

Exodus 25:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

Analysis

A knop under every pair of branches—six knops total, each positioned where branches emerge from the shaft. These bulbs or buds represent life-giving connection, the point where the branch draws sustenance from the main shaft. They prefigure believers' vital union with Christ—we cannot bear light apart from abiding in Him (John 15:4-5). The knops show that genuine illumination requires organic connection, not mere proximity.

Historical Context

The knops (כַּפֹּתֶיךָ, kaptor) were bulb or pomegranate-shaped ornaments at each branch junction, creating structural strength and visual beauty. This design ensured each branch was firmly connected to the central shaft, unable to function independently.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does your 'connection point' with Christ need daily attention and strengthening?
2. What happens when believers attempt to provide light apart from abiding in Christ?

Interlinear Text

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