

Lessons from the Heart



2 Samuel 6:1 – 15

Learning from David

Part 11

THE ARK: GOD IN A BOX



Hebrew = "chest"

THE TABERNACLE TENT

The entire tent was 45 feet (13.7 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high. It was a wooden skeletal structure, overlaid with gold, with no solid roof or front wall (Ex. 26:15–29). Five wooden bars (overlaid with gold) passed through rings attached to each frame (Ex. 26:26–30).

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

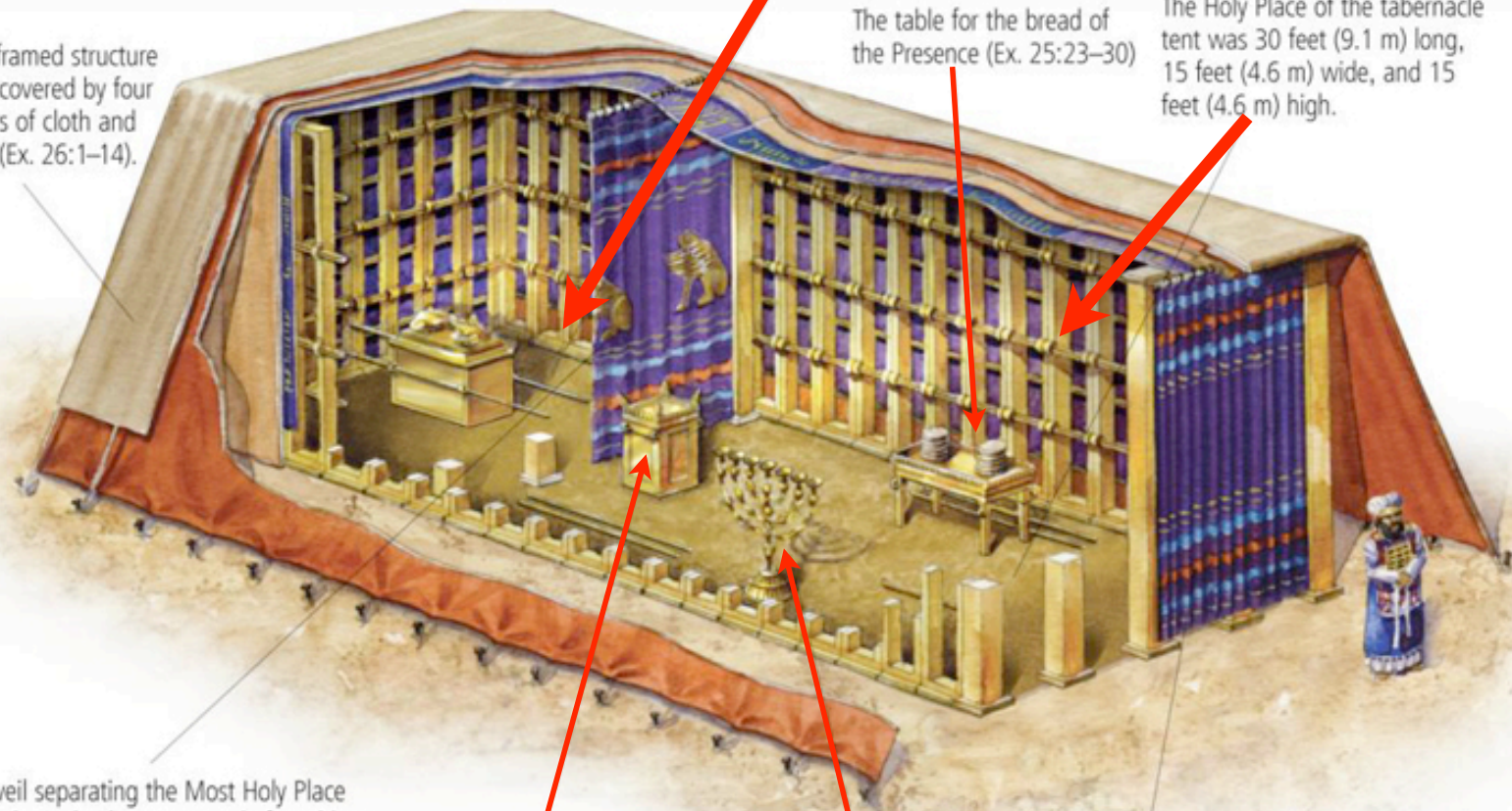
The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

