

THE TABERNACLE #13

Exodus 25:16 & Hebrews 9:4

THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK PART TWO

THE PROVISIONS INSIDE THE ARK

I. The Golden Pot of Manna – **CHRIST OUR RESOURCE**

A. The Manna was a "perpetual" daily supply for Israel – God's people (Exodus 16:14-20)

1. Pictures God's faithfulness and ability to supply our daily needs. (Ex 16:4 & 16:16-20)
 - a. God promise was "daily bread" - for 40 years if necessary!
 - b. (Matthew 6:11) "Give us this day our daily bread (Luke 11:3)
 1. Phil. 4:19

II. Aaron's Rod that Budded – **CHRIST OUR REDEEMER**

A. People rebelled against Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:41-50)

1. God instructed Moses what to do.
 - a. Take a rod of each tribe (Numbers 17:1-12)
 - b. Aaron's Rod budded – blossomed – bore fruit (Numbers 17:8)

B. Picture of Christ resurrection

1. Isaiah 53:2 Root out of dry ground
2. Isaiah 53:8 It was "cut off;" Just a dry stick.
3. Isaiah 53:10 Came back to life!

D. Our Future is Secure!

1. Made secure by our High Priest (Romans 1:4)
 - a. DECLARED to be the Son of God – with power.
 - b. **PROVEN by the Resurrection!** (**Pictured in Aaron's Rod**)

E. Aaron's Rod "bore fruit." (Numbers 7:8)

1. Christ also wants us to reproduce and bear fruit. (Three ways)
 - a. Our Character develops and produces the "Fruit of the Spirit."
(Galatians 5:22-23)
 - b. Our Conduct changes - "walk with Him" and bring glory to His Name
(Eph. 4:17-32)
 - c. Our Converts will become fruit from our witness of Christ
(Romans 1:13-15)

III. The Tablets of Covenant – **CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

A. Tablets (the law) were broken – Pictures man's failure to keep God's law

1. Law Given (Exodus 19:1-8)
2. Broken Law – (Exodus 32:15-19) – Broken - BEFORE they received the written law!

a. Tablets Remade (Deut. 10:1-2)

3. Man could not/cannot keep God's law – impossible

B. Jesus Christ kept the law – dotting of the "i" and crossing of the "t".

1. Matthew 5:17 – "Come to fulfill the law...."

2. Romans 10:4 – "Christ is the end of the law...."

3. Romans 8:3 – "What the law could not do...."

C. Broken law "placed UNDER the "Mercy Seat"

Blood sprinkled OVER the "Mercy Seat"

D. (Exodus 12:13) "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

E. (I Samuel 6:19) - **The lid of the ark "Mercy Seat" was never to be opened!**

1. **The Crown around the edge (The King of Kings),
Prevented the lid from sliding off its mount.**

F. Our sins are:

1. Under the mercy seat;

2. Covered with blood.

Exodus 12:13 – "...when I see the blood I will pass over you."

3. Never to be seen again!

IV. **The Book of the Covenant (Exodus 24:7)**

1. Placed in or beside the Ark

2. Included as a "Witness" against Israel (Deut. 31:24-27)