

# Message - Temple\_Ark of the Covenant

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## Exodus 25:10-22

### The Ark of the Covenant

**10** <sup>c</sup>They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits<sup>2</sup> and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. **11** You shall overlay it with <sup>d</sup>pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it.

**12** You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its <sup>e</sup>four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.

**13** You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

**14** And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them. **15** The <sup>f</sup>poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. **16** <sup>g</sup>And you shall put into the ark the <sup>h</sup>testimony that I shall give you.

**17** <sup>i</sup>You shall make a mercy seat<sup>3</sup> of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. **18** And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of <sup>j</sup>hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. **19** Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. <sup>k</sup>Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. **20** <sup>l</sup>The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. **21** And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you.

**22** <sup>m</sup>There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from <sup>n</sup>between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

### The Ark of the Covenant for Israel

– God with them - It traveled with them in the wilderness

- God spoke to Moses on their behalf
- Prepared a way for them into the Promise land
- Led the way for Israel to overtake Jericho
- The blessing of Lord followed the Ark

The word ARK in Hebrew: chest, box, ark....made to put something in.

### 3 types of Arks in the bible

Noahs ark

Moses ark

Ark of the Covenant

- What do these Arks have in common

...Salvation from a Judgment (God's, Satanic (Pharaoh), Sin )

...God was present with of each of them

...God used them to fulfill his purpose for his people.

...Provision (Natural and Super natural)

- A Special Container

A Container to hold 3 things in total (- tablets, manna, and Aarons budding branch)

A Container that was protected (Cherubim)

A Container that supported mercy(The Mercy seat where manifested)

A Container that Allowed God to be Heard (Where God spoke to Moses)

A Container where priest poured blood of a sacrifice for all of Israel once a year)

-Could it represent us, Gods children?

1. Holds truth, We are to hold truth in our hearts (But it also contained a jar of manna (PROVISION) & Aaron's rod (Authority and Anointing)

2. Is protected or made secure by two cherubim (4 faced beings who represents the Christ and his Identity) - (4 Gospels)

3. Has Mercy placed on us and seals what God has placed in us (We cant lose it)

4. Is where God moves and manifest on/in the earth

5. Do not blend well with the World can cause issues for the World (Like the Ark did for the Philistines)

6. We can not be touched by satan/demons with out Gods permission (Job) but we can be tempted. (The Ark was not to be touched)

7. Will be removed from the destruction of Gods wrath (It was removed from the destruction of the temple)

Why is this important?

The Ark was very special and highly valued, **WE ARE VERY SPECIAL AND HIGHLY VALUED.**

When the Philistines took the Ark and bad things began to happen to them