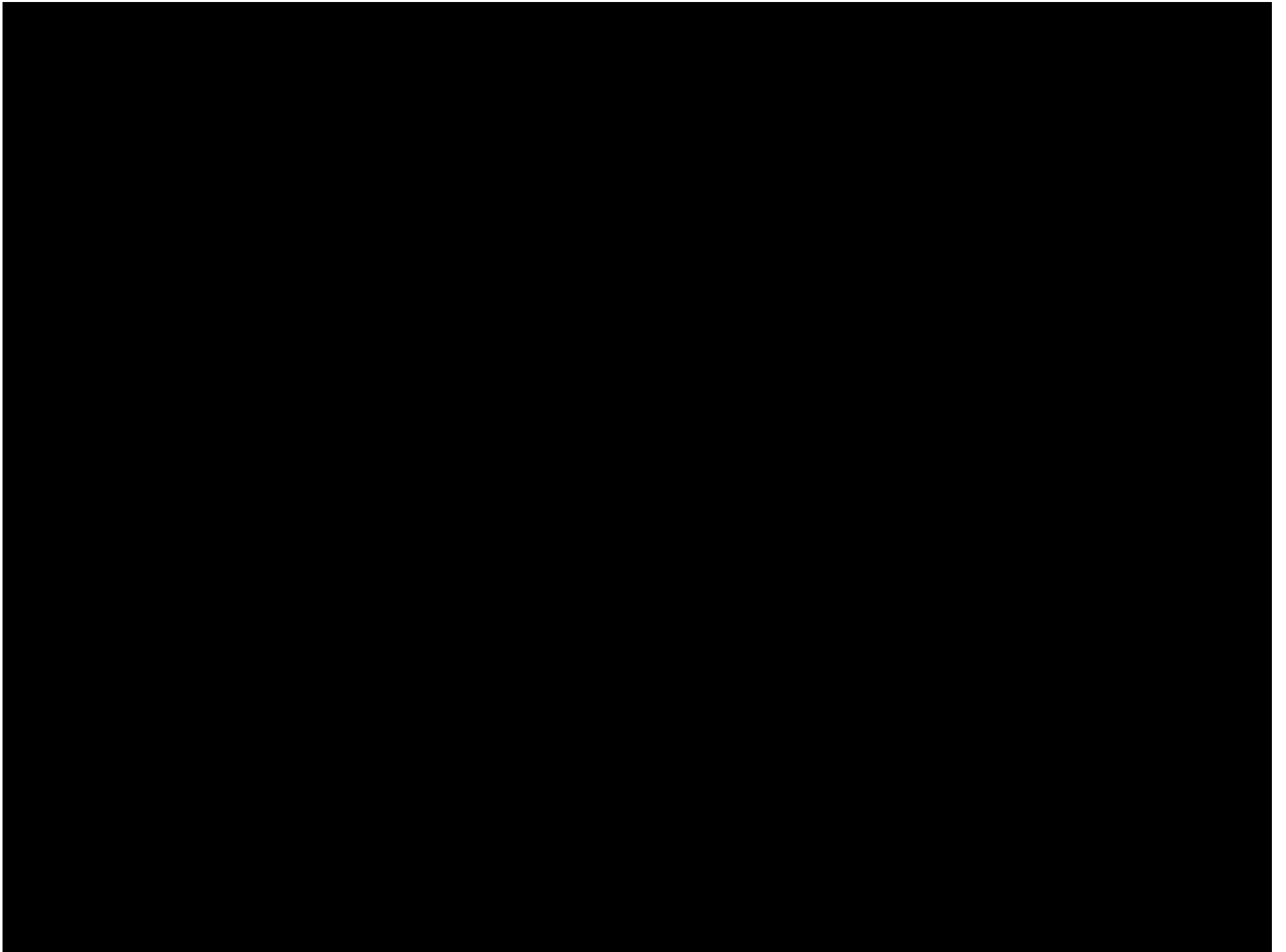
The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

