



- The Ark as a testimony bore the 'covenant stipulations' and 'reminders'.
- The Mercy Seat functions as the lid for the Ark, thus concealing its contents from view.
- The Ark serves as a testimony against Israel's rebellion and sinfulness.
- The Mercy Seat concealed the Lord's view from the ever-condemning judgment of the Law.
- Each of the three items placed in the Ark are connected with rebellion on the part of Israel. Thus, reminders.
 - **Ten Commandments:** Reminds Israel of their golden calf rebellion (**Ex.32**).
 - **Aaron's Rod that Budded:** Reminds Israel of Korah who defied Moses (**Nu.16-17**).
 - **Pot of Manna:** Reminds Israel despite God providing for them they murmured (**Ex.16**).
- The Mercy Seat ties together the OT and NT concepts of covering for sin.
- Christ's sacrifice is sufficient to satisfy ("*propitiation*") God's justice (**Ro.3:25; He.2:17; 9:5; 1Jn.2:2; 4:10**).