

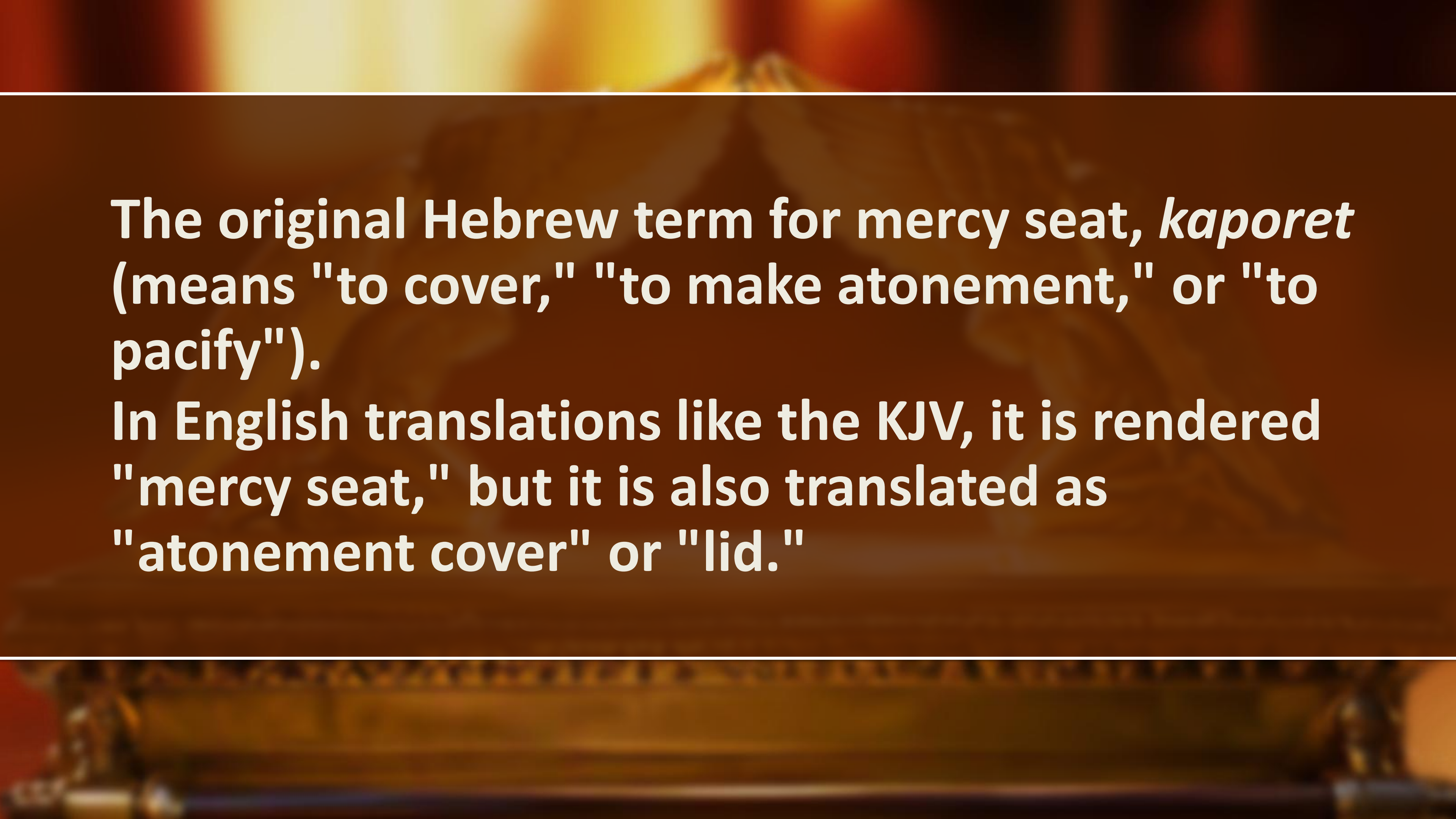
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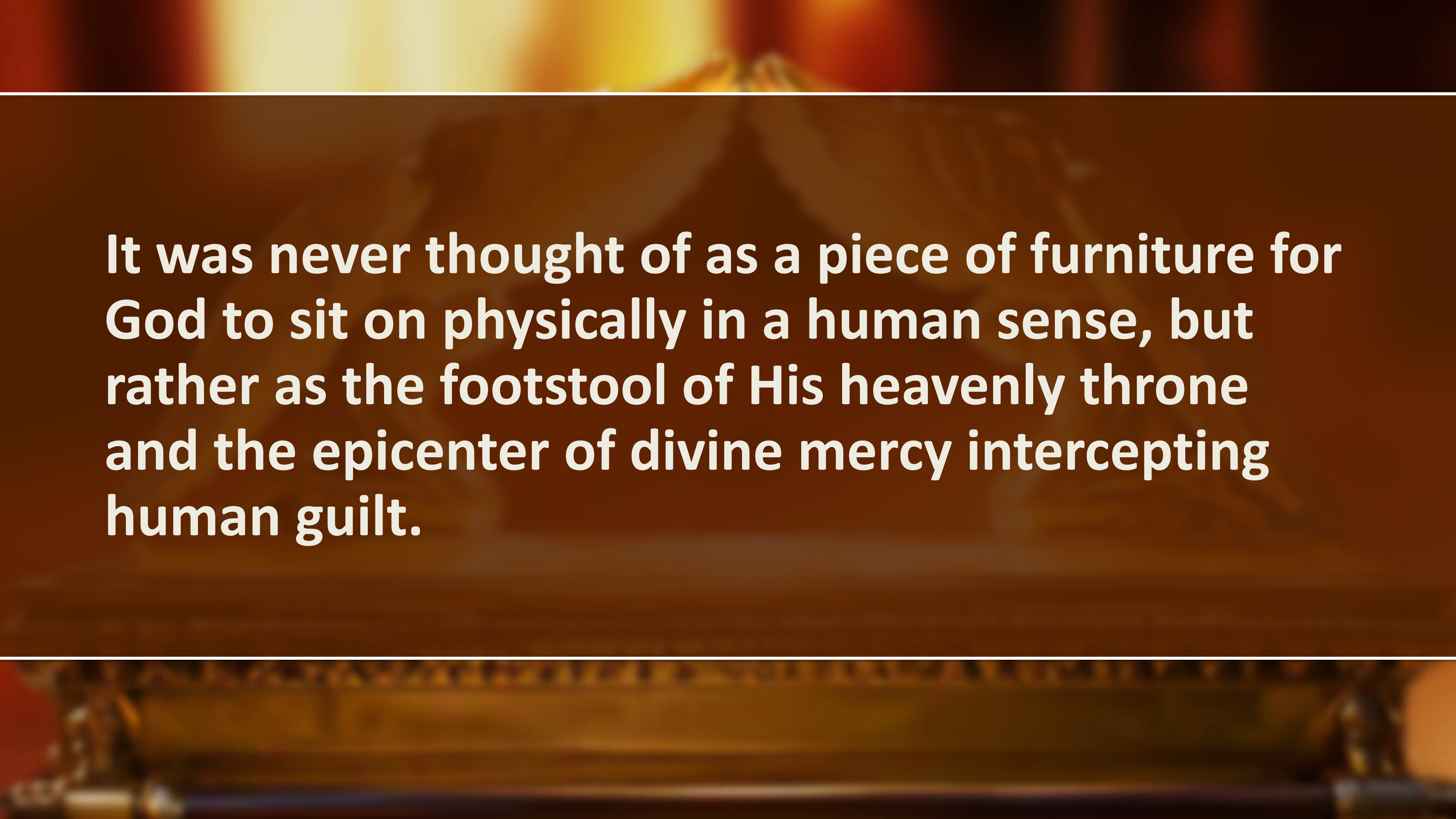
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The original Hebrew term for mercy seat, *kaporet* (means "to cover," "to make atonement," or "to pacify").

