

Lesson Eight B: The Mercy Seat

Introduction: REVIEW

I. The Ark -

A. Its Significance - The ark typified the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Its Materials - The ark was made of "shittim wood," which typified the humanity of our Savior. Septuagint (translation of the Old Testament - into Greek) it is always translated "incorruptible wood."

C. Its Contents - Hebrews 9:4; "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."

D. Its Coverings – (1). **Numbers 4:5-6** "...take down the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it." (2). "the covering of badgers' skins" (3). "a cloth wholly of blue" - this alone being seen by men as the Ark was carried through the wilderness from place to place.

II. The Mercy Seat - Exodus 25:17-22; The Mercy-seat differed from the Ark in that no wood entered into its composition. There was only one other piece of furniture in the Tabernacle made solely of gold, namely the candlestick, which was smaller in size and weight; therefore the Mercy-seat, according to its intrinsic worth, was the most valuable of all the holy vessels.

A. Its Significance - Romans 3:25 "a propitiation". Hebrews 9:5 "the mercy seat". The verb "to propitiate" signifies to appease, to placate, and to make satisfaction.

B. Its Purpose - The Mercy-seat was God's throne here on earth. 1 Samuel 4:4; 2 Samuel 6:2; 2 Kings 19:15; Psalm 80:1; Psalm 99:1; How was it possible for the thrice holy God to dwell in the midst of a sinful people? Leviticus 16:14 "And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times." (ESV)

C. Its Dimensions - Psalm 103:112; Hebrews 2:17;

D. Its Ornamentation –

CHERUB - Genesis 3:24; Revelation 4:6-8; Ezekiel 1:5-10; Revelation 5:11-14;

Looking toward the Mercy Seat - 1 Corinthians 4:9; Ephesians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:11, 12;

D. Its Blessedness – The Mercy-seat... (1). completely hid the ___ in the Ark. (2). Was the place where Jehovah ACCEPTED the sinner in the person of ___ representative: (3). **is the place of communion or ___ ll _____ by _ a _____.**

Conclusion: