

Exodus 38:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Analysis

Bezaleel's comprehensive work—"all that the LORD commanded Moses" (אֲתָה כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהָוָה אֶת־מִשְׁׁנָה, et kol-asher-tzivvah YHWH et-Mosheh)—emphasizes complete obedience to divine pattern. The description 'son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah' provides full identification, demonstrating personal accountability for named individuals. Bezaleel's work wasn't anonymous committee production but identifiable craftsmanship—teaching that God values individual faithfulness and rewards it with lasting recognition. His name ('in God's shadow') and ancestry (Hur stood with Moses at Rephidim, Exodus 17:12) demonstrate that God chooses and prepares workers for His purposes.

Historical Context

Bezaleel's mention at this point in the accounting demonstrates his primary responsibility for tabernacle construction. His partnership with Aholiab (mentioned next) and supervision of other skilled workers showed collaborative leadership. The historical record preserves Bezaleel's name through millennia, demonstrating that faithful service receives eternal recognition beyond temporary fame.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does personal identification and accountability (named individual completing specified work) teach about God valuing individual faithfulness?
2. How does Bezaleel's lasting recognition demonstrate that faithful service receives eternal reward beyond temporary fame?

Interlinear Text

וְבֶצְלָא	לְ	בֶּן	אוּר	וְבֶן	וּרְבָּרְכָּה	לְמִתְּחִילָה	יְהוָה	עֲשָׂה
And Bezaleel	the son	of Uri	the son	of Hur	of the tribe	of Judah	made	
H1212	H1121	H221	H1121	H2354	H4294	H3063		H6213
אָתָה	מֹשֶׁה	כִּי	צָוָה	יְהוָה	אָמַר	אֶת	מִשְׁמָה	
H853	H4872	H3605	H6680	H3068	H853	H834	commanded	all that the LORD

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