

# Exodus 38:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

## Analysis

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The bronze total—'seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels' (approximately 4,800-5,400 pounds)—came from voluntary offerings (unlike mandatory silver). This bronze made the bronze altar, laver, court sockets, pins, and vessels—all items associated with judgment, service, and boundaries. The voluntary nature of bronze offerings (versus mandatory atonement silver) teaches that while redemption is non-negotiable, service and endurance (bronze qualities) should flow from willing hearts. Those who've experienced mandatory redemption should respond with voluntary service.

## Historical Context

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Bronze came from Egyptian plunder and voluntary offerings (35:24). The seventy talents plus 2,400 shekels provided sufficient bronze for the massive altar (approximately 1,500 pounds), laver, sixty courtyard sockets, and numerous pins and vessels. This quantity demonstrates the people's generous response to God's redemption.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does voluntary bronze offerings (versus mandatory silver) teach about service flowing from gratitude for redemption?
2. How does bronze's use for judgment-items (altar), service-items (laver), and boundary-items (sockets, pins) illustrate the multifaceted nature of Christian response to salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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And the brass	of the offering	was seventy	talents	and two thousand	and four
H5178	H8573	H7657	H3603	H505	H702
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hundred	shekels				
H3967	H8255				

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