

# 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

Corner boards 'coupled together beneath' and 'coupled together above' (תְּמִימִים, 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' (אל-הatabba'at ha-echat) emphasizes that diverse boards unite in one purpose, one Lord, one faith (Ephesians 4:5).

## Historical Context

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

**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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וַיְהִי	וְיַחֲדָה	תִּמְימִים	מִלְמְטָה	וְיַחֲדָה	תִּמְימִים
H1961	<b>And they were coupled</b>	H8382	<b>beneath</b>	H1961	<b>And they were coupled</b>
			H4295		H8382
אֶל	רָאשׁ	וְ	בְּאַחֲת	עַת	כִּי
H413	<b>at the head</b>	H413	<b>ring</b>	H2885	<b>thereof to one</b>
	H7218			H259	H3651
לְשָׁנָה	לְשָׁנָה				<b>thus he did</b>
of them in both	of them in both		<b>the corners</b>		H6213
H8147	H8147		H4740		

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