

Exodus 38:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

Analysis

The hundred talents of silver cast into sockets (אֲדָנִים, adanim—'foundations') for sanctuary and veil—'a talent for a socket' (כְּפֶר לְאַדֶּן, kikkar la-aden)—demonstrates that redemption provides precise foundation: ninety-six sockets (forty-eight for boards, forty-eight for veil pillars) from ninety-six talents. Four talents remaining (v. 28) went to hooks and capitals. This mathematical precision teaches that God's redemption is neither insufficient nor wasteful—exactly enough, perfectly distributed. Every socket bearing tabernacle boards stood on one talent of atonement silver, illustrating that believers' standing rests entirely on purchased redemption.

Historical Context

The sockets (approximately 75-100 pounds each) provided substantial foundation, anchoring the boards and pillars in place. Using precisely one talent per socket demonstrated remarkable engineering—calculating needed materials exactly, then collecting exact amounts through the census. This precision reflected divine planning, not human estimation.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does the exact correspondence (one talent per socket, ninety-six sockets from ninety-six talents) teach about God's perfect provision?
2. How does each socket bearing one talent of redemption-silver illustrate every believer's complete dependence on purchased salvation?

Interlinear Text

לְאַדְנָה אֵת לְמַאַת יְלִיבָה
H1961 And of the hundred H3967 a talent H3603 of silver H3701 were cast H3332 and the sockets H134

לְאַדְנָה כְּתָבָה בְּקָרְבָּן אֵת לְאַדְנָה
of the sanctuary H853 and the sockets H134 of the veil H6532 And of the hundred H3967

לְאַדְנָה כְּתָבָה לְמַאַת לְמַאַת כְּתָבָה כְּתָבָה
and the sockets H134 And of the hundred H3967 a talent H3603 a talent H3603 and the sockets H134

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 26:19 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

Exodus 26:25 (Parallel theme): And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

Exodus 26:32 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

Exodus 26:21 (Parallel theme): And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

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