

The Tabernacle

(2) The Ark of Testimony

Ex 25:8-16

8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

10 "Have them make a chest of acacia wood – two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. 11 Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. 12 Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. 13 Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. 14 Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. 15 The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. 16 Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you. 17 "Make an atonement cover of pure gold – two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. NIV (emphasis added)

God with us...Ex.25:1-17

After receiving the free-will offering from the people, what is the instruction? 25:8; Is.37:16

What's the instruction for the tabernacle and furnishings? 25:9, 40; Nu.8:4; **Heb.8:5, 9:11-12**

What is most likely the literal interpretation of these instructions? **Rev.15:5-8, Ex.38:21**

FURNISHINGS:

What is the first piece of furniture God commands to be built? 25:10, 16; **Rev.11:19**

How is the acacia wood 'modified' for the ark? 25:11 Comment? **Phil.2:5-11**

Note: After the cover (vs.17) is in place, how could we describe the ark contents? **Col.3:1-4**

What is added to the ark (chest)? 25:12-14, 40:17-20

What is specifically instructed re the poles? 25:15 Why might this be required? **II Sam.6:6-11**

What is one of the items placed inside the ark? 25:16 Why was this significant? **Deut.27:26**

So by putting the Law in the ark and covering it, what was God teaching? **Heb.8:7-12**

How do believers today, who are in Christ, relate to the Law? **Rom.8:1-4; Gal.3:23-29**

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They are to make a sanctuary (sacred place) for God, where He will dwell among them.

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It is all to be built "exactly like the pattern I will show you". Patterned after heavenly.

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Note the identical name, tabernacle of the testimony. Moses' pattern was the real one!

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The first is the ark. It's a chest of acacia wood, 3 ¾ long, 2 ¼ wide, 2 ¼ high in feet.

How is the acacia wood 'modified' for the ark? 25:11 Comment? Phil.2:5-11

The acacia wood (Christ's humanity) is overlaid w/pure gold (His diety). The ark is Him

Note: After the cover (vs.17) is in place, how could we describe the ark contents? Col.3:1-4

The contents (tablets of Law, jar of manna, Aaron's rod) would be hidden 'in Christ'.

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The rings fastened to the ark and the poles inserted into the rings to carry it.

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The poles are never removed. Probably so those moving the ark never touch the ark!

What is one of the items placed inside the ark? 25:16 Why was this significant? Deut.27:26

The people had broken the Law immediately and deserved immediate judgment/death.

So by putting the Law in the ark and covering it, what was God teaching? Heb.8:7-12

That He dwells in the Mercy Seat which covers (hides) the broken Law. Our only hope!

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Christ fulfilled the Law perfectly and we are counted likewise. Imputed righteousness!!