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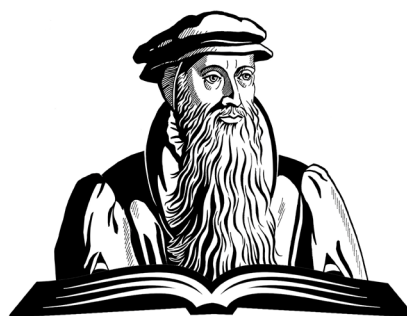
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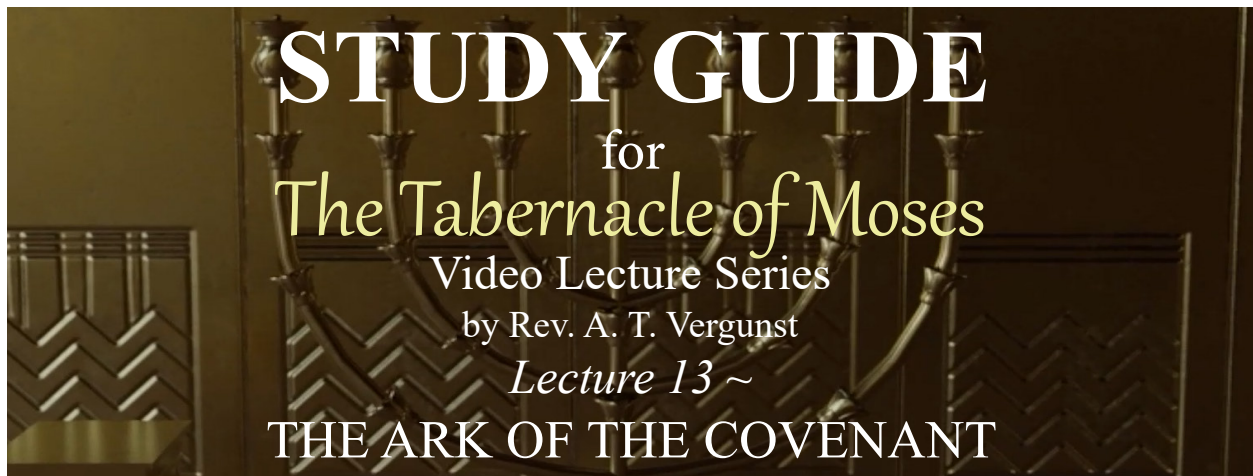


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Scripture Text

“And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.” —Exodus 25, verses 10 to 22

Key Points

1. Review—each part of the Tabernacle points to the full deliverance from sin.
2. The Holy of Holies behind the second veil, described.
3. The Ark of the Covenant was the main focus in the Holy of Holies
 - a. The Ark symbolizes God’s throne, where God will meet with his people.
 - b. Size and shape of the Ark.
 - c. Made from shittim wood and covered with gold points to Jesus Christ’s dual nature.
 - d. The lid was called the Mercy Seat, made of solid beaten gold—nothing but divinity.

e. Mercy Seat had two cherubim on it looking down.

f. The Ark has different names in the Bible.

g. Three objects kept in the Ark.

5. Spiritual truths portrayed by the Ark of the Covenant.

a. The Lord God is holy; the Lord God is gracious; the divine wisdom of God.

6. Studying these Old Testament truths will help us grasp the riches of the New Testament, for the New Testament is filled with Old Testament references.

Review Questions

1. What does the second veil before the Holy of Holies signify?

2. Describe the unique aspects of the Holy of Holies.

3. What is the size and shape of the Ark of the Covenant.

4. What materials was the Ark of the Covenant made from? What does that point to?

5. Describe the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. What was it called? What was it made of? What special features were on it?

6. What things were placed into the Ark? What did each of them signify?

7. What does the Holy of Holies tell us about the holiness of God? Who alone was allowed to enter into the Holies only once a year?

8. What three spiritual truths are revealed about God in the Ark of the Covenant?

9. What is the great privilege that believers have now that Jesus Christ has resurrected and ascended into heaven?

10. How does studying the Old Testament help us in understanding the New Testament? What Tabernacle imagery did the Apostle John borrow when writing Revelation 21, verse 3?

Personal Applications

1. Going through these video lectures on the Tabernacle, we hope that you could see through the eyes of the Jewish boy, Shema. Did you come to see why we were banished from God's presence? Do you see how your sins separate you from your Creator? Do you know that the God of holiness cannot have fellowship with sin? Do you see the wonderful message God has given us in the Tabernacle? He has made the only way of reconciliation, the way that he can dwell among us, and the way we can be received back into his fellowship, all through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. We hope you have already come to embrace that way, and if not, please pray and ask God to give you that faith.

2. What blessings have you received from studying along with this lecture series? Please write them down and share them with others. May the Lord help you to say, "To God be all the glory, all the praise, and all the thanks for such a great salvation in Jesus Christ!"
