

# 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

The Ark's construction begins with acacia wood (שִׁתְׁתַּם, 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

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

**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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וְיַעֲשֵׂ	וְיַעֲשֵׂ	אָרֶ	וְיַעֲשֵׂ	שְׁתִים	וְיַעֲשֵׂ	אָמֵת	וְיַעֲשֵׂ
<b>And they shall make</b>	<b>an ark</b>	<b>wood</b>	<b>of shittim</b>	<b>thereof and a cubit</b>	<b>and a half</b>		
H6213	H727	H6086	H7848	H520	H2677		
וְאָרֶ	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת
<b>shall be the length</b>	<b>thereof and a cubit</b>	<b>and a half</b>	<b>the breadth</b>	<b>thereof and a cubit</b>			
H753	H520	H2677	H7341	H520			
וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת	וְאָמֵת
<b>and a half</b>	<b>the height</b>						
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;