

# Exodus 38:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their pillars were twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver.

## Analysis

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Twenty pillars (עֲמָדִים, amudim) with twenty bronze sockets (אֲדָנִים, adanim) supporting silver hooks (וְבֵיאֵהֶם, vaveihem) and silver fillets (חַשְׁקֵהֶם, chashukeihem) demonstrate layered symbolism. Bronze sockets (judgment) as foundation support pillars with silver connections (redemption) holding white linen (righteousness). This progression teaches that righteousness boundaries rest on redemption, which itself stands on recognized judgment. Without acknowledging judgment (bronze), redemption (silver) has no meaning; without redemption, righteousness (linen) becomes legalistic moralism. The integration of all three metals portrays complete gospel.

## Historical Context

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The pillars stood approximately 7.5 feet tall with bronze bases anchoring them in the ground. Silver hooks and connecting rods (fillets) held the linen curtains, which hung from the hooks at uniform height. This construction created a boundary both permanent (bronze sockets) and portable (pillars and curtains could be dismantled).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

1. How do the three metals (bronze foundation, silver connections, gold absent) teach progression from judgment through redemption to holiness?
2. What does silver (redemption) connecting white linen (righteousness) to bronze (judgment) teach about salvation's integration?

## Interlinear Text

בְּעִמּוֹד יָמֶן שְׁרֵיָם אַדְגִּיהָם עִשְּׂרֵיָם נְחַשְּׁת נְחַשְּׁת  
**Their pillars** **twenty** **sockets** **twenty** **and their brasen** **the hooks**  
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פְּנֵי: וְעַמּוֹד יְמִינָה וְעַמּוֹד יְמִינָה  
Their pillars and their fillets were of silver  
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