

The Tabernacle





Three Basic Divisions

The Courtyard: Which would have been sort of a common area

The Holy Place: A place where the on-duty priests would have performed their normal routines

The Holy of Holies: Is where the ark of the covenant was housed and where the presence of God dwelled



**The three areas were designed
to show mankind's inability
to access God
in our fallen state**



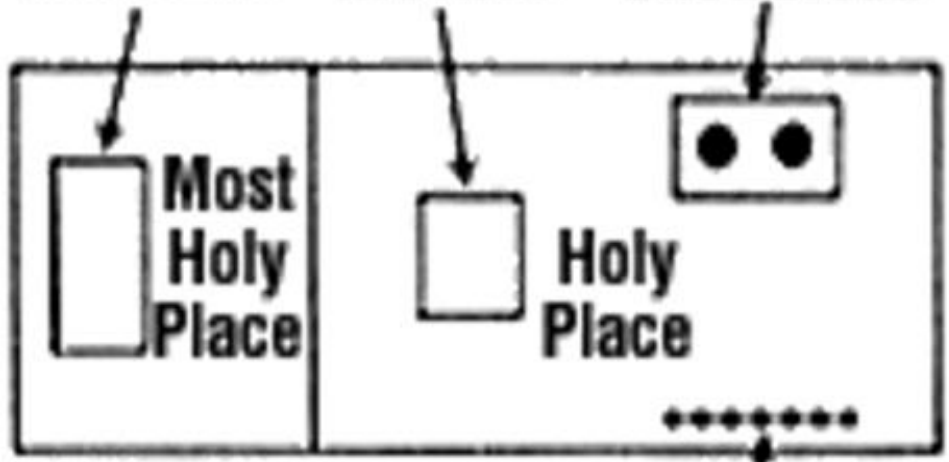
The Furnishings

The Tabernacle was really designed to paint a picture of redemption and its all about the furnishing



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The Furnishings

Had specific design and dimensions

Had a practical purpose

Had worship symbolism

Had a spiritual application in dealing with sin



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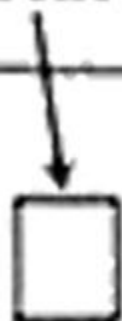
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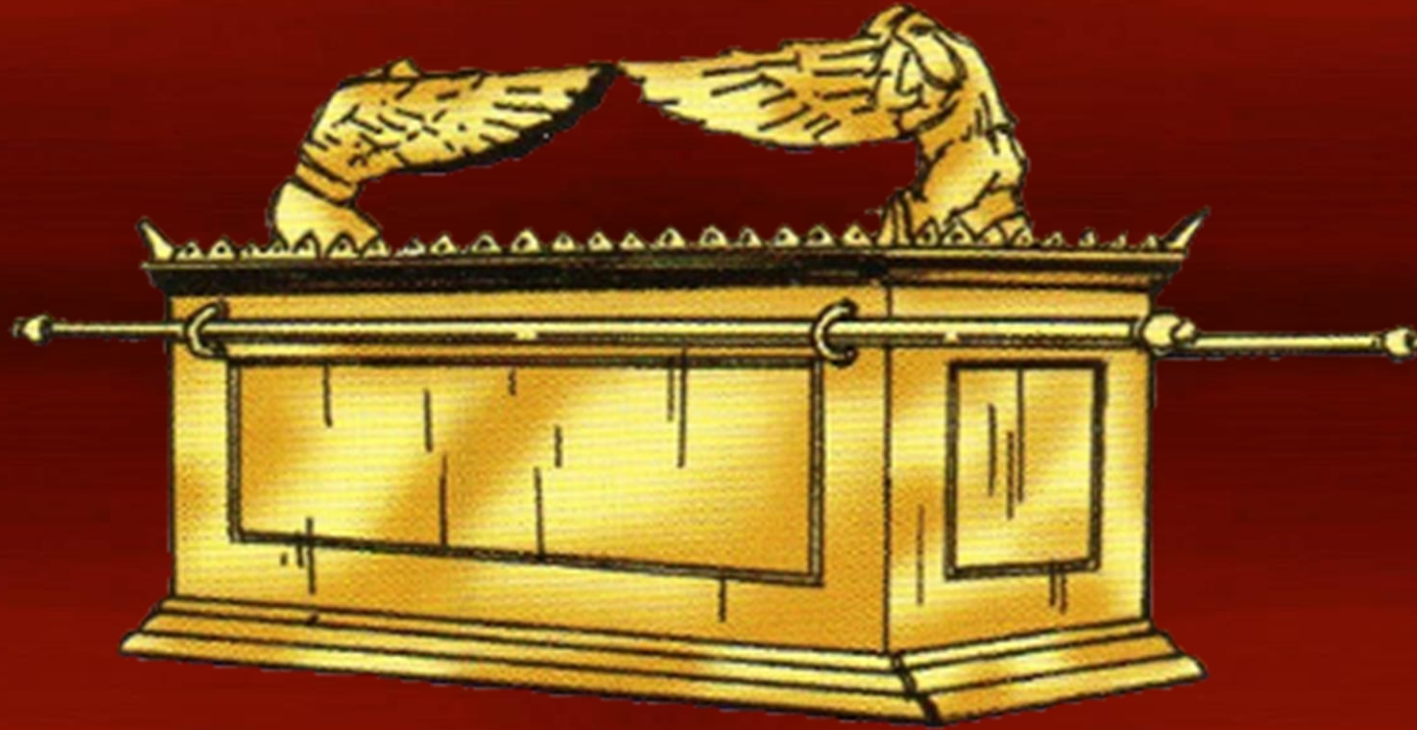
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The Ark of the Covenant



