

THE TABERNACLE #14

Exodus 25:16 & Hebrews 9:4

THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK PART THREE

THE PREMONITIONS (WARNINGS) IN THE ARK

Intro: The in previous lessons we have studied the items that God instructed Moses to put inside the Ark of the Covenant. These items have three separate meanings:

I. They are pictures of New Testament truth

- A. Manna Christ: The Bread of Life
- B. Budding Rod Christ: The Resurrection
- C. The Tablets Christ: The Written Word being preserved.

II. They are pictures of Christ, our Provider

- A. God as our Resource He provides all our need ([Matthew 6:32-33](#))
- B. God as our Redeemer He redeemed us – we shall never die ([Rom 1:4](#))
- C. God as our Righteousness He fulfilled the Law ([Romans 10:4](#))

III. They are pictures or Christ’s warning us against not following His will and His Word.

- A. In this lesson, we will look at three warnings that God gave Israel and how they also apply to you and me today, as well as to local churches of today.

THREE WARNINGS TO ISRAEL

(EACH OF THE THREE WARNINGS APPLY TO US IN THE NEW TESTAMENT)

I. Israel was warned not to mummer and complain ([Exodus 16:8-20](#))

- A. They murmured ([Exodus 16:8](#))
- B. Showed a lack of faith in God's Word ([Exodus 16:4-5](#))
 - 1. God had instructed them against such actions ([Exodus 16:4-5](#))
 - 2. They disobeyed ([Exodus 16:19-22](#))
- C. God did this to “prove them.” ([Exodus 16:4](#))

New Testament: God has warned us not to complain.

- 1. “...be content with such things as ye have...” ([Hebrews 13:5](#))
- 2. “I have learned to be content...” ([Phil 4:11](#))

II. Israel was warned not to disobey God’s Law

- A. They declared they would obey ([Exodus 19:34 - 8](#))
 - 1. The “Law” was a witness against them. ([Deut. 31:24-27](#))

a. Broke the Law before it was given (Exodus Chapter 32)

New Testament: God warned them not to depend on the Law (John 14:15 & Luke 6:46)

III. Israel was warned not to rebel against God's appointed leadership

- A. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram formed a rebellion against Aaron (Numbers 16:1-3)
 - 1. Influenced 250 famous men to “join them in the rebellion.” (Vs 2)
 - 2. They rose up “against” God’s appointed leadership.
- B. Accused Moses and Aaron of exalting themselves (Vs 3)
 - 1. These men wanted to “Run the Tabernacle.” (Numbers 16:9-10)
 - 2. God vindicated Moses and Aaron – His appointed
 - a. The Ground swallowed them! (Numbers 16:28-33)
 - b. There is a “consequence” to rising up against God’s appointed.
- C. God sent proof that Aaron was “God’s Ordained” High Priest.
 - 1. “Aaron’s Rod budded.” (Numbers 17:1-12)

New Testament: God has warned us not to reject or rebel against His appointed leader.
The leader in a New Testament Local Church is the Pastor. (Eph. 4:11)

IV. Members of the Church are instructed to:

- A. Remember them (Acknowledge them) (Hebrews 13:7)
- B. Follow them (Follow their faith) (Hebrews 13:7)
- C. Obey them! (Support their leadership) (Hebrews 13:17)
- D. Do not touch them (Do not “criticize them”) (Psalms 115:15)

NEXT WEEK

We will study the Mercy Seat and the Cherubims