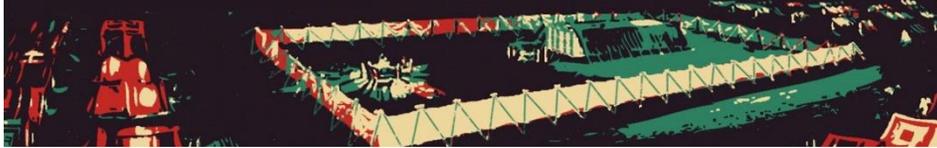


**"Ark of the Covenant, Christ Our Security"**

**Exodus 25:10-16**

# The Tabernacle of Testimony



## I. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARK

### A. THE WOOD: HUMANITY OF CHRIST (EXODUS 25:10)

*Psalm 1:3, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*

*Isaiah 53:2, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."*

### B. OVERLAID WITH PURE GOLD: DEITY OF CHRIST (EXODUS 25:11)

### C. THE GOLDEN CROWN: SOVEREIGNTY OF CHRIST (EXODUS 25:11)

### D. FOUR RINGS IN FOUR CORNERS: UNIVERSALITY OF CHRIST (25:12)

### E. THE STAVES: AVAILABILITY OF CHRIST (EXODUS 25:13-14)

*Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."*

## II. THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK (EXODUS 25:16)

*Hebrews 9:3-4, "<sup>3</sup> And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; <sup>4</sup> Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;"*

### A. MANNA: WE ARE SECURE IN HIS RESOURCES

1. It was Small: The Humility of Christ
2. It was Round: The Perfection of Christ
3. It was White: The Purity of Christ
4. It Tasted Like a Coriander Seed: The Health-Giving Properties and the Fragrance of Christ
5. It Tasted of Oil: The Holy Spirit that Christ Gives
6. It Tasted of Honey: The Sweetness of Christ

## 7. It Came Down from Heaven: The Heaven-Sent Source

Jesus is that bread that came down from Heaven. As they picked up the manna from the ground, they pictured the resurrection of Christ being lifted up from the ground. It also spoke of His ascension as they put it in a golden pot, and they put that pot in the Ark of the Covenant, and there it was preserved forever fresh.

### B. AARON'S ROD: WE ARE SECURE IN HIS RESURRECTION (ISAIAH 53)

*Numbers 17:2-3, 8, "<sup>2</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. <sup>3</sup> And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. . . <sup>8</sup> And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds."*

Not only is Jesus Christ my resource; He is my source. My life is in Jesus Christ.

(Isaiah 53:2) He's like a stick that grows out of the dry ground. But, when it grew out of the dry ground, it had life in it.

(Isaiah 53:8) Just like you would take a pair of shears and cut off a branch that had come up out of the ground, Jesus Christ was cut off.

(Isaiah 53:10) He's dead; and yet, His days are prolonged, and He's going to see His descendants. Why? Because God has given life to this dead rod.

The buds speak of His life; the blossoms speak of His beauty; the almonds speak of His fruitfulness, and the fruit of the Spirit. All of this is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

*John 11:26, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. . ."*

### C. TEN COMMANDMENTS: SECURE IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Ten Commandments symbolizes the righteousness that God demands.

*Rom 10:4, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."*

*II Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

Moses broke that tablet of stone, and so, they put the broken law in the ark and on top of the ark was a golden lid called the mercy seat. The high priest would bring the blood from the altar, and sprinkle it on top of that mercy seat. So, the law was being broken, but it was under the blood; picturing atonement.

*I Samuel 6:19, "And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter."*

This account of the men of Bethshemesh illustrates the condition we'd all be in, when the blood is removed from the broken law. When they took away the mercy seat, they took away the blood. And, there is just the broken law. And, when the broken law is exposed, without being covered by the blood, there's judgment.