

Exodus 37:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

Analysis

Staves of shittim wood overlaid with gold continue the pattern—humanity (wood) clothed in divinity (gold) for the purpose of carrying God's provision (the table). This consistent pattern throughout tabernacle furniture teaches theological unity: every aspect of God's dwelling and every element of His provision reflects the incarnation—divine glory expressed through human vehicle. Those who carry God's provision must themselves be transformed by His glory.

Historical Context

The staves were long enough for two bearers per side (four total) to carry the table at shoulder height. Like the ark's staves, these remained permanently in the rings, symbolizing readiness to move when God led. The Kohathites carried the table using these gold-overlaid poles.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the consistent pattern (wood overlaid with gold) throughout tabernacle furniture illustrate the incarnation principle?
2. What does bearers of God's provision needing gold-overlay themselves teach about ministers being transformed by the message they carry?

Interlinear Text

אָתָּה עָשָׂה	וַיַּעֲשֵׂה	אָתָּה בְּבָדִים	בְּבָדִים עָצָזִים	שְׁטָם יָמִים	וַיַּעֲשֵׂה	אָתָּה מִזְבֵּחַ
And he made	H853	the staves	wood	of shittim	and overlaid	H853
H6213		H905	H6086	H7848	H6823	

בְּשִׁלְךָן	אָתָּה לְשֵׁת אֶת	זָהָב	בְּשִׁלְךָן	אָתָּה לְשֵׁת אֶת	זָהָב
them with gold	to bear	H853	the table		
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