

Exodus 35:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

Analysis

The people bring bracelets (**חָחֶת**, chach), earrings (**נְזֵם**, nezem), rings (**תְּבִיבָה**, tabba'at), and tablets (**קֻמָּץ**, kumaz)—personal jewelry and ornamentation. These intimate possessions, worn on the body, represent giving one's very self to God. The willingness to part with personal adornment for God's dwelling contrasts sharply with Aaron's earlier collection of gold earrings to make the golden calf (32:2-3). The same gold that nearly destroyed Israel through idolatry now builds God's house through redemptive repurposing.

Historical Context

This jewelry likely came from Egypt (12:35-36) where both men and women wore extensive ornamentation. Gold jewelry was wealth in portable form—giving it required genuine sacrifice. The transformation of golden-calf gold into tabernacle gold represents redemption.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the giving of personal jewelry symbolize offering one's very self to God?
2. What does the redemptive transformation of gold (from calf to tabernacle) teach about God's ability to redeem our failures?

Interlinear Text

וְכֹל	אֲשֶׁר	הָיָה	מְכַמֵּת	לְבָבָם	בְּיָדֵיכֶם	יָרַבְתָּם
H3605	And all the women	that were wise	hearted	with their hands	did spin	
	H802	H2450	H3820	H3027		H2901
וְבָרָגֶם	וְאֶת	מְטַבֵּן הַ	בְּתַכְכִּל לְתַ	וְאֶת	בְּתַכְכִּל לְתַ	וְאֶת
and brought	that which they had spun		H853	both of blue	H853	and of purple
H935	H4299		H8504			H713
בְּשִׂשׁ:	וְאֶת	בְּשִׂשׁ:	וְאֶת	בְּשִׂשׁ:	וְאֶת	בְּשִׂשׁ:
H853	H8438	and of scarlet	H853	and of fine linen		H8336
		H8144				