

Exodus 37:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

Analysis

Two golden rings on opposite sides (שְׁתֵּי תְּסֵלָאוֹת, shetsei tsela'ot) beneath the crown for carrying-staves teach that even the altar of prayer accompanies God's people through their journeys. Prayer isn't confined to sacred spaces but travels with believers through wilderness wanderings. The rings beneath the crown suggest that royal privilege (crown) includes divine accompaniment (portability). God's people never journey where prayer cannot reach.

Historical Context

The rings positioned on two sides (likely north and south) allowed staves to be inserted for carrying. The altar, like other tabernacle furniture, was portable—carried by Levites during wilderness travels. This portability ensured that the means of prayer and worship moved with Israel throughout their journey.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does the portable incense altar teach about prayer accompanying believers through all life circumstances?
2. How does the combination of royal privilege (crown) and divine accompaniment (portability) encourage believers in prayer?

Interlinear Text

שְׁנֵי י	טְבֻעֹת	זָהָב	וַיַּעַשׂ	לְוַן	מִתְחַת
of it upon the two	rings	of gold	And he made	H0	H8478
H8147	H2885	H2091	H6213		
לְזֶרֶוּ	עַל	שְׁנֵי י	צִלְעֹתָיו	עַל	
for it under the crown	H5921	of it upon the two	corners	H5921	
H2213		H8147	H6763		
שְׁנֵי י	צִדָּיו	לְבַתֵּי ים	לְבִדֵּי ים	לְשֵׁאת	אֶת־וּ
of it upon the two	sides	thereof to be places	for the staves	to bear	H853
H8147	H6654	H1004	H905	H5375	
בָּהֶם:					
H0					