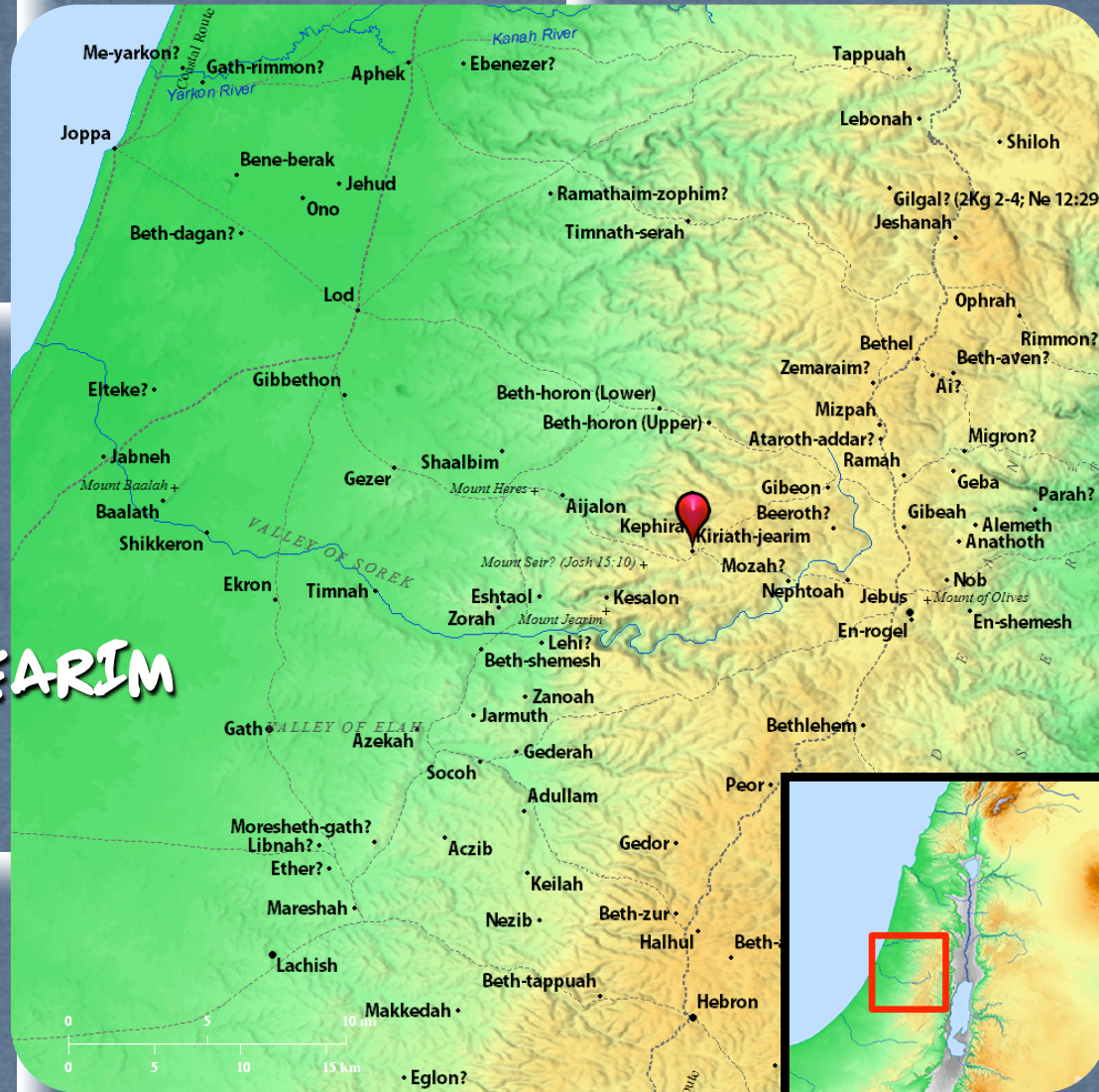
The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).





