

Ark of the Covenant

The Box

'Use acacia wood and build an Ark.

It must be [110 cm] long, [70 cm] wide and [70 cm] high.

Cover the Ark of the Covenant inside and out with pure gold.

And put a gold strip [at the top] all around it.

Make four gold rings for the Ark of the Covenant.

Attach the gold rings, two rings on each side.

Then make poles from acacia wood and cover them with gold.

Put the poles through the rings on the sides of the Ark.

Use these poles to carry the Ark of the Covenant.

These poles must always stay in the rings of the Ark of the Covenant. Do not take the poles out.

Then put the two flat stones in the Ark of the Covenant. I will give you these stones on which the commands are written.

The Lid

'Then make a lid of pure gold for the Ark of the Covenant.

This lid is the mercy seat. Make it [110 cm] long and [70 cm] wide.

Then hammer gold to make two [cherubim] with wings.

Put one on each end of the lid.

Put one [cherub] with wings on one end of the lid. And put the other [cherub] with wings on the other end.

Attach the [cherubim] with wings to the lid so that they will all be one piece.

The [cherubim's] wings should be spread out over the lid.

The [cherubim] are to face each other across the lid.

Put this lid on top of the Ark of the Covenant.

Also put in this Ark of the Covenant the agreement which I will make with you. I will meet with you there, above the lid between the two [cherubim] with wings.

These are on the Ark of the Covenant. There I will give you all my commands for the Israelites.'

