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Vocabulary of P

"Ark of the Covenant" by G. Henton Davis in The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (Abingdon:1962) pp.222-226 of Vol I.

p. 225 P's name for the ark is the "ark of the testimony" - the testimony being, of course, in this context the Decalogue. In P this title is used thirteen times, and is exclusive to P.

Dentan, Robert C., The Knowledge of God in Ancient Israel (The Seabury Press: New York) 1968

p.258. Note 19. Gen. 2.7(J) says that Yahweh God "formed" man(using the verb yatsar which is also used of a potter's work), whereas Gen. 1.27 speaks of God as "creating" man (using the verb bara, which can have only God for its subject); in Gen. 15.18 (J) Yahweh "makes" a covenant with Abraham (literally, he "cuts" it, the verb karat being the same as that used in Gen. 26.28 of Isaac and Abimelek), but in Gen. 17.7(P) the verb is "establish"(heqim), which is without analogy in the language of human covenant-making. For the sake of variety, P sometimes uses the older, commonplace language also (e.g., Gen. 2.2f.).