

# 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

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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

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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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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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

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| אָרְכּוֹ          | יְרִיעֹת:      | אַחַת          | שְׁלֹשִׁים             | בְּאַמָּה      | וְרֹחַב                |                       |
| <b>The length</b> | <b>curtain</b> | <b>of one</b>  | <b>shall be thirty</b> | <b>cubits</b>  | <b>and the breadth</b> |                       |
| H753              | H3407          | H259           | H7970                  | H520           | H7341                  |                       |
| אַרְבַּע          | בְּאַמָּה      | יְרִיעֹת:      | אַחַת                  | מִדָּה         | אַחַת                  | לְעֶשְׂרֵת י          |
| <b>four</b>       | <b>cubits</b>  | <b>curtain</b> | <b>of one</b>          | <b>measure</b> | <b>of one</b>          | <b>and the eleven</b> |
| H702              | H520           | H3407          | H259                   | H4060          | H259                   | H6249                 |
| עֶשְׂרֵת          | יְרִיעֹת:      |                |                        |                |                        |                       |
| H6240             | <b>curtain</b> |                |                        |                |                        |                       |
|                   | H3407          |                |                        |                |                        |                       |