THE PROMISE OF THE ARK

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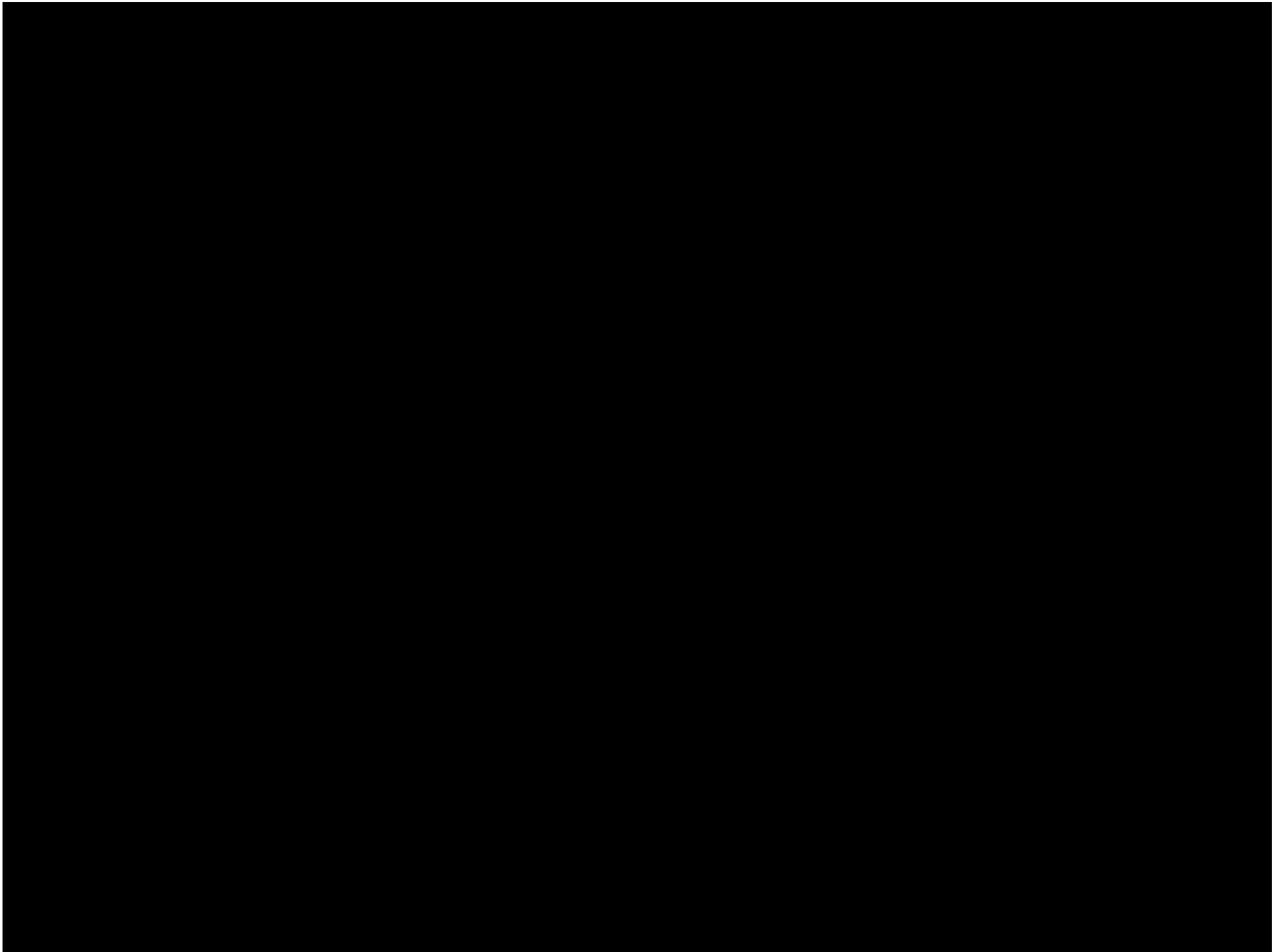


