

Study of the Tabernacle – 12

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Let's open our bibles tonight to Exodus Twenty-five, and let's begin reading from verse eight. This is where we began this whole study was reading right from these scriptures here as the Lord dealt with Moses at this time on the mount to build the tabernacle. And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. God's love for us to dwell with us. According to all that I will shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*. My oh my. What we've seen so far, and how the Lord wanted to dwell with us, He wanted to dwell with them in the knowledge of God, and He wanted us to dwell with us in the knowledge of the bridegroom, praise God. 00:58

And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within, without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt upon it a crown of gold round about. Thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, put *them* in the four corners thereof. Two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put the staves into the rings of the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. 01:48

We went through all of that last week praise God, and the weeks before, but especially last week about the ark and here we press on. And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. And brothers and sisters that's where we're going to pause tonight before we get to the culmination, the very climax of this whole study as we will arrive eventually if the Lord tarry, and maybe we'll arrive right there tonight face to face praise God. The crowning of the mercy seat upon the ark, hallelujah; we'll get there. But right here in verse sixteen is where we're going to take this pause tonight because the Lord puts this right in between them in His test to us and thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee, and oh what a testimony this is. 02:46

We just read that the ark in the very presence of God, amen? Amen. I believe that we were told that the word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Amen? Amen, I'll tell you what, that's the very presence of God isn't it? Praise the Lord. So, we're going to see tonight that everything in this ark, and I mean every bit of that testimony is Jesus. As we've seen through this whole wonderful tabernacle study it's all Him. It's all Him, praise God? And we're in Him, we're of Him, it's all due Him, and to Him, and for Him praise God it is all Him. So, we thank the Lord, but think about that. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And tonight, what we're going to do is we're going to examine each of these items that are associated with this ark, and we're going to see that each of these

items are our precious Saviour. And then we're going to see after we see all of these items and how they represent our precious Saviour, by the grace of God we're going to see what was hidden away in our Saviour in each one of these items that we get a double portion as the Lord always gives us. But there were four items that were associated and involved with this ark. Now, you'll notice we only have three here, even though there's four this here is the law, the tablets, this is Aaron's budded rod, or reed right here, and this was the golden pot of manna. Alright? Well, there is one other piece that is associated with that we'll touch on here in just a minute. 04:37

Now theologians as we start with this, they debate whether all of these pieces were within and without. One of the greatest things that they like to talk about was that staff or rod of Aaron's. Most likely it was about this high. Well, if it was this high there was no physical way that it could get in the ark. Well. We're talking God, and so if God . . . Well, I don't even want to go there, but you know what I'm saying, but let's just go on over to Hebrews Nine, verses three and four and maybe this'll kind of settle it with it a little bit, and I don't know. Sometimes I think people try to argue things with the people of God; sad and kind of ignorant too. 05:26

Alright, Hebrews Chapter Nine, Verse Three. It says there and after the second veil the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all, which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, so there's your ark, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant, or those tablets there. Alright? So, it says right there again wherein was the golden pot speaking of in the ark. So that kind of settles it with me, and that's really good, so we'll go on from that point. But just to touch on that for a second, let's go to one of the first ones, and that's these tablets, alright? So, let's turn over to Deuteronomy Chapter Ten, and let's go and read about these tablets. Alright, and what they represent, how they magnify our precious Lord. In chapter ten, verse one it says at that time the Lord said unto me, choose thee two tables of stone like unto the first. Uh oh, so where we're at right now is remember when Moses had come down and he had broke those tablets as he saw them worshipping that golden calf. Amen? 06:54

So now the Lord has called him back and now notice here this is important because we're going to see the difference about these tablets, and just in a minute we're going to read about the writings of Moses, or the books of Moses, and you're going to see how they're different. Alright, and this great difference is at the time the Lord said unto me hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first and come up unto Me unto the mount and make thee an ark of wood, and I will write on the tables the words that were in the first table which thou brakest, and thou shall put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim wood, I hewed the two tables of stone like unto the first, I went up in the mount having the two tables in my hand, and He wrote on the tables according to the first writing the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, put the tables in the ark which I made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me. 08:11

Alright, so how beautiful that is, and we see and know that the word of God has told us as it says in First Peter 2:22, it says Jesus, Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the law. Amen. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of the torah. In Him all the requirements of the torah have been met. Amen. So, what we have here is the word; the word of God, and do you know that the word of God includes the torah which was made flesh and dwelt among us? So, we can just see that all out there; it's Jesus, He's the word praise God? Thank You Lord. So, we see that first testimony. 09:07

