

Exodus 37:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

Analysis

One cherub on each end (מִזֶּה וּמִזֶּה מִקְצָה מִקְצָה מִזֶּה וּמִקְצָה מִזֶּה אֶחָד מִקְצָה מִזֶּה, mi-katzah mi-zeh ukheruv-echad mi-katzah mi-zeh) demonstrates symmetry and completion—God's redemption is not one-sided but comprehensive. The repetition emphasizes each cherub's individual identity while maintaining their unified origin (beaten from one piece). This pictures the church: many members, one body (1 Corinthians 12:12), maintaining individual identity while sharing common origin and purpose in Christ.

Historical Context

The two cherubim, positioned at opposite ends of the mercy seat, created a throne-like structure with God's presence manifesting between them (Exodus 25:22). This imagery of God enthroned above cherubim appears throughout Scripture (Psalm 80:1, 99:1).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does the symmetrical placement of cherubim teach about the completeness and balance of God's redemptive plan?
2. How do the cherubim (one piece, two beings) illustrate unity and diversity in the body of Christ?

Interlinear Text

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