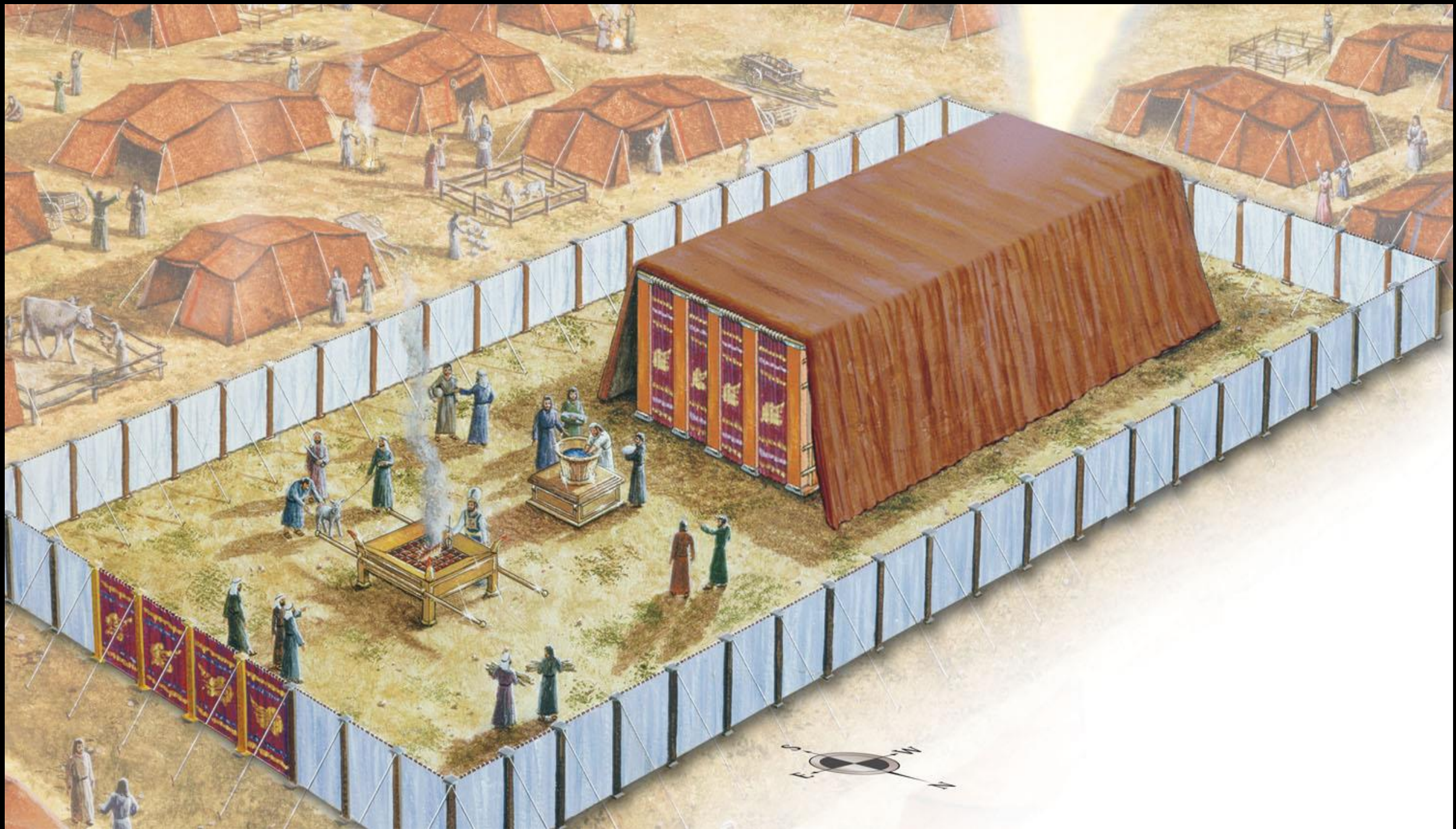


Exodus 25:10-22 & Hebrews 9:1-9

Foundations Of Jesus' Abundant Mercy





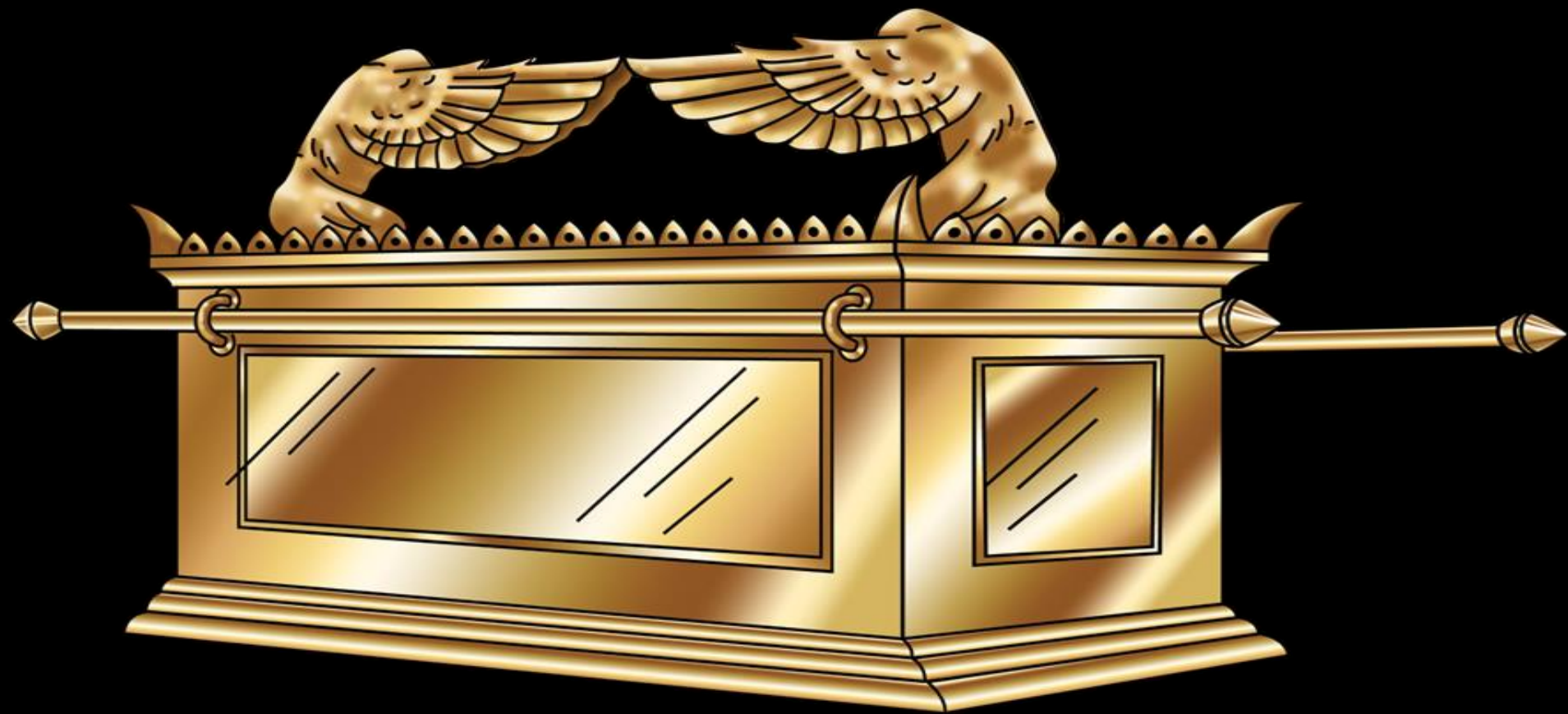


Background/Context

- Moses instructed/shown visually; build Ark of the Covenant or Ark of Testimony
- God's Mercy: compassion, patient lovingkindness, loyal care and watch care, the withholding of judgement that is due for wrong committed, the giving of multiple chances to make right
- Last week: Introduction/Description; being aware that God is merciful

Appreciation Through A Marvelous Construction

- Ark of Covenant; very special, made from Acacia wood, covered inside and out with pure gold
- Rectangle in shape; 2ft 3in wide / 2ft 3 in high / 3ft 9 in long
- 4 gold rings; one each corner, gold covered poles inserted through so as to transport (poles left in rings of Ark, commandment was not to touch)
- On top of Ark; golden Mercy Seat, same length and width as Ark
- Mercy Seat had figures of Cherubim on each end facing one another, looking down
- Cherubim: plural for Cherub, associated with God's presence



- Lamentations 3:22-23, “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness.”
- “At Calvary”
- Years I spent in vanity and pride, caring not my Lord was crucified, knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary....Mercy there was great and grace was free; pardon there was multiplied to me; there by burdened soul found liberty, at Calvary....

Salvation From A Magnificent Application

- (Ex. 25:17-22 & Hebs. 9:1-9) With Tabernacle, very special Holy Day: The Day Of Atonement
