

Exodus 26:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

Analysis

Eleven curtains of goats' hair form the second covering, the tent over the tabernacle. Goats' hair was coarser than linen, providing weather protection. The number eleven (one beyond ten, completeness) suggests something exceeding expectation—God's provision beyond adequacy. While the inner linen displayed beauty for priestly eyes, the outer goats' hair faced wilderness elements, suggesting Christ's dual nature: glorious within, humble without (Isaiah 53:2).

Historical Context

Goats' hair curtains were typical Bedouin tent material, water-resistant and durable in desert conditions. These curtains were longer than the inner linen (verse 13), providing overhang that shed rain and protected the precious interior.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How did Christ display 'glory within' while appearing 'humble without'?

2. What does God's provision 'beyond adequacy' (eleven, not ten) teach about His care?

Interlinear Text

תַּעֲשֵׂה	ה	תַּעֲשֵׂה	עַזְיָם	וְרִיעֵת	תַּעֲשֵׂה	לֹא	כָּל	עַל
And thou shalt make		curtains	of goats	hair to be a covering				H5921
H6213		H3407	H5795		H168			

עַל	אַתָּם:	תַּעֲשֵׂה	ה	וְרִיעֵת	תַּעֲשֵׂה	עַשְׂתִּי	כָּל	בְּמִשְׁכֶּן
		And thou shalt make		curtains	And thou shalt make			
		H853		H6213		H3407		H6249

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