

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

### Study Questions

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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

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And they put	in the two	wreathen chains	of gold	H5921	in the two	rings
H5414	H8147	H5688	H2091		H8147	H2885
עַל	קֵצוֹת	הַחֹשֶׁן:				
H5921	on the ends	of the breastplate				
	H7098	H2833				