

Exodus 25:10-22 **Ark of the Covenant**

10 "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. 12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side.

13 And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

16 And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

17 You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.

21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The Ark of the Testimony (Covenant) is a wooden box overlaid with gold inside and out in which is placed the Stone tablets with the Ten Commandments of Testimony written by the finger of God Himself, that God Himself gave to Moses.
- ✧ Gold covered carrying Poles are to be placed permanently in the rings of the Ark. It is to be carried by the sons of Kohath of the Levites whenever it is moved. [\[Numbers 4:4-16\]](#)
- ✧ The lid of the Ark of the Testimony is the pure gold Mercy seat with the cherubim on it.
- ✧ The Mercy Seat is a permanent reminder of God's loving character in desiring to show mercy to the repentant sinner who comes to Him for mercy. [\[Exodus 34:6-7\]](#)
- ✧ God said that He will meet and speak with Moses from above the Mercy Seat, from between the Cherubim.
- ✧ Cherubim are the creatures that are always in the nearest presence of God.
- ✧ So the first article of the Tabernacle to be made is that which is nearest to God Himself, which is the Ark of the Testimony, the Stone Tablets written by God, and the Mercy Seat, from which He will communicate with Moses.
- ✧ God always begins with Himself, the first words of His testimony are, "In the beginning God created." [\[Genesis 1:1\]](#)
- ✧ The first words of the Ten Commandments are, "I am Yehowah Elohey." [\[Exodus 20:2\]](#)