

Exodus 25:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

Analysis

One talent of pure gold for the lampstand and all its vessels—approximately 75 pounds, an enormous quantity. The specified weight ensures nothing is held back; complete resources are devoted to producing light. This extravagance prefigures Christ's costly incarnation and sacrifice to become the world's light. God spared nothing to illuminate fallen man—His own Son, the exact representation of His being, given that we might see.

Historical Context

A talent was the largest unit of weight in ancient Israel's economy. Using one complete talent for the lampstand meant this single object represented immense wealth, demonstrating that God's light is priceless and deserves the most precious offerings.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does the extravagant cost of the lampstand teach about the value of spiritual light?
2. How did God spare nothing in providing Christ as the light of the world?

Interlinear Text

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