

"And the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

- ✓ Surrounding the throne of God is the rainbow. I quote a wonderful thought in regard to this: "As the bow in the cloud is formed by the union of the sunlight and the shower, so the rainbow encircling the throne represents the combined power of mercy and justice. It is not justice alone that is to be maintained; for this would eclipse the glory of the rainbow of promise above the throne; men could see only the penalty of the law. Were there no justice, no penalty, there would be no stability to the government of God. It is the mingling of judgment and mercy that makes salvation complete. It is the blending of the two that leads us, as we view the world's Redeemer, and the law of Jehovah, to exclaim, *'Thy gentleness hath made me great.'*" Bible Commentary, Volume 5. p. 1133.
- ✓ This is the greatest teaching we can obtain from the golden ark: a perfect combination of mercy in the throne of grace where the glory of God was manifested, and the divine justice His holy law, the Ten Commandments.

In order to reach the ark, the sinner had to follow the way. Let us follow it together.

- ✓ Discover that there is a great door opened to all sinners.
- ✓ Enter through that door and confess our sins upon the Lamb of God.
- ✓ Accept the fact that Jesus died, was crucified so that you may live.
- ✓ To be born from water, through baptism, a symbol that you want to be cleansed from your past that keeps you in bondage.
- ✓ Acknowledge Jesus as the light of life that will show you the way of success in everything you do.
- ✓ Thank God for providing you the bread for you hungry soul. Christ is the bread.
- ✓ Daily lift up prayers to heaven, which are purified by Christ's righteousness, as incense with a nice odor for God.
- ✓ Go through the veil and come daily unto the presence of God so that He may have mercy on you.

11. Once we have discovered the meaning of the golden ark, what advice are we given? Hebrews 4:16.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto grace, that we may obtain, and find grace to help in time of need."

- ✓ God is not the spare Tyre we use when we have a puncture. An athlete who wants to succeed, goes through hard training, till he reaches a high level so as to compete and be successful. In the same way, Christian life is successful when we daily go to Jesus and to the throne of grace and we obtain forces when difficulties come up.
- ✓ This is the message of the book of Revelation; this should be the motivation to finish reading this study. We should go to Jesus with all our needs so that our struggle may end up in victory.

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The golden ark and the book of



Much has been written and spoken about the golden ark. The imagination of man has invented stories about the hidden powers it entails. Analyzing this topic, we shall discover in the book of Revelation the different characteristics of the Ark of the Covenant and what surrounds it. Let us begin studying this fascinating subject.

1. How is the Ark of the Covenant mentioned in the book of Revelation? Revelation 11:19.

"And of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

- ✓ Here we see that the ark is called the Ark of the Covenant. We also see that it was within the temple and that temple was in heaven. Let us see how these things may be understood.

2. What did God promise man when man sinned? Genesis 3:15.

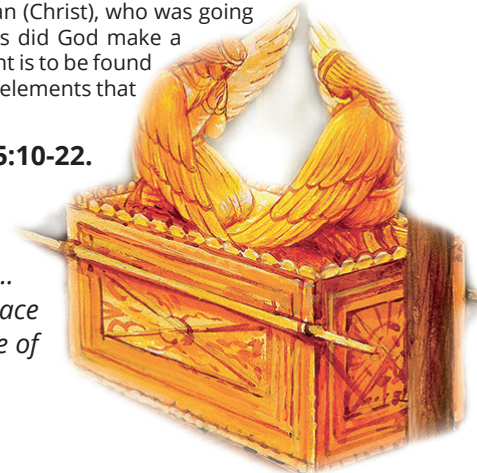
"And I will put between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise"

- ✓ It is wonderful to notice that when God looked for man because he had sinned, before punishing him, He made him a promise. The promise was that at a certain time, a Seed was to be born from the woman (Christ), who was going to destroy Satan, the originator of sin. Thus did God make a covenant of salvation with man. This covenant is to be found in the golden ark and around it are different elements that serve for our salvation.

3. What was the golden ark? Exodus 25:10-22.

It was a box of overlay with

It had two golden and a staves used to carry it from one place to another. Above it there was a lid made of



Above there were two looking toward
with their wings stretched out.

There God appeared and spoke to of Israel.

4. What did the box contain? Deuteronomy 10:4-5; Hebrews 9:4.

The tables with the Ten also called of the covenant. A golden vessel that contained..... Aaron's rod that

- ✓ The golden ark symbolizes the throne of God, since in it are to be found the elements that are the foundation of His kingdom. The throne of grace symbolizes His mercy, which is above everything. The Ten Commandments are the foundation of His throne, since they represent righteousness. The golden bowl with manna represent a healthy diet, that God gave man in Eden. (Genesis 1:29). Aaron's almond rod that blossomed and gave fruit represent the ministry to whom God has ordained to spread out the gospel for the salvation of people.

5. Where was this ark, which is the symbol of the throne of God, placed? Hebrews 9:3.

"And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called....."

- ✓ The Most Holy Place was a place in which only the High Priest entered once a year. There, under the angels upon the throne of grace, was the visible presence of God, namely the Shekinah.

6. The Most Holy Place was the last part of the tabernacle, what other division was there and how was it furnished? Hebrews 9:1-2; Exodus 40:4-5; Revelation 8:3.

The first compartment was called the Holy Place. There was a that represented Christ, the light of the world. John 8:12.

The table with that also remind of Christ who was the bread of life.

The where incense was burnt. It represents the prayers mingled with Christ's righteousness to be accepted by God. Psalms 141:2.

- ✓ Here we can see the first division and its content. Therefore we see that in heaven there is also an altar where incense is burnt.

7. What was the tabernacle made of? Where were the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place? Exodus 26:1, 7, 14-15, 29-30.

The tabernacle or sanctuary was made of wood overlaid with This symbolizes the duality of Christ: the divine and the human.

It was covered with

- ✓ The outer curtain was brown and black, without any appearance and it represents Christ's humbleness. Under it was the one died red which represents Christ's sufferings. The curtain of goat skin, represents Jesus' purity and the twined line, blue, purple and scarlet represents Christ as king, since those were the colors used by the kings.

8. What surrounded the tabernacle and what elements did it contain? Exodus 27:9; 27:16; 40:29; 30:17-21.

Around the sanctuary there were hanging around the, which acted as a wall to prevent people from seeing within.

The access to the sanctuary was through a very wide, that represents Christ, the only One through whom we have access to the Father. The width of the door refers also to God's mercy, who wants all to be John 10:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

As soon as one entered the courtyard, the first element was where a lamb was sacrificed for the sins of the people.

The lamb represents Christ and the altar the cross on which He was sacrificed for..... of the world. John 1:29.

Further there was a, full of water, where the priests washed their hands. It reminds us of the most sublime act a person can perform: baptism for the of sin. Acts 22:16.

9. From where did Moses take the idea and the pattern to build the tabernacle? Acts 7:44; Hebrews 8:5.

Everything was done according to the shown to Moses.

10. What element that surrounds the throne of God, as described in the book of Revelation, gives us joy and hope? Revelation 4:3; Genesis 9:13-17.

"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was..... round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."

