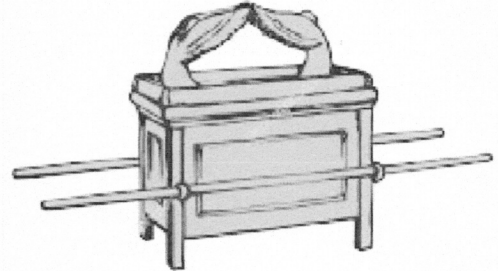


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The Ark of the Covenant

The Ark of the covenant was a special box which HaShem commanded Moses and the children of Israel to make in order to be the special place where He revealed His shining glory, sometimes called “the Shekinah.” The Ark was about 2 1/2 feet wide, 2 1/2 feet tall, and a little more than 4 feet long. The box was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold, both inside and out. It



had a removable top referred to as the “mercy seat” to which was attached gold figures to represent Cherubim, the angels of HaShem who guard His holy presence. Then, with rings attached on the sides of the Ark, poles were inserted so that the Cohenim (the priests) could carry it as the people of Israel journeyed to the Promised Land.

The Ark of the covenant was housed in the most holy place of the tabernacle and represented the presence of God. Over the top of the ark were two Cherubim facing each other that symbolized the work of the guarding angels who protected the Ark. The Ark was to be carried and moved only by the tribe of the Levites. Inside of the Ark were three objects: the tablets of stone containing the Ten Words, the rod of Aaron that budded, and a pot of manna.

Each of these objects reminded Israel of times when she failed to trust God and yet He provided for them anyway. At the giving of the Torah the Israelites were involved with the idolatry of the golden calf. Later they complained that they should have stayed in Egypt where they had a variety of food, yet in spite of their complaining, God gave them manna for food in the wilderness. Finally, the people questioned God’s choice of Moses and Aaron as leaders for the people. God made it clear by making Aaron’s rod to bud, that He had chosen him and his family to serve as priests.

The Ark of the Covenant reminds us that even in the midst of our failures to trust and even in the face of our outright disobedience, God is faithful to those who are His, and He keeps His promises to them. Before too long, Israel began to use the Ark as a “good luck” symbol, as if the Ark had magical powers. After touring the Philistine cities and wreaking havoc, the Ark was returned to Israel and later David restored it to Jerusalem where his son, Shlomo (Solomon), had built the Temple in which the Ark finally rested.

Ark of the Covenant

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ARK

COVENANT

GOLD

CHERUBIM

MERCY SEAT

POLES

TABLETS

AARONS ROD

MANNAH

SHEKINAH

ACACIA

PROPITIATION

MOST HOLY

GOD IS...

compassionate
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 faithful
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 good
 holy
 infinite
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 living
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 omnipresent
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 righteous
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 upright
 unchangeable
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GOD IS...

The adjectives hidden in this puzzle describe the attributes of
 God as they are revealed in the Bible.