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Psalm 27:4

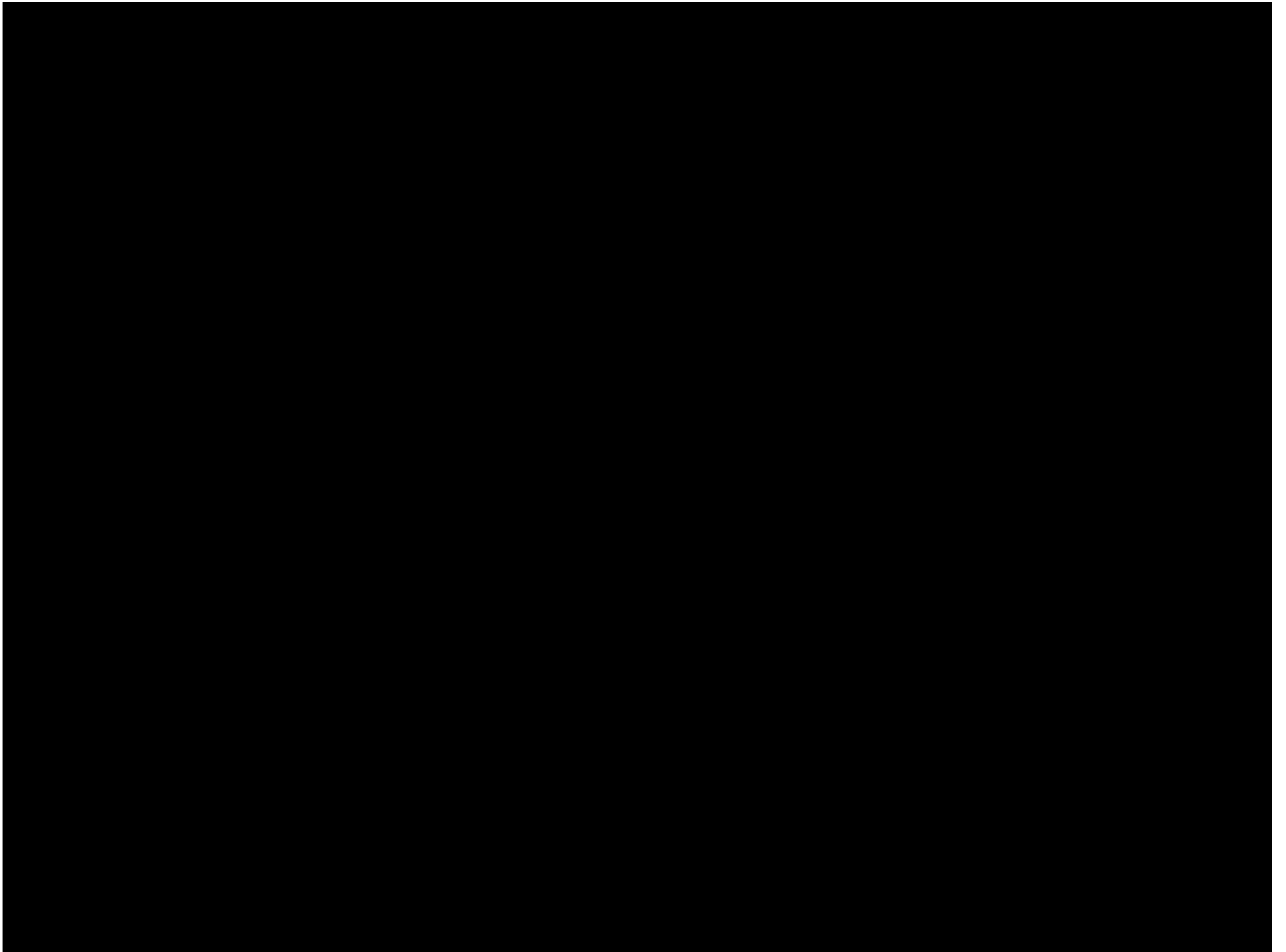
One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.