Now, let's go to the next one, and this is not shown here, but these are the writings or the books of Moses. And this is in Deuteronomy Chapter Thirty-one, verses twenty-four through twenty-seven. That's Deuteronomy 31:24-27 and it says there, and it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished. Okay, now we remember the huge stones; Who wrote on them? God did, amen. So, we see here that we have something that Moses is writing, and he made an end to the writing of the words of the law in a book until they were finished. That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, take this book of the law, put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death? Moses knew that only the word of God could ever change anybody. He knew only the word of God could put down them murmurings and put down the rebellion; it wasn't going to be anything else but the word of God. 10:49

So, Moses wrote these writings and what Moses were writing were the books of Moses. Amen? So, we have the Pentateuch, you think of all of these things. Now this is kind of an interesting thing for us to think about, this Deuteronomy this time is about fourteen hundred BC: fourteen hundred and fifty BC. They know that there were writings on animal skins that became somewhat like parchments way back in twenty-four hundred BC; twenty-four hundred, so they were able to write on animal skins and different things of that nature, and guess where all of that started? Right there in Egypt, isn't that something? So, you think about whether it was the mirrors that those women looked in to make the laver. Remember that they washed in that they could see? That was that laver that they washed in before they'd go unto the holy place. But here, even see how God. Now God could have done a lot of different ways, but He had them right there where they had writing, where they had the ability and knowledge how to do these things. 11:56

I just think that kind of a wonderful thing; that's just a Jesus thing as I call it all the time. I love it, you know? And you know, they were using it for things that were ungodly. You know the things they were writing. Oh my, right from the pit itself, but then there you go, God used it for good. Amen? Just like that phone that you might have, now don't look at it now, but that phone, a lot of evil goes on with that phone, but I'll tell you what, God can use it for good, so we thank the Lord for that. So, know this is our Lord, and you'll never put Him in a corner, and I'll tell you, He's too wonderful for that. 12:35

Alright, so the writings that we're speaking of here were specifically to emphasize the testimony of the Lord to Israel. What these writings of Moses are if you really read through all the writings of Moses, it's the encouragement of the faithfulness of God how He delivered them, how He was always faithful, how He forgave them. It was His mercy and grace; it's the same testimony that we have today. That's what will penetrate you to quit our rebellion. Amen. It breaks your heart, that's what it does because He just loved. It's like you try to escape Him, but you can't get there. David tried to make his bed in hell, but he rolled over and Jesus was there. And it's just not going to get away from Him because He loves you. And then you start realizing you don't want to shake Him, you want to hug Him because He's been so good to you all the time when He should have killed you, but that's our Lord. 13:30

So, that is the testimony of our Lord, and we know that all that love is a testimony of His Son. The faithfulness of God all throughout the Old Testament was always to His people was Jesus. Jesus is the manna, Jesus is the water from the rock, Jesus is the cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. He is the angel of the Lord that was always with them; it's Jesus praise the Lord, and I love it. I am that I am. Amen. It's our precious Jesus. 14:07

And that leads us to the next one as you see there, so you have the tablets, we've had the books of Moses. Now it did say, it did sway on the side of the ark there's some that believed it was just sat on the side of the ark, or something like that or whatever; I don't know, but all I know it's important because I think that God told Moses you put that right there, because that's the only thing that's ever going to fix their rebellion. Even after My death the Lord and His word abideth forever. Praise God, I believe that was even an introduction of who would go on was Joshua that the word wasn't changing. The word was the word. All the power wasn't Moses, it was always the word of God. The power wasn't Joshua, it was the word of God. Praise the Lord, and the Lord anoints and give power to those vessels that the word of God abides in. Amen. 15:04

So, let's go on over to Exodus Chapter Sixteen, and let's read about the now. So. in Exodus Sixteen let's read from verse thirty-one and it says there and the house of Israel called the name thereof manna, and the Lord would bring that in the morning and feed them for those six days. They would gather on that sixth day, and that would last them for two days, and that would be that rest of the sabbath, but the house of Israel called the name thereof manna. And it was like coriander seed; white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. I'll tell you; God even made that good, didn't He? 15:49

