

Exodus 35:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.

Analysis

The repetition 'every man that offered' emphasizes individual, personal participation—not collective abstraction but specific choices by specific people. The offering of gold (זָהָב, zahav) as a 'wave offering' (תְּנוּפָה, tenuphah) presents a paradox: wave offerings typically involved lighter items (sheaves, etc.), but here heavy gold is 'waved' before the LORD—perhaps indicating lifting it high as a gesture of dedication. This demonstrates that no gift is too valuable to be offered to God; He is worthy of our best.

Historical Context

Gold was the most precious metal in the ancient world, used for royal and religious purposes. Israel's abundance of gold came directly from Egyptian plunder, demonstrating how God enriched His people to enable them to build His dwelling richly.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does the 'wave offering' of gold teach about presenting our most valuable possessions to God?
2. How does God's provision of wealth through the Exodus plunder demonstrate His intention to dwell richly among His people?

Interlinear Text

וְכָל	הַנָּשִׁים יִם	אֶשְׂרָא	נָשָׁא	לִבָּהּ	אֶת־נָה
H3605	And all the women	H834	stirred	whose heart	H853
	H802		H5375	H3820	
בְּחָכְמָהּ	טוּ וְ	אֶת־	הָעִזִּים:		
them up in wisdom	spun	H853	goats		
H2451	H2901		H5795		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 35:21 (Parallel theme): And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

Exodus 36:8 (Parallel theme): And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

Exodus 35:29 (Parallel theme): The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.