

Exodus 36:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another.

Analysis

Five curtains coupled together (חִבְרָת, chovrot) form larger units, demonstrating how individual elements join to create the whole. The verb 'coupled' (חִבַּר, chavar) means 'to unite, join, or associate'—the same root describing covenant partnership. This illustrates that God's dwelling requires both individual faithfulness (each curtain precisely made) and corporate unity (curtains joined together). The church similarly consists of individual believers perfectly formed in Christ, then joined together as living stones (1 Peter 2:5).

Historical Context

The coupling process created two large sections (five curtains each), which would then be joined together with gold clasps (v. 13), forming one cohesive tabernacle ceiling. This construction method allowed for assembly and disassembly during wilderness wanderings.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the coupling of individual curtains illustrate the relationship between personal faithfulness and corporate unity in God's house?
2. What does the coupling process teach about how individual believers join together to form Christ's body?

Interlinear Text

And he coupled	חִבֵּר	אֶת	וּכְמֵשׁ	וְרִיעֵת	אֶת	אֶל	אֶת	אֶל
		H853	and the other five	curtains	one	H413		H376
H2266			H2568	H3407	H259			
and the other five	וּכְמֵשׁ	וְרִיעֵת	חִבֵּר	אֶת	אֶל	אֶת	אֶל	אֶת
	H2568	H3407	H2266	And he coupled	one	H413	H376	
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