In English translations like the KJV, it is rendered "mercy seat," but it is also translated as "atonement cover" or "lid."



It was never thought of as a piece of furniture for God to sit on physically in a human sense, but rather as the footstool of His heavenly throne and the epicenter of divine mercy intercepting human guilt.



The Law Beneath the Lid

And you shall put into the ark he
Testimony which I will give you.*

**Exodus 25:16*



For all have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God.*

**Romans 3:23*

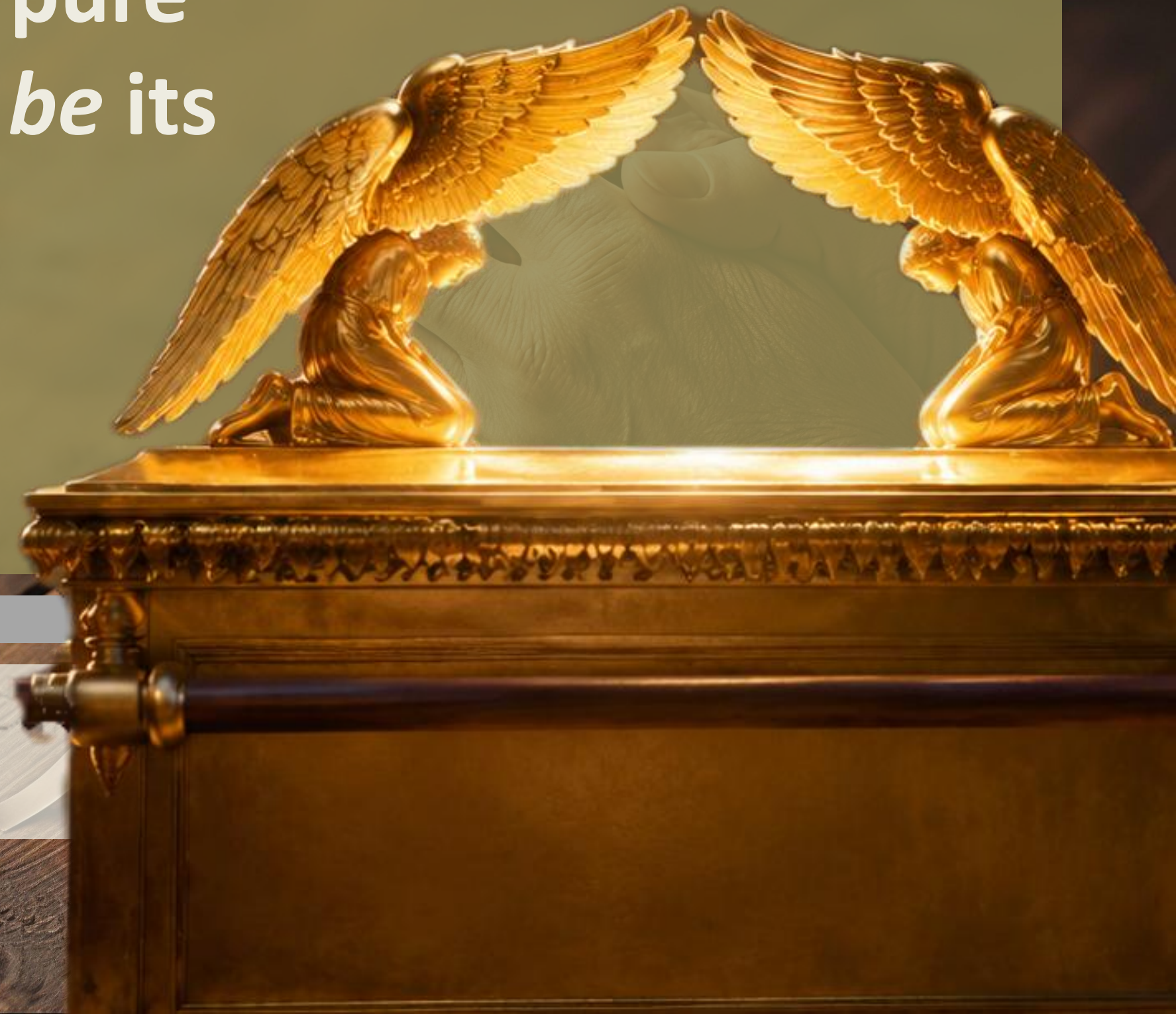


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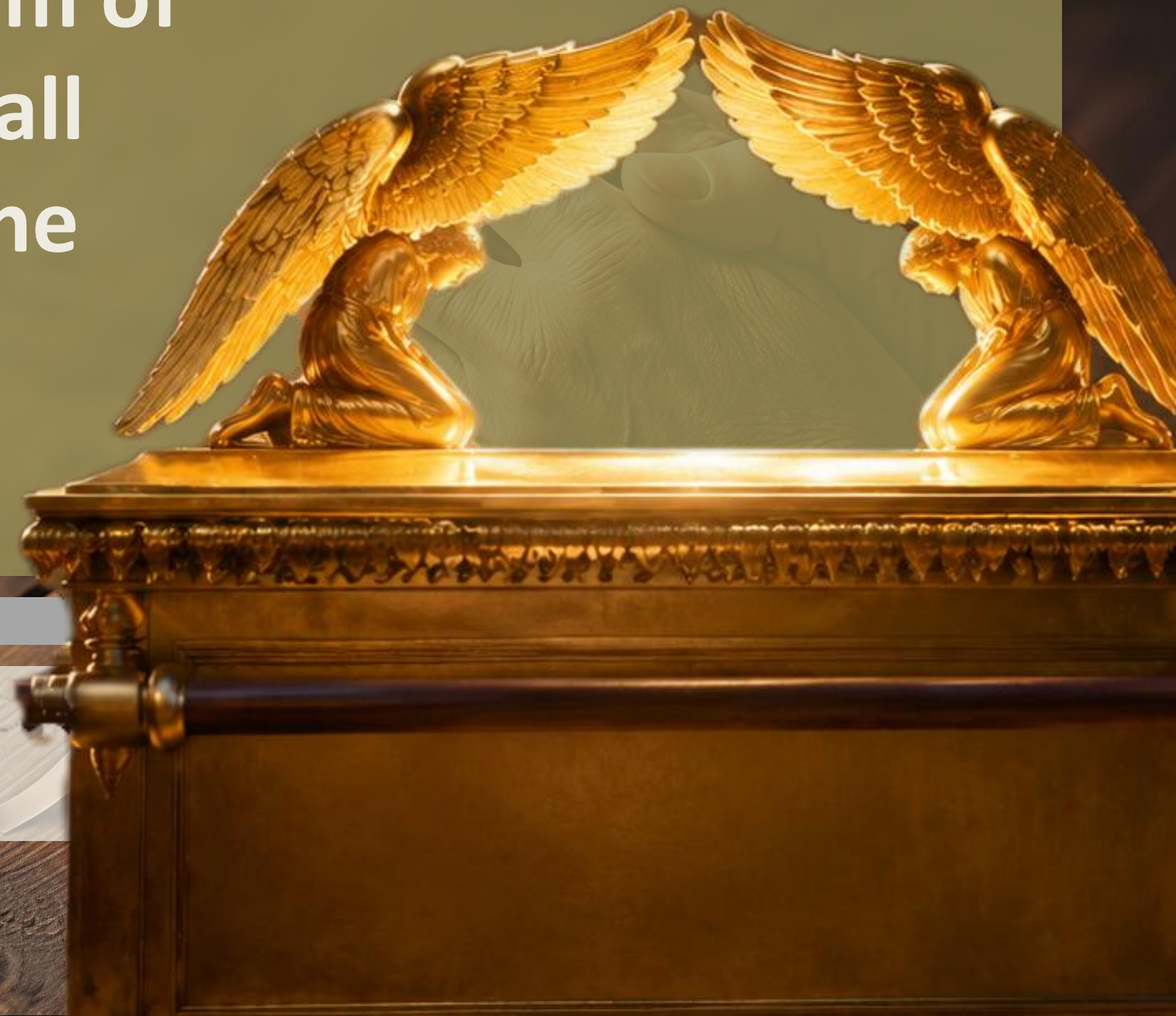
“You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length and a cubit and a half its width.

Exodus 25:17



And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:18



Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:19



And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:20



You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.*

**Exodus 25:21*



The Mercy Seat (Solid Gold)

The lid of the ark, made of solid gold, with two cherubim of gold facing each other.

The Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 25:10–11

“You shall make the ark of acacia wood... and overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it with gold; and you shall make a gold molding around it.”

Acacia Wood

The ark itself was made of acacia wood (a durable, precious wood).

Gold Overlay

The acacia wood was overlaid with pure gold (inside and outside), including the gold molding, rings, and carrying poles.



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Chalcedony Gold

The Mercy Seat is the lid of the Ark of the Covenant, made of gold and precious stones. It is the place where God's presence is manifested to the people.

