

# Exodus 27:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

## Analysis

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The staves are inserted through rings on the altar's sides for carrying—maintaining the pattern seen with the ark and table. Holy things must not be touched directly; God provides the prescribed means of transport. The altar, though bronze (judgment) rather than gold (deity), still requires reverent handling. Even judgment's instrument, when consecrated for God's atoning purposes, demands holy approach. We approach the cross with reverence, not presumption.

## Historical Context

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The rings were attached to opposite sides of the altar, allowing the staves to pass through and distribute weight evenly. This design enabled four Levites (two on each side) to carry the substantial bronze altar during Israel's travels.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why must even the 'altar of judgment' be approached with holy reverence?
2. How does approaching the cross require both gratitude and solemnity?

## Interlinear Text

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עַל	וְהָיוּ	בְּטָבָעַת	הַבָּדִים	אֶת	וְהוּבָא
H5921	H1961	H2885	H905	H853	H935
	And the staves	into the rings	And the staves	shall be put	
אֹתָם:	בְּשֵׂאת	הַמִּזְבֵּחַ	צִלְעֵי	שְׁתֵּי	
H853	H5375	H4196	H6763	H8147	
	to bear	of the altar	sides	shall be upon the two	

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