

# Exodus 37:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold.

## Analysis

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The summary statement 'their knops and their branches were of the same' (כַּפֹּתֵיהֶם וּקְנֹתָם מִמֶּנָּה הָיָה, kappotehem ukenotam mimennah hayu—'from it they were') emphasizes complete unity—one piece of gold beaten into complex form. This unity represents the church's essential oneness despite diverse functions and positions. Just as the menorah's branches don't compete but collaboratively illuminate, believers don't vie for prominence but cooperatively witness to Christ. The phrase 'beaten work of pure gold' emphasizes costly formation producing unified testimony.

## Historical Context

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Creating this complex design from one piece required extraordinary metalworking skill—heating gold to malleability, carefully hammering the shape, then chasing the intricate details. The unity of material ensured structural integrity while creating symbolic richness: one God, one light, one witness.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the menorah's complete unity (one piece despite complex form) teach about essential oneness in the diverse church?
2. How does beaten work producing unified witness illustrate that suffering and formation create, rather than destroy, genuine unity?

## Interlinear Text

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כַּפֹּתֶיהָ ׀	וּקְנֹתָ ׀	מִמֶּנָּה	הִיא ׀	כָּל־הָ	מְקֻשָּׁה
<b>Their knops</b>	<b>and their branches</b>	H4480	H1961	H3605	<b>beaten work</b>
H3730	H7070				H4749
אֵלֶּם ׀		זָה ׀	טָהוֹר:		
<b>were of the same all of it was one</b>		<b>gold</b>	<b>of pure</b>		
H259		H2091	H2889		

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