously allowed **the Ark** to be taken about ten miles to **Kiriath-Jearim** where it remained in the home of **Abinadab**. The men of the city dedicated **Abinadab's son Eleazar** to guard **the Ark**. This was undoubtedly a Levitical family, for after what had happened to **the men** of **Beth-Shemesh** (**to see link click Bk – The Ark at Beit-Shemesh**), **the men** of **Kiriath-Jearim** weren't likely to take any more chances. **The Ark** had been in the home of **Abinadab** twenty years when **Samuel** called an assembly of **the people** to turn from **their** sins and seek **the LORD** (see **Bm – The Last Judge**). **The Ark** of the covenant represented **the Presence** of **ADONAI** with **His people** and the rule of **YHVH** over **His people**. **Ha'Shem** had every right to abandon **His** sinful **people**, but **He** graciously remained with **them**, though not in **the Tabernacle** that **He** had commanded **them** to build. It was a difficult time for **the Jews** for **they** were not **a** united **people**, nor were they even **a** godly **people**. **In those days Isra'el had no king and everyone did as they saw fit (Judges 21:25). Isra'el** thought that their problems would be solved if **they** had a king like the other nations, but **they** would discover that having **a king their** own way would lead **them** into greater problems. **God** still gives **His** best to those who leave the choice with **Him**. What **the Ark** was

to **Isra'el**, **Yeshua Messiah** is to **God's people** today; and when **He** is first place in our lives, **He** will bless us and work on our behalf. **You must worship Messiah as Lord of your life,** is the way **Peter** explained it **(1 Pet 3:15a).** When **Messiah** is **the Lord** of your life, you can walk through each day, confident of **His Presence** and **His** help.[149]