

Exodus 26:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

Analysis

The remnant or extra half-curtain hangs over the tabernacle's back. God's provision includes margin—not merely adequate but abundant. The overlap ensures complete coverage with no gaps. This abundance prefigures Christ's excessive provision—grace 'exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think' (Ephesians 3:20). God doesn't provide bare minimum but generous overflow.

Historical Context

The eleventh curtain (half of which formed the doubled front, half extending behind) created additional coverage at the rear, protecting the most holy place. This ensured the tabernacle had no vulnerable points where weather could penetrate.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Where have you experienced God's provision that 'exceeds' what was needed?
2. How does Christ's grace overflow beyond 'adequate' coverage of your sin?

Interlinear Text

וְסִרְחַת	הַעֲדָתָה	הַרְיָעָה	הָאֵלֶּה	חֲצִי	הַרְיָעָה
And the remnant	that remaineth	curtain	of the tent	the half	curtain
H5629	H5736	H3407	H168	H2677	H3407
הַעֲדָתָה	תִּסָּבֵחַ	עַל	אֲחֵרִי	הַמִּשְׁכָּן:	
that remaineth	shall hang		over the backside	of the tabernacle	
H5736	H5628	H5921	H268	H4908	

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