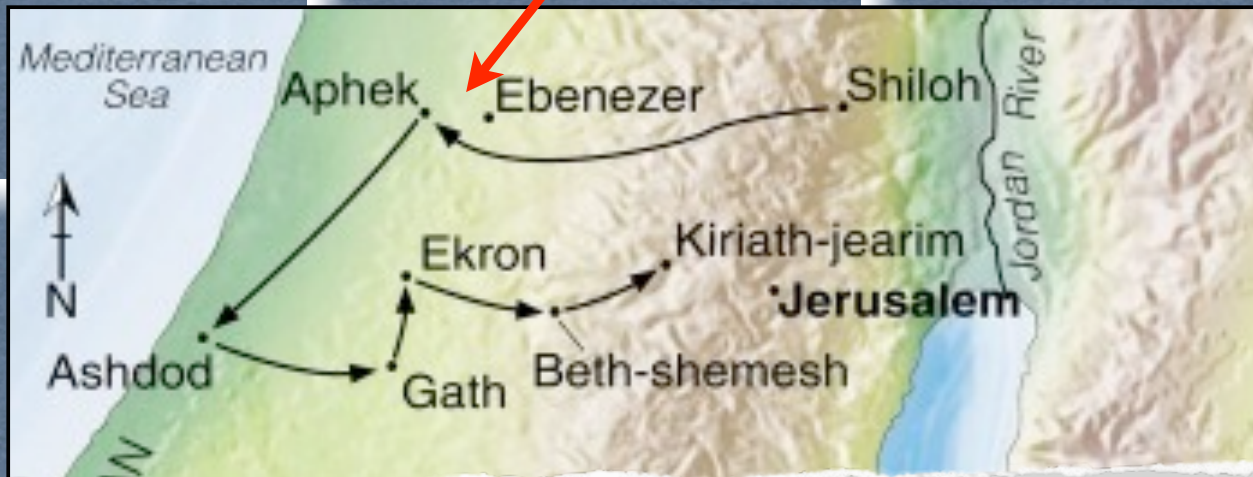
Psalm 18:2

The LORD is my rock, my
fortress and my deliverer; my
God is my rock, in whom I
take refuge. He is my shield
and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.



THE PROBLEM OF THE ARK

ISRAEL VS PHILISTINES



“DAGON WAS LYING ON THE GROUND BEFORE THE ARK OF THE LORD.”