Exodus 25:10-22





The Ark of the Covenant

It's a decorative box

Dimensions: 45" long X 27" High X 27" Wide (*Cubit = 18"*)

The bottom of the box is wood covered with gold

The top of the box is solid gold adorned with two angels facing each other, their wings spread open and then heads bowed

At each corner of the box was gold ring through which a 4' long gold covered poles that would be used to carry the box





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The Practical Purpose

Its a box so the most practical purpose of a box is to carry stuff in

The Contents were quite special

At first it was just the 10 commandments

Later the budding staff of Aaron and a golden jar of manna was added





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They Represented:

God's Word

God's Promise

God's Provision





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The Worship Symbolism

It was the place God met man (Numbers 7:89)

When Moses entered the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the atonement cover on the ark of the covenant law. In this way the Lord spoke to him.

**Exodus 25:22 God tells Moses this is
our meeting spot**



**When the people saw Moses
standing outside that tent talking,
they knew he was not talking to
himself God was present**





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The Place Sprinkled with Blood

The Israelites celebrated pass over every year

It was a remembrance of when God delivered them from Egypt

The culmination was a series of burnt offerings offered for the sins of the priest, his family, and the nation

The blood from those offerings was sprinkled on the cover between the wings of the two angels





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The Spiritual Application

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of





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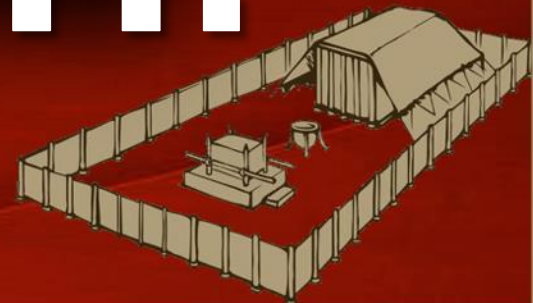
a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Hebrews 9:11-14





DEATH!





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The Spiritual Application

The Ark was never supposed to be a symbol of judgement
it was to be a symbol of mercy

The Ark was all about God attempting to reconnect and
offer forgiveness to humanity

Transportable Mercy





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The actions of the Priest of old had to be done every year, over and over



The sacrifice Jesus made was once for all who are willing to follow





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The Spiritual Application



The actions of the High Priest used the blood of goats and calves to seek forgiveness



Jesus offered his own sinless blood





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The Spiritual Application



The sacrifice made by the High Priest would allow the Israelites to start their year anew



The sacrifice made by Jesus allows us to go from death to life





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The Spiritual Application



**The High Priest
only had access
once a year**



**We have open
continual access to
God's Grace**



God made the way,
but you must enter in.

