

Exodus 39:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

Analysis

Putting the gold chains in the breastplate rings completes the upper connection between breastplate and ephod. The meticulous assembly instructions fulfilled 'as the LORD commanded Moses' (though not stated here, assumed from context). Each linking component—chains, rings, settings—ensures the breastplate remains securely positioned over Aaron's heart during ministry. This interconnected design prefigures the church's organic unity in Christ (Ephesians 4:15-16), where diverse members are 'fitly joined together' through Him. No believer is isolated; all are connected through the High Priest.

Historical Context

The assembly sequence—first making individual components, then connecting them—mirrors construction wisdom: components must be complete before assembly. This methodical approach ensured proper function and demonstrated that worship of the holy God requires order, not confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the breastplate's interconnected assembly illustrate believers' organic unity in Christ's body?
2. What does the need for 'linking' components teach about maintaining unity in the church?

Interlinear Text

וְיִתְנַתֵּן	שְׁתִּים	תַּכְעֵבָת	בְּפִזְבָּה	עַל	שְׁתִּים	תַּכְעֵבָת
And they put	in the two	wreathen chains	of gold	H5921	in the two	rings
H5414	H8147	H5688	H2091		H8147	H2885
וְיִתְנַתֵּן	שְׁתִּים	בְּפִזְבָּה:	קְצֵן וְתַכְעֵבָת	עַל	שְׁתִּים	תַּכְעֵבָת
H5921	on the ends	of the breastplate				
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