

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

וַעֲשֵׂה יָתֶּ	לְמַסָּךְ	חֲמִשָּׁה ה	עַמֻּדֵי י	שֵׁטִיִּם
And thou shalt make	for the hanging	five	pillars	of shittim
H6213	H4539	H2568	H5982	H7848
וְצִפִּיתָ	אֹתָם	זָהָב	וְיִהְיֶה מ	זָהָב
wood and overlay	H853	shall be of gold	and their hooks	shall be of gold
H6823		H2091	H2053	H2091
וַיַּצְקֶתָ	לָהֶם	חֲמִשָּׁה ה	אֲדָנִי י	נְחֹשֶׁת:
and thou shalt cast	H0	five	sockets	of brass
H3332		H2568	H134	H5178

Additional Cross-References

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