

# Exodus 25:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

## Analysis

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The Ark's construction begins with acacia wood (שִׁטִּים, shittim), the most durable wood available in Sinai, overlaid with pure gold. Wood represents Christ's humanity (from earth), gold His deity (incorruptible). The dimensions ( $2.5 \times 1.5 \times 1.5$  cubits, approximately  $3.75' \times 2.25' \times 2.25'$ ) made it portable yet dignified. The Ark housed the law, showing that God's throne rests on His righteous standards, ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

## Historical Context

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Acacia trees grew in the Sinai wilderness, providing the primary structural wood for the tabernacle. The Ark would later contain the tablets of the law, a pot of manna, and Aaron's rod (Hebrews 9:4), each symbolizing God's covenant relationship with Israel.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Ark's combination of wood and gold illustrate Christ's two natures?
2. What does it mean that God's throne rests upon the law that Christ perfectly fulfilled?

## Interlinear Text

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וַעֲשׂוּ	אֹרֶן	עֵץ	יַם שִׁטִּים	וְאֶמָּה	וְחֵצִי
And they shall make	an ark	wood	of shittim	thereof and a cubit	and a half
H6213	H727	H6086	H7848	H520	H2677
אָרְכּוֹ	וְאֶמָּה	וְחֵצִי	רֹחְבוֹ	וְאֶמָּה	
shall be the length	thereof and a cubit	and a half	the breadth	thereof and a cubit	
H753	H520	H2677	H7341	H520	
וְחֵצִי	קִמְתּוֹ:				
and a half	the height				
H2677	H6967				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 9:4** (Parallel theme): Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;