

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

Twenty pillars (אֲמֻדִּים, amudim) with twenty bronze sockets (אֲדָנִים, adanim) supporting silver hooks (וָאֵיִם, vaveihem) and silver fillets (חֲשֻׁקֵיהֶם, 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

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

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

הַעֲמֻדֹת יָם	עֶשְׂרִים יָם	וְאַדְנִיָּהָם	עֶשְׂרִים יָם	נְחֹשֶׁת	וְיָ
Their pillars	twenty	sockets	twenty	and their brasen	the hooks
H5982	H6242	H134	H6242	H5178	H2053

הַעֲמֻדֹת יָם	וְחִשְׁקֵיהֶם	כֶּסֶף:
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H5982	H2838	H3701

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