

# Exodus 37

## I. Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood. Vs. 1-9

A. He made it 2 1/2 cubits long, 1 1/2 cubit wide and 1 1/2 cubit high. Vs. 1

B. He overlaid it with pure gold inside and out. Vs. 2

C. He made a crown of gold round about the top. Vs. 2

D. He made four rings of gold, two on each side. Vs. 3

E. He made two staves of shittim wood overlaid with gold. Vs. 4-5

F. The word "ark" is defined as follows

1. Strong's number: 0727 אָרוֹן 'arown *aw-rone*' or אָרוֹן 'aron *aw-rone*'.

2. It is translated in the King James Version of the Bible as "ark" 195 times, "chest" 6 times, and "coffin" once for a total of 202 times.

3. The word has two meanings:

1) chest, as a money chest

2) coffin

G. The ark, as a coffin, is symbolic of death, the death of Christ.

1. We would be reconciled to God by the death of Jesus.

Romans 5:10

2. Jesus would be faithful even unto death. Philippians 2:8

3. Jesus would die for everyone. Hebrews 2:9

4. Jesus would set believers free from the fear of death by his death. Hebrews 2:14-15

5. The promise of eternal inheritance would become valid by the death of Jesus. Hebrews 9:15-16

H. The ark, as a coffin, is symbolic of death (Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death;"), and the lid of the coffin, the mercy seat, is symbolic of the grace of God (Romans 6:23 "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.").



## II. Bezaleel made a mercy seat of pure gold. Vs. 6-9

A. He made it 2 1/2 cubits long and 1 1/2 cubits wide.  
Vs. 6



B. He made two Cherubims of gold with their wings covering the mercy seat. Vs. 7-9

C. He made one Cherub on each end of the mercy seat all one piece. Vs. 7-9

D. The mercy seat was to be placed on the top of the ark. Exodus 25:21



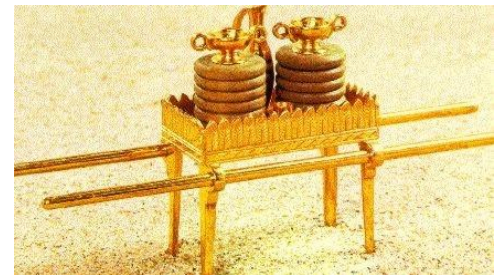
E. God would talk with Moses above the mercy seat between the wings of the two Cherubims. Exodus 25:22

## III. Bezaleel made the table of shewbread. Vs. 10-16

A. He made the table of shittim wood. Vs. 10

B. He made it two cubits long, one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high. Vs. 10

Since a cubit equals 18 inches, the table is 3 feet long, 1 foot, 6 inches wide and 2 feet 3 inches high.



C. He overlaid it with gold and made a border of a handbreadth and a crown of gold around it. Vs. 11-12

D. He made four rings of gold, one at each corner, for the staves to carry it. Vs. 13-14

E. He made two staves of shittim wood and overlaid them with gold. Vs. 15

F. He made all the dishes, spoons, covers and bowls of gold. Vs. 16

G. The table of shewbread is symbolic of Jesus as the bread of life. John 6:35

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

## IV. Bezaleel made the golden candlestick. Vs. 17-24

**A. He made the candlestick of pure gold. Vs. 17**

**B. He made the shape and design of the candlestick beaten out of one piece of gold. Vs. 17**

**C. He made three sets of bowls, knops, and flowers in each of the six branches. Vs. 18-19**

**D. He made the shaft in the center with four sets of bowls, knops, and flowers in it. Vs. 20**

**E. He made a knop under each set of branches coming out of the shaft. Vs. 21-22**

**F. He made seven lamps of pure gold and placed them on top of each branch and shaft. Vs. 23**

**G. He made tongs and snuffdishes of pure gold. Vs. 23**

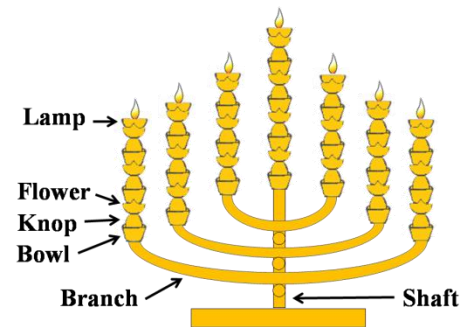
**H. He made everything of the candlestick from a talent of pure gold. Vs. 24**

**1. A talent of gold is about 180 pounds.**

**I. The candlestick is symbolic of Jesus as the light of the world.**

**John 8:12**

**“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”**



**V. Bezaleel made the altar of incense. Vs. 25-29**

- A. He made the altar out of shittim wood. Vs. 25**
- B. He made the altar a cubit square and two cubits high. Vs. 25**
- C. He overlaid the altar with pure gold. Vs. 26**
- D. He made four horns and a crown of gold. Vs. 26**
- E. He made two golden rings on the two corners of the altar. Vs. 27**
- F. He made two staves of shittim wood and overlaid them with gold. Vs. 28**
- G. He made the holy anointing oil. Vs. 29**
- H. The altar is symbolic of Jesus interceding for us. Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25**

