

The robes were put on again, v23,24; Hebrews 2:9.
The Tabernacle and people were cleansed, v5,7; Hebrews 9:21-23.

When you have doubts look to the mercy seat.

COMMUNION AT THE ARK, Exodus 25:22

God met with sinful man at the Blood sprinkled mercy seat.
How do we get there?

Through the Veil; Exodus 26:31-34.

The DESCRIPTION of the Veil

- The material of it, v31.
- The marks on it, v31.
- The means of hanging it, v33,34.

The DIVISION by the Veil

It divided the Holiest from the Holy Place, v33; Hebrews 9:8.

The DIVISION in the Veil, Matt 27:50-53.

After Christ cried, "*It is Finished*" and gave up His Spirit the veil was rent:-

Divinely, v51. Deliberately, v50. Dramatically, v51-53.

Christ our Great High Priest opened heaven: Hebrews 9:11,12; cleansed heaven, 9:20-23; intercedes in heaven, 9:24 and has secured access for us into heaven, 10:19,20; 4:16.

Teachings From The Tabernacle

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Message 5 The Ark of the Covenant

**Exodus 25:10-22
Hebrews 9:4**

The Ark is one of the clearest types of the Lord Jesus and His work of salvation in the entire Bible.

THE COMMAND FOR THE ARK v10.

It was the first item mentioned.

It was there that God would meet with His people, v22. It was called by various names - 1 Samuel 3:3; Exodus 25:22; Numbers 10:33; 1 Kings 2:26; Psalm 132:8; 2 Chronicles 35:3.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARK v10,11.

It was a chest made of wood overlaid with gold, which typifies the union of Christ's divine and human natures.

THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK v16, Hebrews 9:4.

1 The pot of Manna.

Christ is the true spiritual manna (John 6:35) Who is sufficient to meet His people's needs (Philippians 4:19). He is the PROPHET.

2 Aaron's rod that budded Numbers chs 16,17

Christ rose from the dead to be our Great High PRIEST.

3 The Tables of the Law.

Christ kept the law perfectly. He is the KING.

God has given us all we need in Christ.

CARRYING OF THE ARK v12,15

The symbol of the Presence of God in Christ went with them in their journeys. It was carried by the Levites. Only priests could touch it; Numbers 4:5,6,15.

COVERINGS OF THE ARK Numbers 4:5,6.

When carried among the people it was to be covered. The outer covering was of blue signifying the heavenly nature of the Ark.

CAREER OF THE ARK

- Numbers 10:33-36: The Ark leads the people.
- Numbers 14:44,45: They are defeated without the Ark.
- Joshua 3:14-17: The Ark parts the river Jordan.
- Joshua 6: The Ark is carried around Jericho.
- Joshua 8:33: They gather to be blessed at the Ark.
- Judges 20:27,28: They come to the Ark for guidance.
- 1 Samuel 4:3,22: The Ark is captured ... 1 Samuel 5: The Philistines are cursed ... 1 Samuel 6:7,8: The Ark is returned ... 1 Samuel 6:19: Men of Bethshemesh are killed after looking into the Ark.
- 2 Samuel 6 cf. 1 Chronicles ch 13-16: Uzzah was killed for

touching the Ark. David later brings the Ark back in the proper manner and blessing results.

The staves were only taken out when it was placed in the Temple, 2 Chronicles 5:9,10.

The Saviour will go with us all the way to the Heavenly temple, Revelation 11:19.

THE COVER ON THE ARK v17-22

The Mercy Seat was a solid gold lid with cherubim upon it. It was here the presence of the Lord dwelt; v22; Psalm 99:1; Revelation 4&5.

It illustrates the Security of the Lord's people.

1) The mercy seat covered the law. Christ is our mercy seat; Hebrews 9:5, 2:17; Romans 3:22-26; 1 John 4:10.

2) The High Priest sprinkled the blood before and upon it on the **Day of Atonement**; Leviticus 16.

The REASON for it - v30; Hebrews 9:22,23.

The REPETITION of it - v2; 23:27; Hebrews 9:7,8,25,26.

The RIGHT to do it - v17; Hebrews 5: 1,4,5.

The REQUIREMENT to do it - Hebrews 9:7,12.

The RULES for it.

The blood was sprinkled on and before the mercy seat, v14,15.

Incense was offered, v12,13; Hebrews 9:4; 7:25.

The live goat was sent into the wilderness, v21,22; Hebrews 10:17.