

Exodus 26:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

Analysis

Precise measurements: each curtain 28 cubits \times 4 cubits. Nothing in God's dwelling is haphazard. These dimensions (approximately 42' \times 6') ensured perfect fit when joined together. The uniformity teaches that all elements of worship must harmonize according to divine design. Just as these curtains formed one unified covering, the church—Christ's dwelling—comprises diverse members unified in Him (Ephesians 2:21-22).

Historical Context

A cubit was approximately 18 inches (length from elbow to fingertip). The specific dimensions enabled the ten curtains to be coupled into two sets of five, creating the tabernacle's roof structure with precise coverage.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does the precision of these measurements teach about God's attention to detail?
2. How do diverse believers unify to form Christ's 'dwelling place'?

Interlinear Text

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The length and every one of the curtains of one shall be eight and twenty

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אַחֲת	מִדָּה	אַמְתָּה	לְכָל	פִּירִיעָת:
of one	measure	of one	H3605	and every one of the curtains
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Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 17:1 (Parallel theme): Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.

Numbers 4:25 (Parallel theme): And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

2 Samuel 7:2 (Parallel theme): That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.