

Exodus 26:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

Analysis

Five pillars of acacia overlaid with gold support the door hanging, with golden hooks and bronze sockets. Five suggests grace—entrance comes by grace. The shift from silver sockets (inside) to bronze sockets (at the door) shows that entrance requires judgment borne (bronze) before experiencing redemption's full benefits (silver inside). Christ bore judgment (bronze) at entry to provide redemption (silver) within. The pillars' gold overlay shows divine provision enables entrance.

Historical Context

These five pillars created a 10-cubit-wide entrance (five pillars at 1.5 cubits each, plus spaces). The bronze sockets distinguished this threshold from the interior's silver sockets, marking the boundary between common and holy space.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How did Christ bear judgment (bronze) at the threshold to provide redemption (silver) within?
2. What does entering by grace (five pillars) rather than merit mean for your access to God?

Interlinear Text

וְעַשְׂתָּה	לְמִזְבֵּחַ	שְׁמֵשׁ	הַ	לְמִזְבֵּחַ	וְעַמְדֵךְ	שְׁתִים	יְמִינְךָ	וְעַמְדֵךְ	שְׁתִים	יְמִינְךָ
And thou shalt make	for the hanging	five		pillars	of shittim					
H6213	H4539	H2568		H5982	H7848					
וְעַשְׂתָּה	לְמִזְבֵּחַ	שְׁמֵשׁ	הַ	לְמִזְבֵּחַ	וְעַמְדֵךְ	שְׁתִים	יְמִינְךָ	וְעַמְדֵךְ	שְׁתִים	יְמִינְךָ
wood and overlay	shall be of gold	and their hooks		shall be of gold						
H6823	H853	H2091		H2053	H2091					
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and thou shalt cast	five	sockets		of brass						
H3332	H0	H2568		H134	H5178					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 36:38 (Parallel theme): And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets were of brass.