

Exodus 28:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod before it.

Analysis

The chains fasten to the ephod's shoulder pieces (two ouches/settings of gold). This creates a complete circuit: breastplate→rings→chains→settings→ephod. The integrity of connection means the priest cannot minister with one piece falling away. All must be secured. Similarly, Christ's priestly work is comprehensive—not partial representation or occasional intercession, but complete, constant ministry. The total attachment reflects total salvation.

Historical Context

The settings (mishbetzot) on shoulder pieces were likely ornate filigree that both beautified and secured connections. Even functional attachments reflected artistry, showing that what serves God's purposes also displays His beauty.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the complete circuit (secure at every point) illustrate Christ's comprehensive priestly work?
2. What would happen if any connection failed? How does this relate to salvation's security?

Interlinear Text

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