- Atonement: that which makes up for, makes right an injury or offense, an act which brings reconciliation
- Day Of Atonement: High Priest and people follow God's plan for forgiveness of sin; many aspects but 2 unique sacrifices
- Bull slain for sins of High Priest, 2 goats sacrificed; one killed, one set free in wilderness
- Once a year on Day Of Atonement, High Priest enter Holy of Holies and apply blood of sacrifices on Mercy Seat
- Message: application of shed blood of innocent brings forgiveness of sin

- Hebs. 9:11-12, “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”
- I John 4:10, “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation (Mercy Seat) for our sins.”



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- Jesus, the Better High Priest

- He was the perfect sacrifice that was required—one perfect sacrifice—to take away sins for all time. His willing, voluntary death was the last sacrifice ever needed. Jesus serves as our High Priest in heaven, and appears in God’s presence on our behalf.
- “The central, in fact the only, thing in the Holy of Holies was the Ark, which represents Christ, the true mercy seat: When we meet Jesus Christ as Savior, we are ushered into the presence of God, into the true Holy of Holies. God no longer communes with men between the wings of cherubim on a gold mercy seat. He communes with men in His Son, by whom the veil was torn in two. Jesus Christ is the mercy seat. Only on the basis of Christ will God have fellowship with men.”
- John MacArthur, pastor and author

