

Exodus 37:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof.

Analysis

Four golden rings (אַרְבַּע טַבָּעוֹת זָהָב, arba tabba'ot zahav) in the four corners enable carrying the table—like the ark, the table must be portable. God's provision (bread) accompanies His people through their journeys. The four corners (representing universality) teach that God's provision extends to all His people in all places. These rings made with gold, not inferior metal, demonstrate that even functional hardware deserves excellence when serving God's purposes.

Historical Context

The rings attached to the table's four legs or corners allowed staves to be inserted for carrying. The table, like all tabernacle furniture, needed portability for wilderness travels. Kohathite Levites carried the table using these rings and poles (Numbers 4:7-8).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does the portable table (with carrying rings) teach about God's provision accompanying His people through life's journeys?
2. How does the universal reach implied by four corners illustrate God's provision for all His people?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּצֵק	ל	לְאַרְבַּע	הַטֵּבַעַת	זָהָב	וַיִּתֵּן	אֶת	הַטֵּבַעַת
And he cast	H0	for it four	rings	of gold	and put	H853	rings
H3332		H702	H2885	H2091	H5414		H2885
ל	לְאַרְבַּע	הַפָּאֵת	אֶשֶׁר	לְאַרְבַּע	בְּגָלְיוֹ:		
H5921	for it four	corners	H834	for it four	feet		
	H702	H6285		H702	H7272		

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