



Lesson 4 – The Ark of the Covenant

Read Exodus 25:10-22

- 1) How big was the Ark of the Covenant?

Exodus 25:10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: _____ cubits and a _____ shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

A cubit is a measurement determined by the distance from the point of your elbow to the point of your extended finger. On most folks, that distance is 18-22 inches. So, we can tell that the Ark was roughly four feet long, two feet wide, and two feet tall. Made of wood, covered inside and out with pure gold along with a crown of gold around the edges.

- 2) What was the lid of the Ark called?

Exodus 25:17 And thou shalt make a _____ of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

- 3) What was placed upon the lid or Mercy Seat?

Exodus 25:17 And thou shalt make two _____ of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

- 4) How did these appear?

Exodus 25:19,20 And make one _____ on the one end, and the other _____ on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

- 5) What was one of the items placed inside the Ark?

Exodus 25:16 And thou shalt put into the ark the _____ which I shall give thee.

The angels stood with their wings touching, looking reverently downward toward the Law of God. This Testimony was none other than the Law of God that Moses heard from Mt Sinai, the Ten Commandments.

There is great consolation in the fact that the Lord Himself covered the broken law with a mercy-seat; and then He, the merciful God, took His position upon that seat, so that every sinner who comes confessing his sins, may receive mercy and pardon. That mercy-seat, with the cloud of glory, the visible representation of God's presence, and its covering cherubim is a figure, or "shadow," of the throne of the great God in Heaven.

- 6) What does Exodus 34 tell us about God?

Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, _____ and gracious, _____, and abundant in goodness and truth,



7) What does Romans 4 Tell us about sin?

Romans 4:15 for where no _____ is, there is no _____.

The Lord could never have driven our first parents from the garden of Eden on account of their sin if they had been ignorant of His holy law. How God proclaimed His law to our first parents He never fully revealed in His Holy Book; but when it was necessary again to make His law known to His people, after their long servitude in Egypt, He had the account of that awe-inspiring event recorded.

8) What does Exodus 31 tell us about God's Law?

Exodus 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the _____ of God.

The ark was placed in the most holy apartment of the sanctuary, where no mortal eye, except that of the high priest, could gaze upon it, and he, on only one day in the year, when he went in to sprinkle the blood of the Lord's goat before and upon the mercy-seat to atone for the broken law within the ark.

9) What instructions were given concerning the blood being sprinkled on the Mercy Seat?

Leviticus 16:15? Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his _____ within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and _____ it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

In doing this, the High Priest was receiving the sins of the people that had been forgiven throughout the year, and by His rightful place as being the Sin Bearer of mankind, he can carry those sins out of the tabernacle and place them back on the head of their author (Satan) and therefore cleanse the tabernacle.

10) What did God promise he would do in the Most Holy Place?

Exodus 25:22 And there I will _____ with thee, and I will _____ with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

God communed with His people from the cloud of glory which rested above the mercy-seat, between the cherubim. These golden cherubim with outstretched wings were a representation of the covering cherubim that surround the throne of God in heaven.

11) By what standard will everyone be judged equally?

1 John 3:4 Whosoever _____ sin _____ also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.



12) Paul tells us something wonderful in 1 John Chapter 3.

1 John 3:21,22 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we _____ toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are _____ in his sight.

That holy law is the standard by which all will be judged. That law will condemn the guilty; for **"sin is the transgression of the law."** The same law that condemns the sinner will witness to the righteousness of those who, through faith in Christ, have tried to walk in harmony with its holy precepts, humbly seeking forgiveness for every transgression.

Do you see the Ark of the Covenant as a place where God would dwell with man? _____

Are you interested in learning more about the other fixtures in the Tabernacle? _____

Will you now ask Him to give you this light? _____

