

Levites with the ark in the Bible

Numbers 3.21-22	Their responsibility was to be the ark , the table, the lampstand, the altars, the vessels of the <u>sanctuary</u> with which the priests minister, and the screen--all the service pertaining to these. Eleazar son of Aaron the priest was to be chief over the leaders of the Levites , and to have oversight of those who had charge of the sanctuary.
Deut 31.25-26	Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of YHWH, saying, "Take this book of the law and put it beside the ark of the covenant of YHWH your God; let it remain there as a witness against you.
1 Samuel 6.15	The Levites took down the ark of YHWH and the box that was beside it, in which were the gold objects, and set them upon the large stone. Then the people of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and presented sacrifices on that day to YHWH.
2 Samuel 15.24	<u>Abiathar came up, and Zadok also, with all the Levites, carrying the ark of the covenant of God.</u> They set down the ark of God, until the people had all passed out of the city.
1 Kings 8.4	<u>So they brought up the ark of YHWH, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up.</u> [= 2 Chronicles 5.2]
1 Chronicles 13.2-3	David said to the whole assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is the will of YHWH our God, <u>let us send abroad to our kindred who remain in all the land of Israel, including the priests and Levites in the cities that have pasture lands, that they may come together to us. Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us;</u> for we did not turn to it in the days of Saul."
1 Chronicles 15.1-2	<u>David built houses for himself in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.</u> Then David commanded that <u>no one but the Levites were to carry the ark of God,</u> for YHWH had chosen them to carry the ark of YHWH and to minister to him forever.
1 Chronicles 15.11-16	<u>David summoned the priests Zadok and Abiathar, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.</u> He said to them, "You are the heads of families of the Levites ; <u>sanctify yourselves, you and your kindred, so that you may bring up the ark of YHWH, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it.</u> Because you did not carry it the first time, YHWH our God burst out against us, because we did not give it proper care." So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of YHWH, the God of Israel. And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of YHWH. David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy.
1 Chronicles 15.26-27	And because <u>God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of YHWH,</u> they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark , and the singers, and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers; and David wore a linen ephod.
1 Chronicles 16.4	<u>[David] appointed certain of the Levites as ministers before the ark of YHWH,</u> to invoke, to thank, and to praise YHWH, the God of Israel.
1 Chronicles 23.2-5	<u>David assembled all the leaders of Israel and the priests and the Levites.</u> The Levites , thirty years old and upward, were counted, and the total was thirty-eight thousand. "Twenty-four thousand of these," David said, "shall have charge of the work in the house of YHWH, six thousand shall be officers and judges, four thousand gatekeepers, and four thousand shall offer praises to YHWH with the instruments that I have made for praise."
2 Chronicles 35.3	<u>[Josiah] said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to YHWH,</u> "Put the <u>holy ark in the house that Solomon son of David, king of Israel, built;</u> you need no longer carry it on your shoulders. Now serve YHWH your God and his people Israel.