

Exodus 36:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.

Analysis

Making rings of gold (טָבַעֲוֹת זָהָב, tabba'ot zahav) as places for bars demonstrates that even connection points must reflect divine glory. The rings, though functional hardware, were made precious through gold—teaching that every aspect of God's house, even practical necessities, should reflect His excellence. In the body of Christ, even seemingly mundane functions (administration, helps, etc.) are gifts from God deserving golden excellence (1 Corinthians 12:28).

Historical Context

The gold rings were likely cast or forged, then attached to the boards at regular intervals to hold the bars. Making these functional items from gold rather than brass or iron emphasized that everything in God's dwelling reflected His preciousness.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does making even functional hardware (rings) from gold teach about excellence in all aspects of serving God?
2. How does the gold rings' dual nature (functional and precious) challenge false dichotomies between practical service and spiritual worship?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעַשׂ ה	אֶת	הַפָּרָקֶת	תְּכֵלֶת	וְאַרְגָּמָן	וַתּוֹלַעַת	שָׁנִי
And he made		a veil	of blue	and purple		and scarlet
H6213	H853	H6532	H8504	H713	H8438	H8144
וְשֵׁשׁ	וְחֹשֶׁבֶן	וְעֹשֶׂה	חֵשֶׁב	וַיַּעַשׂ ה	אֶת־הַ	
linen	and fine twined	work	he it of cunning	And he made		
H8336	H7806	H4639	H2803	H6213	H853	
כְּרֻבִים:						
with cherubims						
H3742						

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 27:51 (Parallel theme): And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;