

One example of what the Ark of the Lord may have looked like
(no one knows for sure what it actually looked like)



Some more Ark info:

God made a covenant/agreement with the people of Israel at Mount Sinai after leading them out of Egypt. This is when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. God also gave Moses instructions to make a chest or box of acacia wood with poles in which to store these Ten Commandments (which were written on two stone tablets). The ark was to be set behind the inner curtain in the most holy place inside the sacred tent (Exod 26:34; 40:3,21). God would meet with the people by the sacred chest and tell them what to do (Exod 25:10-22). The sacred chest was called "Ark of the Covenant" because it held the tablets of the Ten Commandments and symbolized the presence of God.

The Levites (the priests of Israel) carried the Ark by the poles on their shoulders (Deut 10:8). It went with the people during their desert wanderings (Num 10:17,33). It was carried with them into battle (Joshua 6), was captured by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4), and was returned to Kiriath-Jearim where it stayed for twenty years (1Sam 5:1-7:2). David had it brought to Jerusalem and set under a tent (2 Sam 6:1-19 - which we just read). Solomon (the king after David) moved it to the newly built temple (1 Kgs 8:1-21).

The Ark of the Covenant was no longer heard of after the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the first temple in 587 B.C.