And Moses said this is the thing which the LORD commandeth. Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. The Lord wants us to remember His faithfulness, and what was His faithfulness? It was His word, it was His hand praise God, this is why as the scripture tells us, give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. That's why, put the tablets in there, put the budded rod in there, put the manna in there; remember what's in there. Me, praise God? And Moses said unto Aaron take a pot. Put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. It's about like a

half a gallon, or a gallon of this. As the LORD commanded Moses so Aaron laid it up before the testimony to be kept. So, there you go, there is the manna. 16:57

Now the word of God tells us that He is the bread of life for His people. The manna was the food if you will for the wilderness journey, wasn't it? Amen? And brothers and sisters, if you haven't recognized it right yet, we are in a wilderness journey. Did you know that, we sure are, and we are on a camel ride through that wilderness journey going right on to the Bridegroom if we'll stay with this truth, and praise be to God He is all our sustenance. So, once again it's Jesus, and thank the LORD for this testimony. 17:36

Now finally we get to Aaron's budded rod, and let's go on over to Numbers Chapters Seventeen, and in seventeen verse one. Let's see, where am I here. Seventeen one says and the Lord spake unto Moses saying speak unto the children of Israel. Take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one *rod shall* be for the head of the house of their fathers. So, they had each of them twelve, represented twelve tribes. Each one would come out represented, put their name on that rod, and here we have the rod that Aaron had for the tribe of Levi. Alright, there was a dispute, there was basically an argument; who's going to lead us? And so, this is what God told Moses to do. Get a representation from each one of the tribes; bring one. And of the tribe of Levi, you get me Aaron, and you bring Aaron to Me, and I'm sure at that moment Moses knew Aaron was God's choice, but no one else did, and God was going to make it evident. 19:14

So, here we go, and thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall* be the head for the house of the fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, from whom I will choose, shall blossom and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' house, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among the rods. Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds. Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked and took every man his rod. And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not. Wow. 20:41

That's awesome, isn't it? The rod was Christ. Amen. The budded rod revealed God's choice, Jesus is the chosen One of God. Jesus is the chosen One of God. It's prophesied in Isaiah Chapter Four-nine that He's is the chosen One, and Isaiah 11:1 we love this scripture, it says and there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. Well, there's the rod, hallelujah; our precious Lord

and Saviour. In Matthew 12:18 it says Esaias the prophet, behold My servant, whom I have chosen, My beloved Son, in whom My soul is well pleased, praise be to God. Did you hear that? The prophet "behold My servant, whom I have chosen." Praise God, so we see that the rod, thy staff which comforts Me is our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So, once again, everything we have here, everything about this tabernacle points to, and is our precious Lord. 21:50

Now, one of the preen, and most precious most beautiful messages that we have throughout all of these things too, and I just think how they just continue to flow is the beauty of the message of that rod. See, those rods when they brought them in, you know they were just dead staffs. They were just a piece of wood, alright? So, there was no life in it. And you know, that was just like us in Christ; we had no life. But praise be to God, because of Jesus Christ we have life, and then we have even life more abundantly, amen? So, that's when we can even bud. Praise the Lord, and even have blossoms, and you go on with the Lord and oh my, then you produce fruit. Praise the Lord? And here we have a particular fruit which are almonds, and here's the interesting thing about the almond tree in Israel, it's known very famously, it is the first tree every year that will produce fruit; those are the first fruits. Praise God, and may we be the first fruits to Him, amen? 22:55

See, and that's again, that bridal company, that wonderful calling to be ready, hallelujah, and to be that one that would be ready for Him. So that is a precious encouragement there, but then what was so sweet, and you know how God will give you sufficient witness? I had such a precious sister reach out to me, and I just coming into this study that we have, and she was thinking about the ark, and I'll tell you what, I know that she did not know in her heart that we would be talking about the contents of the ark tonight, but she was so thrilled just thinking about that precious encouragement we have how the love of God covers a multitude of sin. And she was saying isn't it amazing what the mercy seat covers for us? And so now this double portion we have tonight, here we are by His grace, we should be right here; these cherubim; His crowning hallelujah, His vessels of mercy clothed with the riches of His glory. Nothing but gold, praise be to God. Amen? 24:10

And here we are, and here's that mercy seat, and that mercy seat praise God had the blood, right? Now all of these things were in here. We were here separated by mercy, and this is contained in here, So, let's look at that what the Lord praise God has truly hidden away for us in this mercy seat. First of all, we talked about the tablets, right? These are the ten commandments; that was the law, amen? Well, we read in Colossians 2:14, and Ephesians 2:15 it says Christ has abolished the law and the ordinances, He nailed them to the cross which were against us. Isn't it amazing what mercy has done? That's all mercy because we did not deserve that, did we? But that's what the mercy seat has done and covered for us, and there should be chills on your arms right now and that's okay that this is so beautiful for us to receive from Him. 25:19