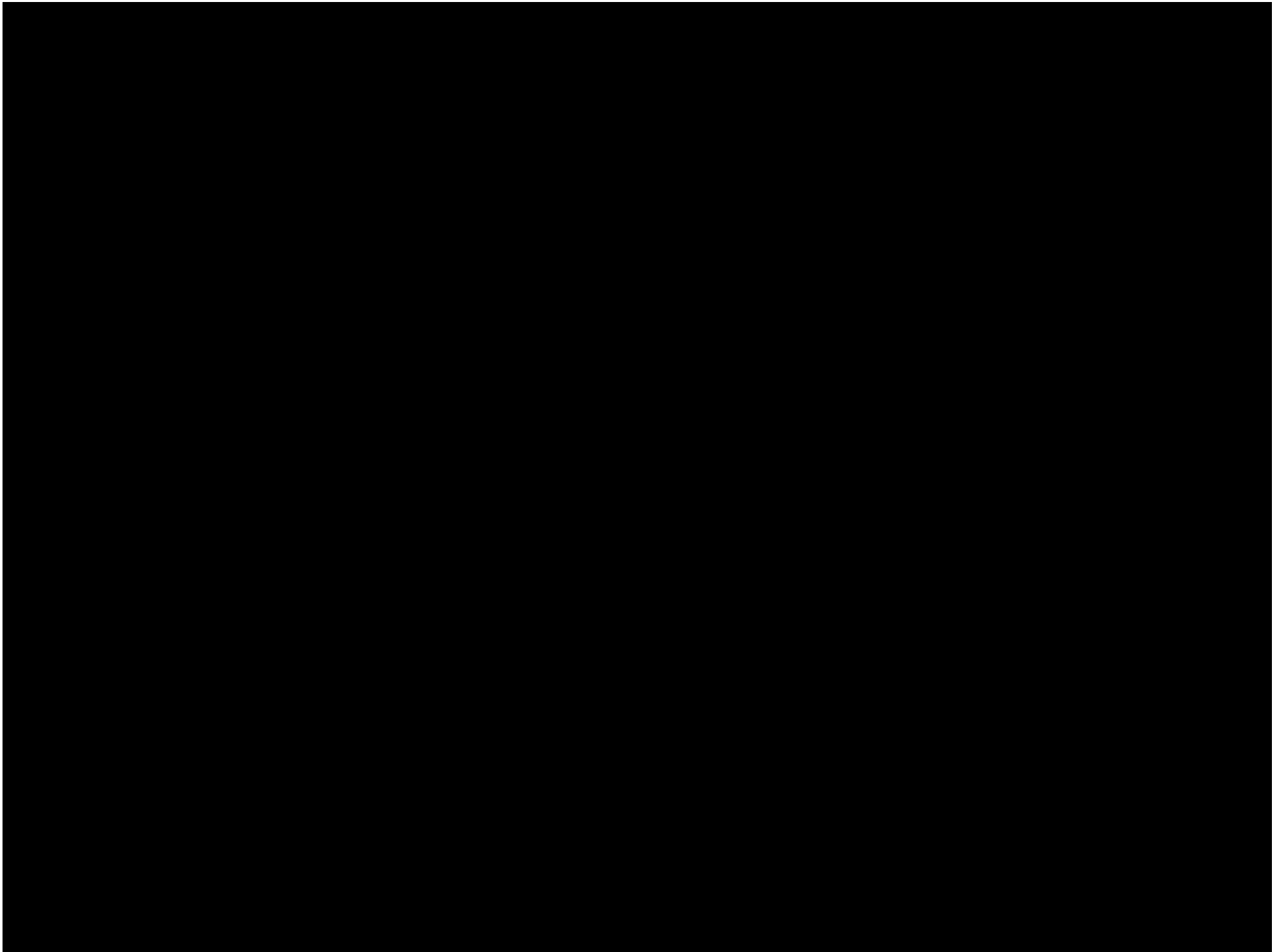
1 SAMUEL 5:3 & 4

2 Samuel 6:1 - 7

“... again assembled all the best men in Israel, thirty thousand in number”

2 Samuel 6:1 - 7

⁶ When they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and grabbed hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. ⁷ The Lord was so furious with Uzzah; he killed him on the spot for his negligence. He died right there beside the ark of God.

