

# Exodus 36:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

## Analysis

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Corner boards 'coupled together beneath' and 'coupled together above' (תָּמִיִּים, tammim—'perfect, complete') ensure seamless joining from foundation to top. This complete coupling illustrates that connections in God's house must be secure throughout, not just superficially. Unity isn't merely external appearance but internal reality, from foundation (doctrine) to crown (practice). The coupling 'unto one ring' (אֶל־הַטַּבַּעַת הָאֶחָד, el-hatabba'at ha-echat) emphasizes that diverse boards unite in one purpose, one Lord, one faith (Ephesians 4:5).

## Historical Context

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The precise description of corner coupling (both bottom and top, using rings) demonstrates sophisticated woodworking, likely involving interlocking joints and metal rings to hold corners firmly. This engineering ensured corners wouldn't separate under stress of repeated assembly.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the requirement for corners to be coupled both beneath and above teach about comprehensive unity in God's house?
2. How does coupling 'unto one ring' illustrate diverse believers united in Christ's single purpose?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה י H1961	וְהָיָה י H8382	וְהָיָה י H4295	וְהָיָה י H3162	וְהָיָה י H1961	וְהָיָה י H8382
	And they were coupled	beneath	together	And they were coupled	
אֶל H413	רֹאשׁוֹ H7218	אֶל H413	הַטֵּבַע H2885	אֶל H3651	עָשָׂה H6213
	at the head	ring	thereof to one	thus he did	
לְשֵׁנֵי י H8147	לְשֵׁנֵי י H8147	הַמִּקְצֵעֹת: H4740			
of them in both	of them in both	the corners			