

# Exodus 25:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

## Analysis

Pure gold overlay 'within and without'—the Ark must be completely covered, hidden and visible surfaces alike. This totality represents Christ's complete divinity permeating His humanity. The gold crown (border) surrounding it signifies royalty and separation. Nothing of the wood could show through; similarly, while Christ's humanity was real, His divine glory could not be suppressed (transfiguration).

## Historical Context

Gold overlay required skilled craftsmanship to hammer gold leaf onto the wooden structure. The 'crown' (גָּרֶב, zer) was a decorative border that also prevented objects from sliding off during transport, combining beauty with function.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. Why must Christ's divinity 'overlay' His humanity both 'within and without'?
2. How does the gold crown relate to Christ's kingship and separation from sin?

## Interlinear Text

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וְעֲלֵךְ אֶת	תְּצִיף	בְּאַתָּה	בְּבַיִת	וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל
And thou shalt overlay	gold	it with pure	within	and	and	and	and	and
H6823	H2091	H2889	H1004					H2351
תְּצִיף אֶת	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה	וְעַל יְהוָה
And thou shalt overlay	it and shalt make		upon it a crown				gold	
H6823	H6213		H5921				H2091	
סְבִיבָה:								
round about								
H5439								

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 25:24** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

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