

The Ark Ahead Of You
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And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you. 'Come with us, and we will do good to you, for the LORD has promised good to Israel.'" **Numbers 10:29**

When God gives a promise, you are being set up for the fulfillment of that promise. Moreover, only someone who has received goodness can impart goodness. For this reason, Moses said, "What the Lord has promised to us, is good." No matter what wilderness you find yourself in today, know that God's promises are always good! We need to create an atmosphere by announcing that all will become good.

Moses exploited the situation by insisting on his father in law's presence when the pillar and cloud had always led them in the past (Numbers 10:30,31). Moses' father in law's eyes were not necessary for this journey when God (who sees the future) was leading them. When God is guiding you, let Him guide you. He will lead the right individuals onto your path. You do not have to employ any type of machinations to attract and gather people. God will do it.

You do not walk alone to the Promised land. The Ark of God (which signifies the Holy Spirit) goes before you to clear the path. The Ark journeyed three days ahead of them to prepare a resting place. (Numbers 10:32,33)

Whenever the Ark moved, it was an indication that God was rising up for his people. As you walk into the Promised land, remember you are not alone. The Lord is rising on behalf of you, your family and this church. When the Lord rises up, every enemy is scattered. Without God going before us, we cannot enter the Promised land because the enemy will employ every contrivance to stop us from entering our destiny. One cannot defeat the devil on one's own.

The Ark was the defining object that took them to the Promised land. While the cloud demonstrated the presence of the Lord, the Ark evidenced government and signified that God is on the throne and in control. Even when things look appealingly unfavorable, God is in control, watching over you and holding all things together. The Ark is rising up for God's people to prove that God is on the throne!

Entering and possessing the land was not the ultimate objective. Instead, completion of the promise meant that God was setting his name in a place for people to worship him. The Ark opened the river Jordan and moved them forward to the promise. The Ark is going ahead of you and setting the path. It is opening the door and doing everything possible for you to enter the Promised Land where you will worship God.

Now the LORD has fulfilled his promise that he made.

2 Chronicles 6:10

There is a time to talk about promises but also a time to proclaim that "the Lord has fulfilled". Our God is a faithful God! Life might ebb and flow and situations might arise against you but the Ark has gone ahead of you so that one day you can look up and say, "The Lord has fulfilled His promise." You will have a testimony!

And now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place

2 Chronicles 6:44

Solomon understood that the Ark would not rest until the promise was fulfilled. As such, when Moses prayed, he said, "Now you can rest." He lifted that prayer to Heaven because the Ark had come to its resting place and completed the promise.

The Ark is going before you and you will continue to rest even after the promise is fulfilled. When the Lord goes ahead of you, no weapon formed against you shall prosper. You will enter the promise. Take your families before the Lord because the Ark is forging ahead. Unless the Ark rests, you will not find rest and unless the Ark goes ahead of you, you cannot move.

Read 1 Chronicles 15:24-26

The number of priests equaled seven, just as God commanded Moses that there should be seven priests to accompany the Ark. Seven is the number of perfection and denotes order. Whenever the Ark is moving ahead of you, let go of your disappointments and rejoice, not because everything is good but because the presence of your God is going before you! The Ark must always be accompanied with joy! The Lord is going before you!

Seven priests, seven bulls and seven rams: A few months ago when David collected the Ark, disorder and death ensued. This time, instead of anger and confusion, there was 777.

Everything must fall into place because the Ark is coming to create order in your life.

At times, when you entered the house of the Lord, you felt confused, angry and even upset. It might not have been physical death but everything was dying around you. Today, the Ark is coming to the gate. This time it is about the gate and the Ark is taking you through it. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! He is going to restore your life to order and its original design.