The Ark of the Covenant

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The Ark of the Covenant is the most sacred object in the Jewish faith. It is a wooden chest covered in gold and precious stones, containing the Ten Commandments. It is the place where God's presence is manifested to the people.







Consecration and Cleansing
in preparation for meeting God

He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle *it* with his finger on the mercy seat on the east *side*; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger **seven times**.

Leviticus 16:14



“Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which *is* for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.*

**Leviticus 16:15*



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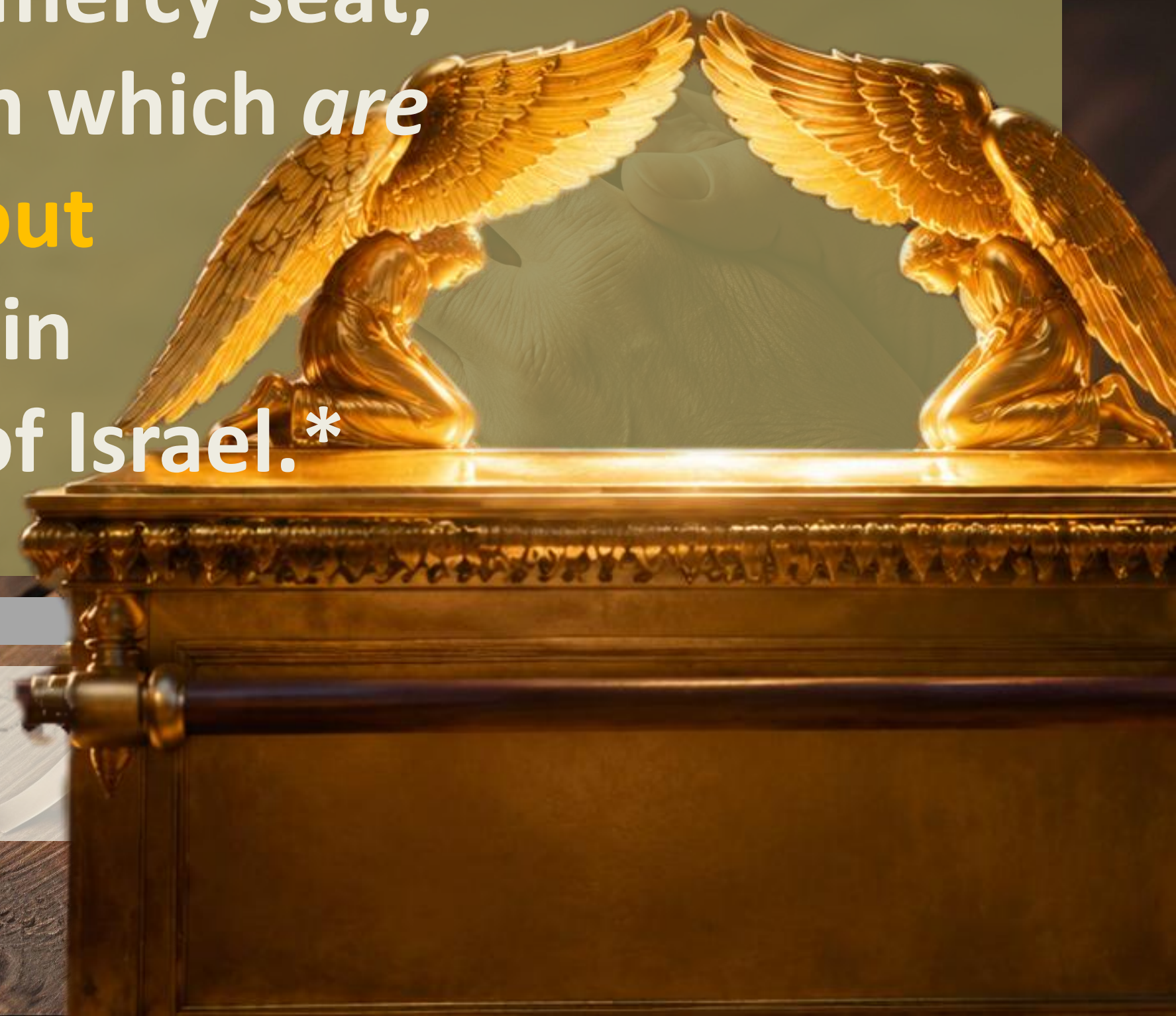
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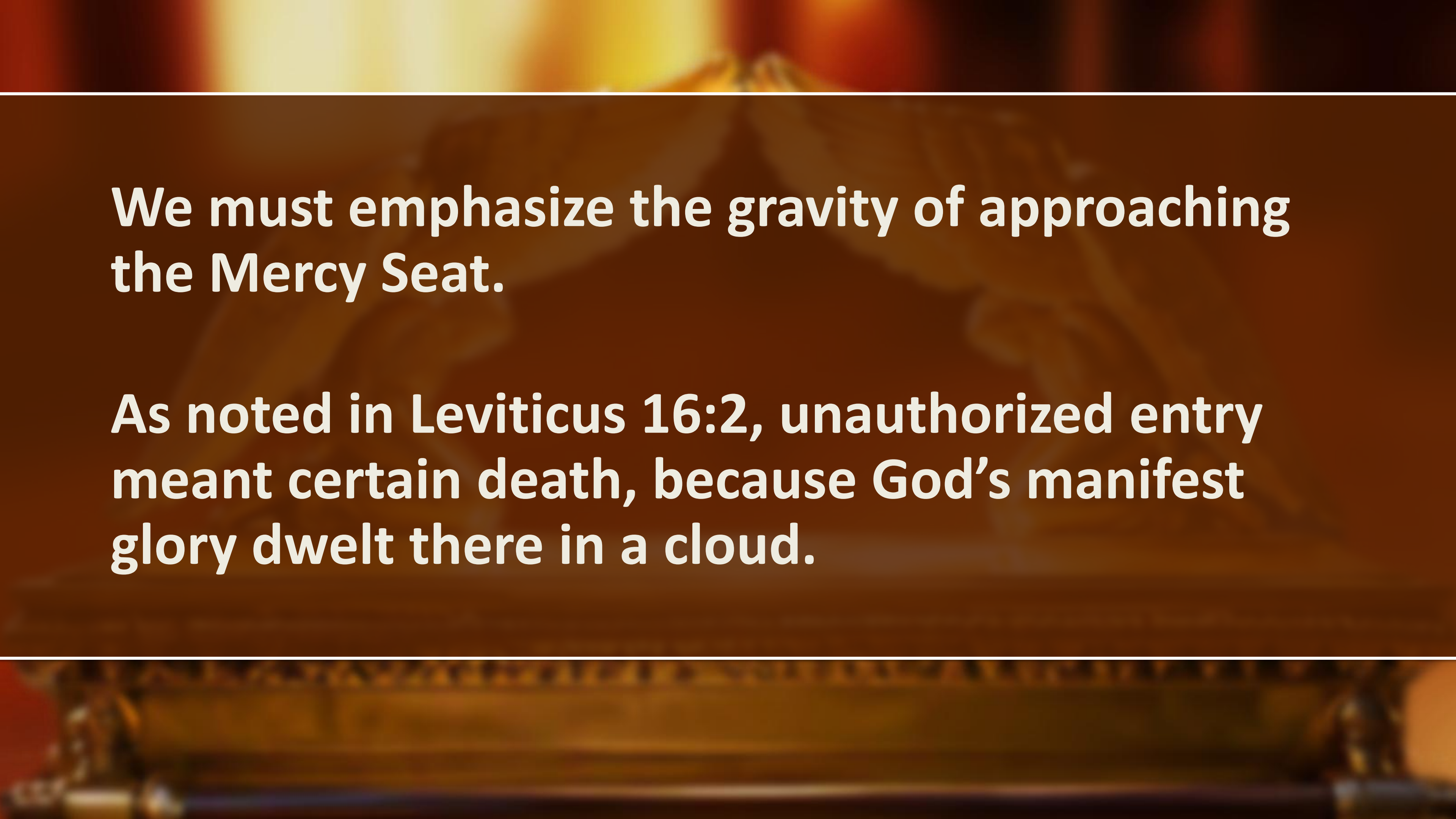
The Ark of the Covenant is the most sacred object in the Jewish faith. It is a gold box containing the Ten Commandments, and it is the place where God's presence is manifested to the people.



