

Exodus 25:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

Analysis

Four golden rings enable the Ark to be carried on poles (never by human hands touching it). The number four often represents universality—the Ark's message extends to earth's four corners. The rings' placement at the feet ensures the Ark is borne respectfully, prefiguring how Christ is 'carried' to all nations by His people, never manipulated or controlled but honored and proclaimed.

Historical Context

The rings were likely cast or soldered into the gold overlay, creating permanent attachment points. This design enabled the Levites to transport the Ark during wilderness journeys and later into the Promised Land (Joshua 3).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to 'carry' Christ to others without manipulating or controlling Him?

2. How do the permanent rings represent God's unchanging provision for how He is to be approached?

Interlinear Text

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