Now then you have the writings of Moses and he is our testimony, and you think about that precious truth and what the mercy keeps us from; the warning of Israel and their bitterness and unbelief, God is merciful, God is long suffering, and He is just so over

the top in how forgiving He is. He doesn't even remember anything because there's nothing to remember. Hallelujah in what He's done. This is the mercy that separates us from the bitterness and unbelief that we have been left only to stare upon the beautiful blood of the mercy seat. Doesn't that take all the bitterness away, doesn't that just flush it right out, thank You Jesus? And I just rejoice how I'll tell you; you talk about sitting pretty? Upon that mercy seat you're sitting real pretty because you're not looking at anything else but the beautiful blood upon that mercy seat. All the power, all the love, all the grace, and the depth of it. The depth of that is endless, praise the Lord. That's why they continue to stare at it. It's not like they're just staring at one thing, it's manifold; its burrgggg, and that's what we're doing tonight. That's what the word of God does for us and we thank Him. 26:45

Now, then think about the manna. The word of God says man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word, and I'll encouraged it to say it like this that proceeds from the mouth of God. Amen. And I thank the Lord, see, that manna, they had to have it that day or it would spoil, but here we have praise God manna that never spoils. It's Him praise God, He's our sustenance. It's praise God that you'll never thirst again. Hallelujah. And this is what again, this precious mercy has done for us. 27:23

And then finally the rod and how beautiful this is. Christ Jesus is the final and only high priest; He fulfilled it all, didn't He? Amen? It wasn't according to the order of Aaron any longer. If that priesthood was good, and we could still be forgiven that way without the remembrance of sin, it would have continued on. But that ended, it was over, God put a stop to that, and praise God by the blood of Jesus He's saved us by grace through faith once and for all; praise the Lord. 27:58 So we once again have a wonderful double portion in this type and shadow right here of what it is that He is, and then what it is that He keeps us from. It's just a beautiful Lord, and I'm thankful praise God that this is the mercy hallelujah. I know it's mercy; there's no working up there. There's no works, that's all mercy, that's all ruling and reigning, and that's the crowning of the Lord. 28:27

Now, as we close this up tonight when we briefly mentioned last week if you remember, and we just read it as well too when we started the ark that sat in the holy of holies in the wilderness. Now we're talking about the tabernacle in the wilderness, okay? So, this is the tabernacle in the wilderness, and then you know that when Solomon became king that's when they built the temple. Alright? But when that ark was in the wilderness, just like we are in the wilderness did you notice it said about those staves that were in the ark? These things right here. They were never removed were they. They always remained in that ark. We spoke about this, it's such a beautiful thing to receive from Him. See, there's four of those golden rings, right? And that's that wonderful weakness. It speaks of that weakness and thank God this is in the sides of that ark. You think about the side of our Saviour upon that cross, that was pierced, that side. You look that up in the word of God, it means rib; a rib portion. The word of God has called us to suffer together with Jesus Christ that we may reign with Him, be that crown; that wonderful cherubim upon Him. Amen? 29:56

If we suffer with Him, we'll reign with Him. It's golden, there's a crown glorified together with Him. That's why it's an ark, and a mercy seat, and with the two cherubim

that come out of it. It's all one, there's no crowning for the ark without the mercy seat without the cherubim. And there's no resting place for a crown without the ark. They need one another, they have to have one another for the fullness of glory. Praise God? So, these staves were never taken out, and that speaks of that pierced side, that speaks of suffering together with him. As we live, and as we're alive in this time brothers and sisters, if we're going to reign with Him, we're going to suffer together with Jesus Christ and it's not going to be removed. 30:50

Just as if the word of God told Paul. Paul sought Him about that thorn. There were other sufferings in Paul's life, but Paul thought that one; that one particularly was hurting him in his life somehow. Take anything that you could ever imagine about your life that you would like different, that you don't think might be the best most godly representation of you, or Jesse, or whatever it is, but yet God in His faithfulness will not remove that temptation. He won't. He's going to allow that to stay, and as He told Paul and said you know what? Honey, if I remove that, you're going to be exalted and not Me. Don't we want to have this piercing right here? See, if this isn't pierced, these aren't in these latches there's no way to lift up the ark. There's no way that that could be exalted. He is not exalted without us suffering together with Him, praise God? So, you thank Him for that in that encouragement. So, this speaks of the time that we're in right now. This is suffering that we take this burden together with Christ, and it's in His faithfulness in His perfection, He said in My faithfulness I afflicted, praise God. 32:10

