

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' (כִּכָּר לְאֶדֶן, 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

וְיֵהָיָה	לְמֵאֵת	כֶּכֶר	הַכֶּסֶף	לְצָקָת	אֵת	לְאָדָן:
H1961	And of the hundred	a talent	of silver	were cast	H853	and the sockets
	H3967	H3603	H3701	H3332		H134
הַקִּדְשִׁי	וְאֵת	לְאָדָן:	הַפָּרֹכֶת	לְמֵאֵת		
of the sanctuary	H853	and the sockets	of the vail	And of the hundred		
H6944		H134	H6532	H3967		
לְאָדָן:	לְמֵאֵת	כֶּכֶר	כֶּכֶר	לְאָדָן:		
and the sockets	And of the hundred	a talent	a talent	and the sockets		
H134	H3967	H3603	H3603	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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