

Exodus 26:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

Analysis

Five curtains coupled together, and five more coupled together—two sets that would then be joined into one. The number five sometimes represents grace; ten represents completeness. The coupling shows individual units forming a greater whole, prefiguring how individual believers are knit together by grace into one body. Though distinct, we become one covering over God's presence through Christ's unifying work.

Historical Context

The coupling method (specified in verses 4-6) used loops and gold clasps, creating flexibility for assembly and disassembly during wilderness travels. This design enabled the tabernacle to be portable yet maintain structural integrity.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Christ 'couple' individual believers into one unified body?
2. What would happen to the 'covering' if individual curtains refused to be joined?

Interlinear Text

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