

Exodus 28:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

Analysis

Two chains of pure gold, wreathen work (braided/woven), attach to the settings. Pure gold (unmixed) chains connect the shoulder pieces to the breastplate, physically linking strength (shoulders) with love (heart). Christ's priestly ministry unites power and affection—He bears us with both. The braided/woven design suggests strength through unity—multiple strands intertwined are stronger than single strand. The Trinity's united work secures our salvation.

Historical Context

These golden chains (עֲבוֹתֹת, avotot) were likely small braided cords of gold wire, creating flexible but strong connections. The wreathen/braided design was both decorative and functional, allowing movement while securing the breastplate to the ephod.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ unite 'strength' (shoulders) and 'love' (heart) in His care for you?
2. What does the braided chain (multiple strands) teach about the Trinity's united work in salvation?

Interlinear Text

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to the ouches

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