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

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 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



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