

Exodus 39:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ephod inward.

Analysis

Additional rings on the breastplate's 'border' near the ephod's 'inward' side complete the lower attachment. The Hebrew פָּאֵת (pe'at, corner/border) indicates precise positioning; הַבָּיִתָּה (habaytah, inward) shows the hidden, private connection. While the top attachment is visible, this lower connection is hidden—teaching that some aspects of priestly ministry are public, others private. Christ's intercession has both public (openly declared justification) and hidden (intimate communion with Father) dimensions. The complete encircling connection ensures breastplate security from top and bottom.

Historical Context

The lower rings' inward position kept them hidden beneath the ephod's front panel, preventing them from snagging during ministry. The two-point attachment system (top and bottom) distributed weight and prevented swinging or shifting during the high priest's movements.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What do visible and hidden connection points teach about public and private dimensions of ministry?
2. How does Christ's intercession involving both open declaration and hidden intimacy with the Father encourage you?

Interlinear Text

עַל	וַיְשִׁבְתָּה	יְמֹתָה	זֶבֶת	בְּטַבּוּת	שְׁנַיִם	וְתִּשְׁעַשׂ
And they made	them on the two	rings	of gold	and put		H5921
H6213	H8147	H2885	H2091	H7760		
אֶל	אֲשֶׁר	שְׁפָתָה	עַל	פְּחַשְׁׁן	זֶבֶת	וְתִּשְׁעַשׂ
them on the two	ends	of the breastplate	H5921	upon the border	H834	H413
H8147	H7098	H2833		H8193		
עַבְרָה	בְּאֶפְדָּה	בְּיִתְהָהָה				
of it which was on the side	of the ephod	inward				
H5676	H646	H1004				

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