Now, but when the ark was no longer in the tabernacle in the wilderness, and Solomon built his temple, and that ark finally arrived in the place in the holy of holies in Solomon's temple you know what? Those staves were removed, and they were never put in there again, and matter of fact you couldn't even find the staves anymore. That ark wasn't going anywhere else but right there. Solomon's temple speaks of the time praise God when we'll be in heaven. Thank the Lord, this is the transformation. See, this is the throne here, and once it's in Solomon's temple it's the throne there. And right now by the grace of God we enter into this by faith into this throne now. We're ruling and reigning together with Jesus Christ. Praise be to God you reign right now if you're going to reign up there. And thank the Lord, I'll tell you what, He's going to take the staves out of it. Yes, He is. That suffering, praise God, will be no more, and that crown by the grace of God we've been holding fast, that thou hast, let no man take it. Thanks be to God the sufferings will go, and that crown will remain upon our head. And thank the Lord, it is a throne, and it is a union, and a oneness, and a marriage, and it's a reigning together that will never end. It'll never be removed because the staves are gone; it cannot be picked up. Isn't that gorgeous? You think about how God does that. 33:43

So, there is something else that happened there, and this is beautiful as well. So not only were the staves taken out when that ark went into the holy of holies in Solomon's temple which represents again to us the time that we will be in heaven ruling and reigning with the Lord, but the manna and Aaron's rod were also removed from the ark. They weren't in here anymore. Alright? It's beautiful. Now think of this, the manna. When our faith will be made sight, when we will be like Him for, we shall see Him as He is; oh my. And then this budded rod, remember why they did that. There was strife; who was to

reign, who was God's chosen, who was all of this, how hot? There's not going to be any controversy anymore, not at that time, oh no. When we're called up to heaven and that judgment begins, and then when it's all poured forth what does it say? And every knee shall bow, and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. There'll be no more controversy ever again. So, all that remained in the ark once it gets to the place of Solomon's temple, were the two tables of stone, and yet you think about how perfect. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but the word of the Lord endureth forever. 35:42

Let's close tonight by reading this beautiful passage. First Kings Chapter Eight, and let's just read this slowly, and we'll just fly on home one way or another you let this seep into you, and I'll tell you what, you'll fly on home. So. the ark at this time is brought in to the Holy of Holies and set in there and here's the rejoicing. Here's what happened. And remember, this is the representation brothers and sisters when we're home in glory with Him. When the ark praise God, and the crowning mercy seat have taken their final place together and the staves are removed. Because remember, we suffer together with Him, don't we? Yeah. He's touched by our infirmities. He still is, you know that, He loves us and that's going to be removed from Him too because we're going to be face to face. 36:53

Alright, so this is our time that'll never end. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel. Can you see the twenty-four elders around? The king assembling His friends? That cloud of witness, the ones that are waiting right now for the Bridegroom to sound, to call her the friends of the Bridegroom? Solomon, the king assembled the elders of Israel, and all of the heads of the tribes, and the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, and to king Solomon in Jerusalem that they might bring up; whew. Fly the bride home huh? Fly the bride home. That they may bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim which is the seventh month, and all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark and they brought up the ark of the Lord, and I thought this was so pretty and sweet; I loved it. You know, those priests, to get down to lift up the ark and that mercy seat, you know they had to bow down. They had to bow down. I think I read about a group of twenty-four elders casting off their crown. Un, un, un. 38:48

Now, and they brought up the ark of the Lord, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests *and* the Levites bring up. And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, and could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. Un, un, un. And they drew out the staves. So, see, they took them out. At the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle. Isn't that beautiful? So, they were shown as a crowning, and as a rejoicing; that suffering is the crowning. Praise God.

But they're taken out. Hallelujah, and they were not seen without, and there they are unto this day. 40:13

There was nothing in the ark, save the two tables of stone. See, they took it all out but the two tablets which Moses put there for them when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy place that the cloud filled the house of the Lord so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord hath filled the house of the Lord. And I'll tell you what honeys, glory is coming to fill the house of the Lord; glory is coming to fill the house of the lord. Let's stand and be dismissed, and God willing next week the Lord tarry we'll I think conclude with the crowning of the mercy seat upon that ark; praise be to God. Thank You Jesus. 41:26