

Exodus 37:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

Analysis

Rings positioned 'close by the border' (לְעִמָּת הַמִּסְגֶּרֶת, le'ummat hamisgeret) for the staves demonstrate intentional design—rings precisely located for optimal carrying. This attention to engineering details teaches that God cares about how His work is accomplished, not just that it's accomplished. Practical wisdom in execution honors God as much as theological accuracy in conception. The placement 'by the border' (not center) distributed weight properly, illustrating that wise methodology matters.

Historical Context

Positioning rings near the table's border (edges) rather than centrally ensured balanced carrying by four bearers. This engineering detail demonstrates the Spirit-given wisdom (35:31) extending to practical mechanics, not just aesthetic design.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does careful positioning of rings for optimal carrying teach about God's concern for practical wisdom in His work?
2. How does attention to engineering details illustrate that methodology and execution honor God alongside theological accuracy?

Interlinear Text

לְעֵמֶת	הַמִּסָּגָה	הִיא	הַטְּבָעֹת	בַּתִּים	לִבְדֵּי יָם
Over against	the border	H1961	were the rings	the places	for the staves
H5980	H4526		H2885	H1004	H905
לָשׂוּ	אֶת	הַשֻּׁלְחָן:			
to bear	H853	the table			
H5375		H7979			

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