And there **I will meet with you**, and I will **speak with you** from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which *are* on the ark of the Testimony, **about everything which I will give you** in commandment to the children of Israel.*

**Exodus 25:22*



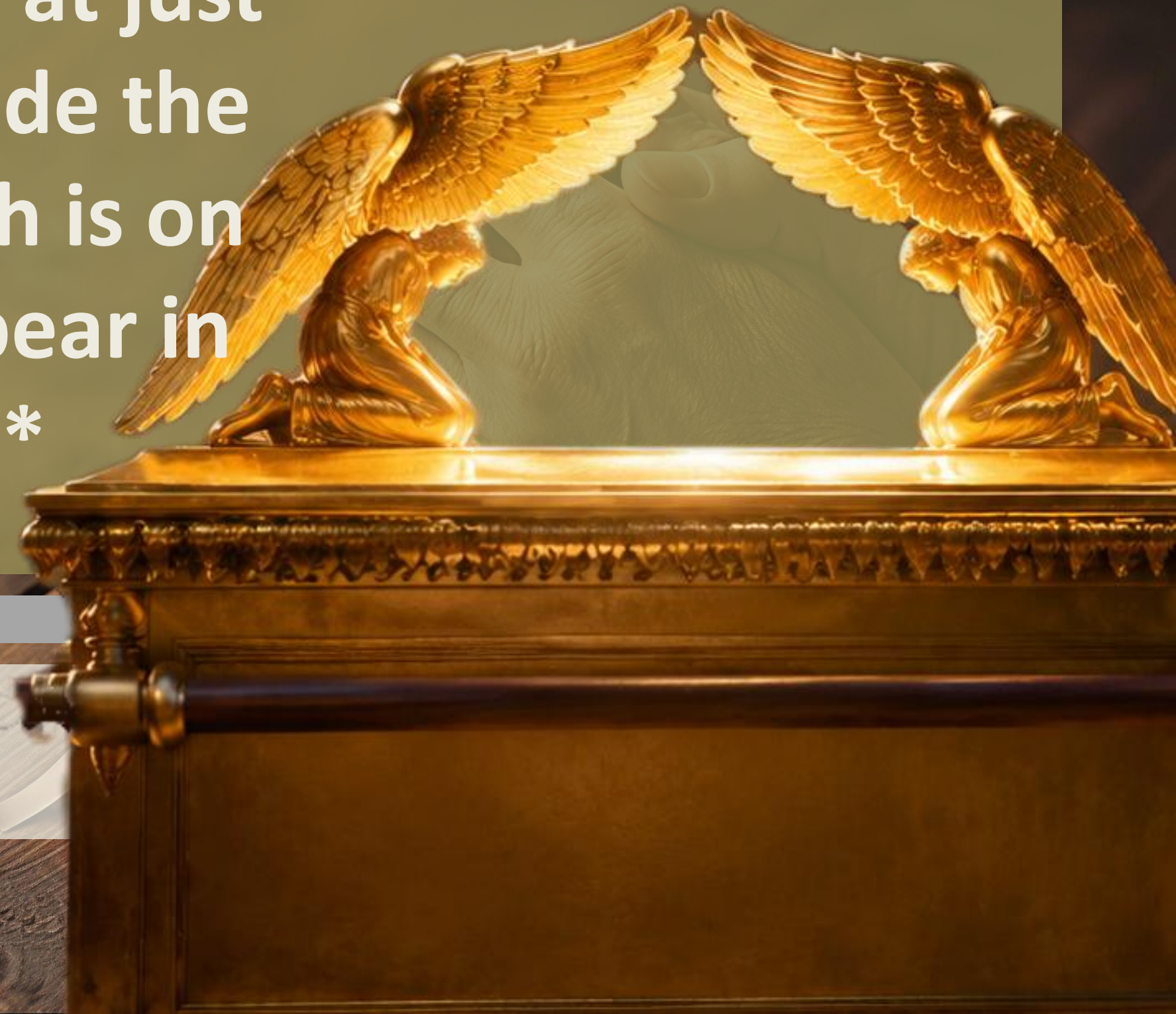


We must emphasize the gravity of approaching the Mercy Seat.

As noted in Leviticus 16:2, unauthorized entry meant certain death, because God's manifest glory dwelt there in a cloud.

