

Exodus 26:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure.

Analysis

Each goats' hair curtain measures 30 cubits × 4 cubits—longer than the linen curtains (28 × 4). This extra length provides overhang, protecting the precious inner covering from weather. The outer, coarser material shields the inner beauty, just as Christ's humble human appearance veiled His divine glory. The world saw a carpenter's son; disciples glimpsed the transfigured Lord. God's glory is protected from casual observation, revealed to those who draw near.

Historical Context

The two extra cubits of length (30 vs. 28) allowed the goats' hair to hang down over the tabernacle's sides, providing weather protection for the linen beneath. The uniform width (4 cubits) maintained the same coverage pattern as the inner curtains.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's 'outer covering' (humanity) protect His 'inner glory' (deity) from profane observation?
2. What spiritual truths are revealed only to those who draw near to God?

Interlinear Text

וְרֹחַב	בְּאַמָּה ה'	שְׁלֹשִׁים	אַחַת ת'	יְרִיעֹת:	א' קָרוֹ
and the breadth	cubits	shall be thirty	of one	curtain	The length
H7341	H520	H7970	H259	H3407	H753
לְעֶשְׂתֵּי י'	אַחַת ת'	מִדָּה ה'	אַחַת ת'	יְרִיעֹת:	בְּאַמָּה ה'
and the eleven	of one	measure	of one	curtain	cubits
H6249	H259	H4060	H259	H3407	H520
				יְרִיעֹת:	עֶשְׂרֵה ה'
				curtain	
				H3407	H6240