

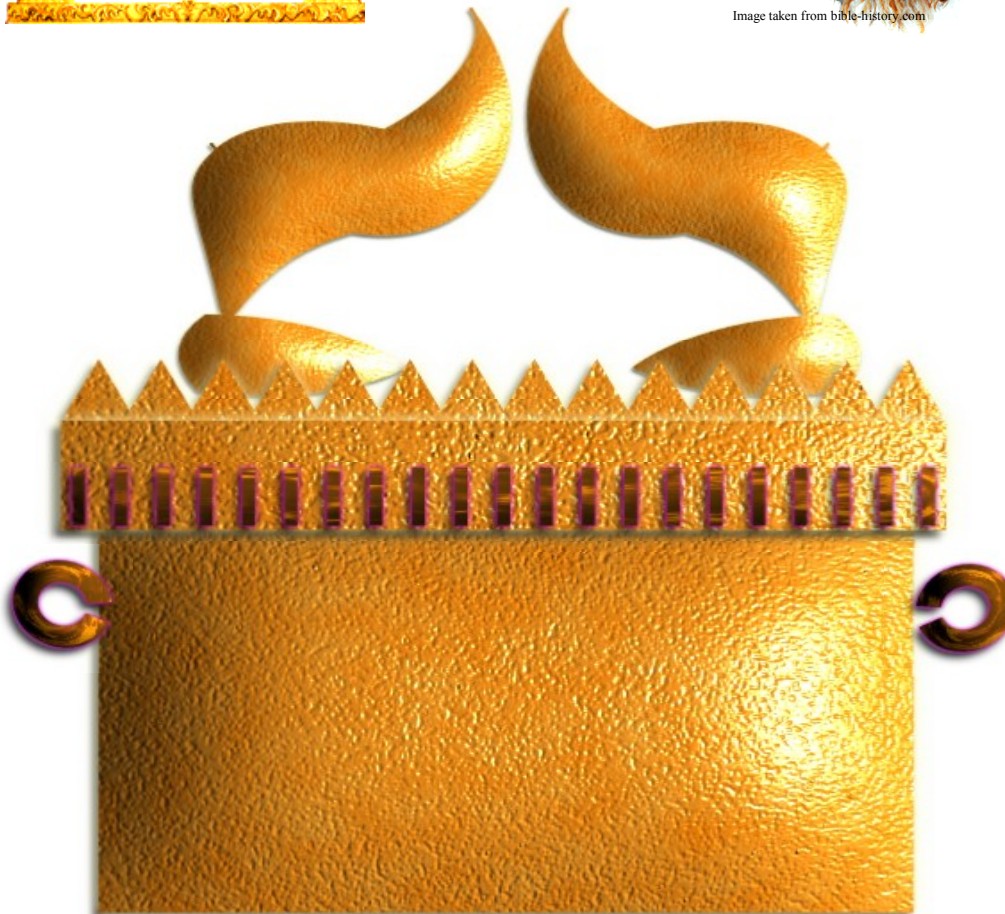
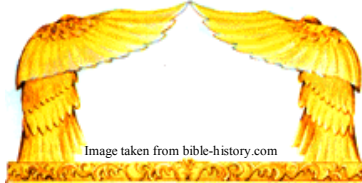
MERCY SEAT

- The mercy seat was the “throne of God” made with cherubim facing one another with over-spread wings. God constantly dwelled there, it was his place of presence with His people.
- Mercy seat means “that which makes expiation” or “propitiation”. This was the place that the High Priest made propitiation for all the people, once a year, on the Day of Atonement.

Symbolism

- As the mercy seat represented the presence of God, it was here that atonement had to be made in order for unholy people to dwell with a Holy God.
- When Christ came, he was called the “propitiation” for sinful people. It is through Him that atonement is made in order for unholy people to dwell with a Holy God. His is a propitiation far better than the one made at the mercy seat once a year.

MERCY SEAT



CHERUBIM

- Cherubim are angelic beings, second to seraphim. Their purpose is to protect and proclaim God’s majesty.
- They were pictured in the tabernacle and the temple on the curtains, as well as on the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant.

Faces

- Cherubim were described with 4 different faces: man, lion, ox, and eagle.
 - **Man:** mind, reasons, affections
 - **Lion:** strong, fierce, majestic
 - **Ox:** patient, laborious
- **Eagle:** never weary, swift

In Scripture

- When Cherubim are mentioned in Scripture it is always associated with the glorious presence and holiness of God.
- When Adam and Eve sinned they were cast out of the Garden of Eden. God placed Cherubim at the entrances, keeping them from God’s presence in the Garden. *Genesis 3:22-24*
- Ezekiel mentioned seeing Cherubim in his vision. *Ezekiel 1:4-14*
- John also mentioned Cherubim in Revelation when he sees a vision of the throne of God. They were constantly calling out “Holy, Holy, Holy!” *Revelation 4:6-8*