And the Lord said to Moses: “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.*

**Leviticus 16:2*





Which are a shadow of things to come,
but the substance is of Christ. (Col. 2:17)

being justified freely by His grace
through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:24



whom God set forth *as* a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,*

**Romans 3:25*



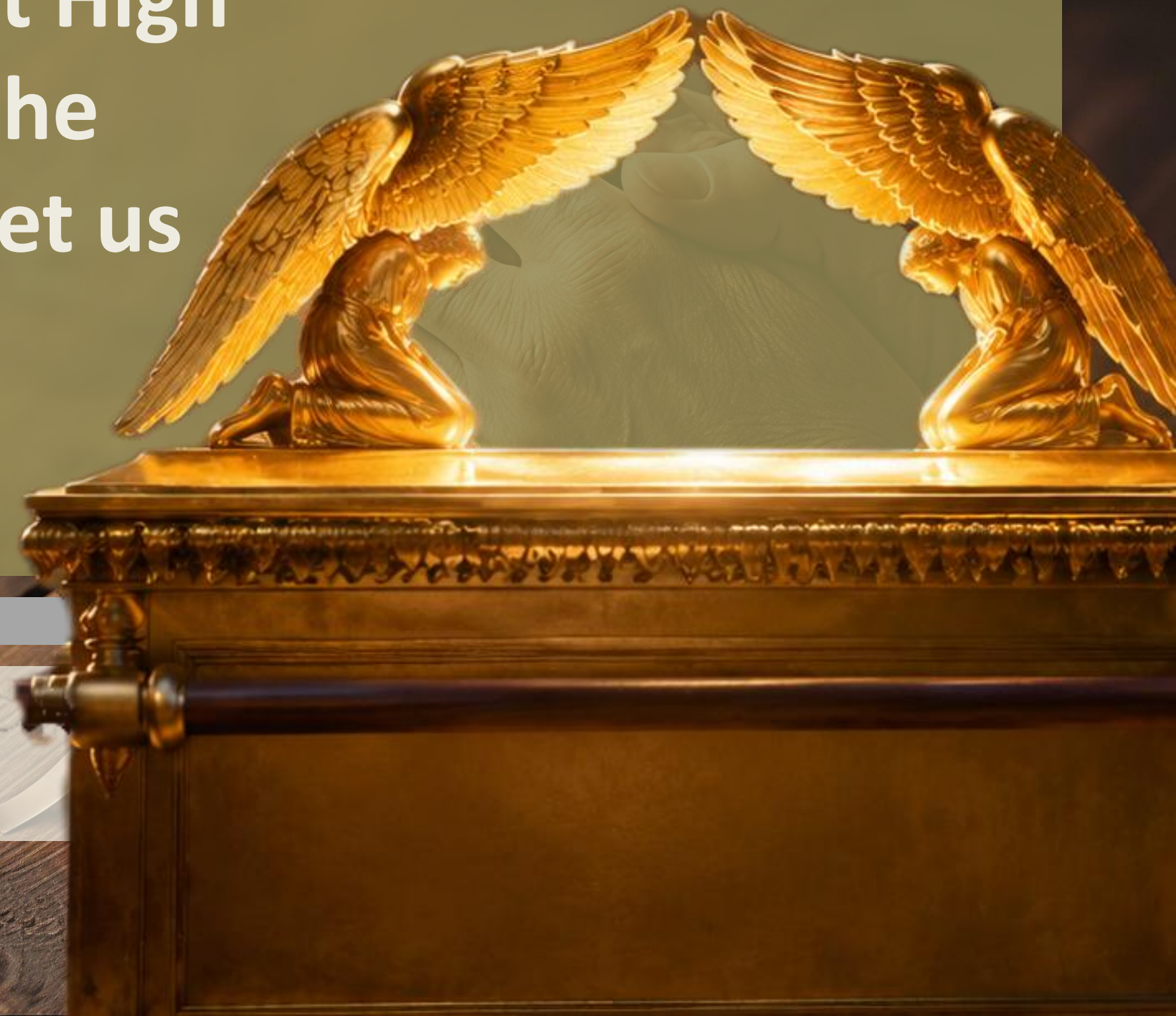


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Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.

Hebrews 4:14



For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15



Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Hebrews 4:16*









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