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SUBJECT: The Mercy-Seat

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THE MERCY-SEAT

The tent curtains, tabernacle, primarily for the furniture. The curtains served as means of separating from the articles, furniture. Two articles in the Holy of Holies, beyond the veil. Apparently alone as one, yet God presents them as two. The ark §. 25:10-16; the mercy-seat on top of the ark, made of pure gold, covering it, on exterior, & the top of the ark, made of two cherubim §. 25:17-22. The word in its composition (all the names have had long vowels) In the pattern, blue-purpl for the tabernacle, the ark with its mercy-seat fit. The very center, heart, & the divine revelation. The ark epitomizes all that the tabernacle stood for. Here the very throne of God, dwelling place of God. Beyond the veil we enter the innermost presence of God. That presence, character, symbolized, portrayed by the ark with its mercy-seat.

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 A special purpose all its own. By no means simply a lid.
 §. 25:22: Lev. 16:2: I Chron. 28:11
 most important features of the Holy of Holies
 the only meeting place between God and man.

The meaning of the word.
 Heb. אֲרֹן אֲרוֹן אֲרוֹן, literally means "a covering"
 The lid wholly covered the ark 2 1/2 cub. x 1 1/2 cub. No more, no less.
 The ark contained the two tables of stone, which witnessed, testified, against the sin of the people. Condemned the people.
 judged the people: all fell short. The mercy-seat sprinkled
 with blood of atonement, covered the law; between the judges
 of God and the sin of the people the blood poured out, it revealed
 God and His people. Here the "covering" אֲרוֹן אֲרוֹן אֲרוֹן came to be used
 in the sense, "to cover guilt," "to make atonement."

ΛΧΚ ΩΓΩΩ is ty. ἰλαστήριον

Latin *missale* ev. "propitiarium"

One English word, "propitiator" from the Latin.
Latin *propitiare* = "propitiare": f. a propitiator, appeaser, mediator.
= propitiare. to render favorable, appease, mediate

So Rom. 3:25 ΩΓΩΩ - ἰλαστήριον - propitiarium.

mercy-seat.

So. Lev 9:5

So Heb 2:17 ἰλαστικός, to propitiate, appease, atone, reconcile

So I Jn. 2:2, 4:10 ἰλαστήριον a propitiator, atonement
to be propitiated.

The meeting place between God and man.

How can a holy God dwell in the midst of a sinful people?
Can man with a sinful people? The answer. The blood atonement
mercy seat. Through the bloody atonement, God is
propitiated toward us, "mercy-seated" toward us. Edomites
to try to do something to make God favorable; but if
already reconciled, they need not have to be won over by the
sinners, is already won over. But you will find in any
but the "mercy-seat" for which we will have to appeal toward us.

Heb 5:18-21

God meets with us, speaks to us, from the mercy-seat.
On the wilderness march, from the mercy seat between
the cherubim, God directed Israel. Num. 7:89. Once
gold - the only 7x. The God - man on the throne of joy in
heaven, all authority, power in his hand.

II. Position

On top of the ark; above, covering, the tables, the law:

1. God maintains the law.

Moses witnessing idolatry of the people, in anger no disappointment look at those upon the mountains. Ex 32:18. That and the matter? vs. God called Moses, with his own pipe wrote out the law upon new tables of stone. Ex 34:1; Deut 10:4. They were deposited in the ark of the covenant. Not just for safe keeping. The ark the symbol of divine government, the way above as presence of God. Indicated God intended to maintain a violated law.

In the Table ark had no golden bowl of manna, as not yet made, into the two tables stone. Ex 25:12-17. In II. 8:9 why they dress out the stones for it final unity plan. The law renewed. Even reversals. Not one to a table... "Even the ark must build upon the of. Knesset on Table day." as it says: "God" ...

With what inspiration look on last table!

The perfect spiritual word requirements of the law. A perfect about toward God - fit for. A perfect heart toward man - same fit.
Ex. 10: 25-28 "This do all lie"

2. God covers our sins, fairness.

The golden covering with the precious stones overlaid, only full upon it. Only upon what? Blood, atonement. Day of atonement - a life forfeited, laid down. Blood sprinkled one time on the mercy seat, seven times upon it. The innocent victims, dying in the street, the signs.

The mercy of God not founded on caprice subordination favor
prejudice
favor
recognition

all its parts. The high priest pleached for many, prepared on basis of sacrifice. Atonement, law met - in, death. On the basis of death, mercy, forgiveness. A life forfeited, marked. Already the law, tears, wounds, X. The law knows in his. Escape, forgiveness in this.

THE MERCY-SEAT

Ex. 25:17-22; 37:6-9

The very throne, dwelling place, of God.

Pure gold
No wood in its composition.
(Some estimate: weight 566 lbs
because the solid chamber was
outside the mercy seat)

1. Purpose.

"A special purpose all its own. By no means simply a lid.
Ex. 25:22; I Chron. 28:11; Lu. 16:2. It was regarded as

the most important feature in the Holy of Holies. It was
the only meeting place between God and man.

(2) The Hebrew word כַּסֵּפֶת (Kasapheth) literally means "a covering,"
then it came to be used in the sense of "to cover guilt," "to
make atonement." The ark contained the two tables of
stone which witnessed against the sin of the people. The
blood of sacrifice, sprinkled on the mercy-seat on the great day
of atonement, intercepted, as it were, this condemning testimony, and
effected reconciliation between God and His people.

Hence, in the LXX the Heb. word כַּסֵּפֶת is tr. ἱλαστήριον
= "the propitiatory." And in the NT the same word, fulfilling
the idea of the mercy seat, is used: Rom. 3:25 "whom God
set forth ἱλαστήριον = "propitiatory" = "mercy-seat"
Heb. 9:5 ἱλαστήριον .. 7, 11, 12 etc

Forgiveness, mercy, on the ground of accepted sacrifice. Co. 85:10

(3) The Place of Communion
 the common meeting ground, place, of God and His people.
 How can a holy God dwell in the midst of a
 sinful people? The answer: the blood-stained mercy-
 seat.

2. The order of blood-sprinkling Lev. 16:14
 Day of Atonement: 1 time upon the mercy seat
 : 7 times before it.

1st - for God.

7th - for earth. Number of plagues, judgments.

3. The Mercy. Seat over the Ark together.
The Law, the Tutoring against us, below
The mercy. seat above.

(1) In the life of Christ, magnified, sanctified, fulfilled the Law
In his death, a propitiation (propitiatory) for our sins.

(2) God's mercy could only repose on a pedestal of
perfect righteousness. Perfect righteousness for God.
Perfect grace for the sinner.

Grace (mercy) and truth (righteousness) have met together,
the only possible meeting place between God and man,
where grace and righteousness perfectly harmonize. There it
is Ps. 85:10 is fulfilled. There Rom. 5:21 fulfilled.

In the cross of Christ God's justice, God's forgiving mercy
(apparent irreconcilables) are harmonized, blended, met together.