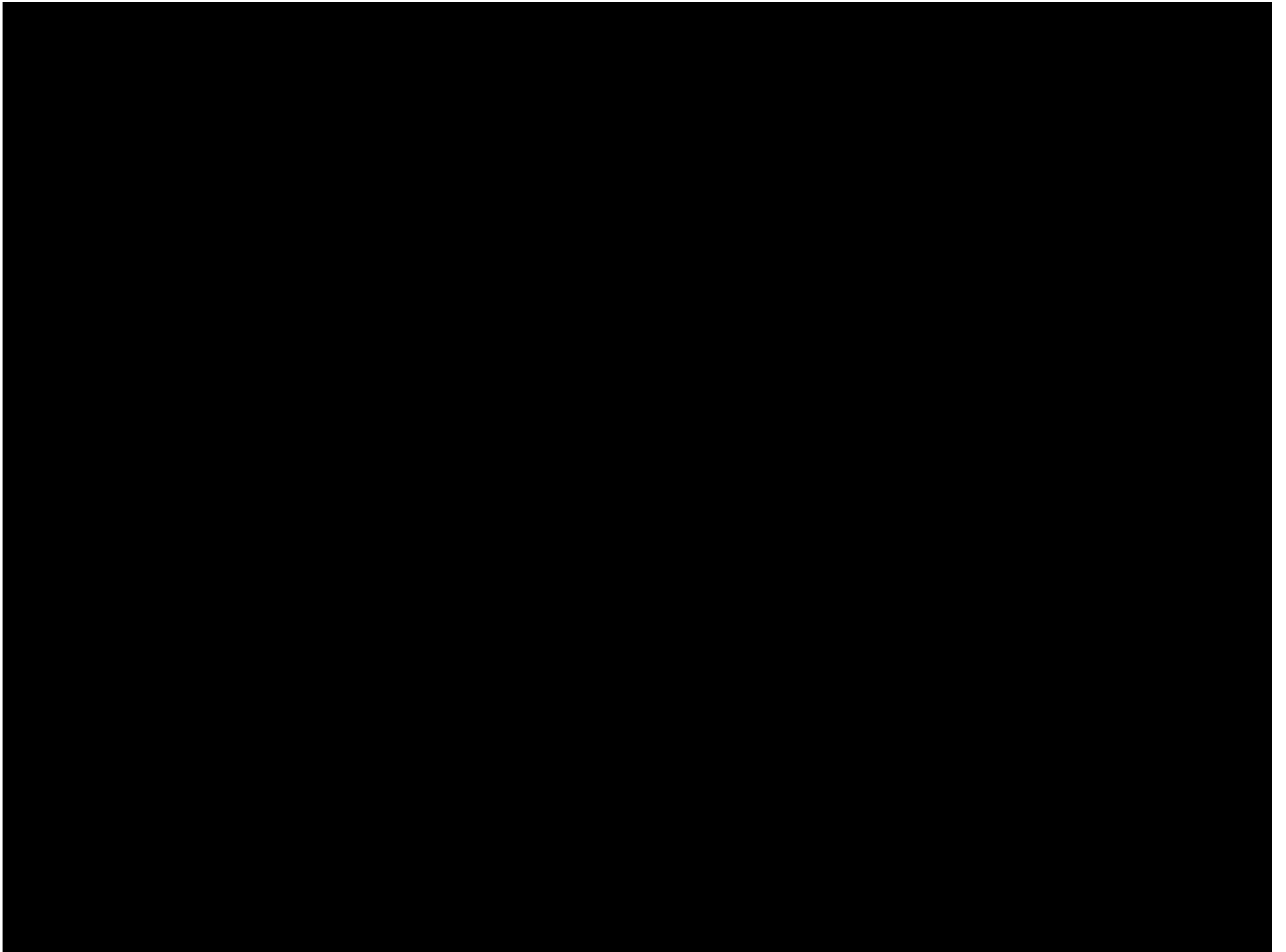


Leviticus 16:2 & 3

“² Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. ³ This is how Aaron is to enter the sanctuary area: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.”

Numbers 4:5 & 6

⁵ When the camp is to move, Aaron and his sons are to go in and take down the shielding curtain and cover the ark of the Testimony with it. ⁶ Then they are to cover this with hides of sea cows, spread a cloth of solid blue over that and put the poles in place.



THE PROBLEM OF THE ARK

DAVID FINALLY SEES THE PROBLEM.

2 Samuel 6:9

*“... THERE IS NO
ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT
EVEN ONE...”*

David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, “How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?”

THE PROVISION OF THE ARK

2 Samuel 6:11 & 12

“The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.”



THE PROVISION OF THE ARK

Hebrews 9

¹¹ When Christ came as high priest . . . ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by *his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.*



2 Samuel 6:13

When those who
were *carrying* the
ark of the LORD
had taken six steps,
he *sacrificed* a bull
and a fattened calf.



