

Exodus 36:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size.

Analysis

Eleven curtains of goat hair (contrasted with ten inner curtains) provide slightly different dimensions, creating proper overlap and coverage. The specific number and measurements demonstrate God's attention to both aesthetic beauty (inner curtains) and practical protection (outer coverings). This dual concern—beauty and function, glory and protection—teaches that God cares about both transcendent worship and practical provision, both inspired praise and daily bread.

Historical Context

The eleven goat-hair curtains measured 30 cubits by 4 cubits each (approximately 45' × 6'), slightly longer than the inner curtains to provide overhang for weather protection. This extra length allowed rain to run off without soaking the inner linen curtains.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does God's concern for both beautiful inner curtains and practical outer coverings teach about His character?
2. How does the tabernacle's design (protecting glory while concealing it) inform our understanding of living as Christians in the world?

Interlinear Text

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