

Exodus 37:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

Analysis

Overlaying the table with pure gold (זָהָב טָהוֹר, zahav tahor) and making a crown of gold (זֶר זָהָב, zer zahav) round about emphasizes royalty and purity in God's provision. The crown border prevented sacred items from falling off—demonstrating God's protective care of what He provides. The table's golden purity teaches that fellowship with God requires holiness; the crown teaches that God's provision is royal, abundant, and secure. Christ's table offers not poverty-rations but royal feast.

Historical Context

The table measured approximately 3' × 1.5' × 2.25' (2 × 1 × 1.5 cubits), overlaid with pure gold. The crown border around the edge prevented the bread, dishes, and utensils from sliding off. The gold overlay made the table a fitting object for God's holy presence.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does the crown of gold around the table teach about the royal nature of God's provision?
2. How does the protective crown illustrating God's care for His provision apply to believers' spiritual nourishment and security?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּצֵּף	אֶת	זָהָב	טָהוֹר	וַיַּעַשׂ	לֹ	יָרֵא
And he overlaid	H853	gold	it with pure	and made	H0	thereunto a crown
H6823		H2091	H2889	H6213		H2213

זָהָב	סָבִיב:
gold	round about
H2091	H5439