

Exodus 38:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their pillars were four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters and their fillets of silver.

Analysis

All the vessels of the tabernacle (כָּל־כָּלִים הַמִּשְׁקָן, kol-kelei ha-mishkan) in all its service, and all its pins, and all the courtyard pins made of bronze emphasizes comprehensive bronze usage for everything exterior/structural. Pins (יִתְדֹּת, yetedot —'tent pegs' or 'stakes') secured curtains and tabernacle structure, demonstrating that even hidden, underground elements deserve attention and quality materials. Bronze pins teach that what secures God's dwelling, though buried and unseen, must be strong and durable. The foundation of ministry often involves unglamorous, hidden work of 'pins'—faithful service securing the visible structure.

Historical Context

The pins/stakes secured tabernacle and courtyard curtains to the ground, preventing wind damage. Bronze construction ensured durability through repeated assembly and disassembly during travels. These simple items, though unglamorous, were essential—without them, curtains would collapse. The specific mention demonstrates God's concern for every component, however small.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does bronze pins (buried, hidden, yet essential) teach about faithful, unglamorous service securing visible ministry?
2. How does specific mention of even tent pegs illustrate God's concern for every component of His work, however small?

Interlinear Text

וְעַמְדִים	הַזְּהָבֶן	וְאֶת-כָּבֵד	וְאֶת-כָּבֵד	וְאֶת-כָּבֵד	וְאֶת-כָּבֵד
And their pillars	four	and their sockets	four	of brass	their hooks
H5982	H702	H134	H702	H5178	H2053

כָּסֶף:	וְעַל-שְׁקִיעָה	מִצְבֵּחַ	בְּאֵשִׁים	מִצְבֵּחַ	כָּסֶף:
of silver	and the overlaying	of their chapters	and their fillets	of silver	
H3701	H6826	H7218	H2838	H3701	

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