

Exodus 39:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,

Analysis

The table (שולחן, shulchan) with its vessels and showbread (לחם הפנים, lechem haPanim, bread of the Presence) provided perpetual offering before God. The twelve loaves, replaced weekly, represented the twelve tribes constantly before YHWH. The bread's presence taught that God's people live by His provision, not independent sustenance. Christ, the true Bread of Life (John 6:35, 48), fulfills this typology—believers feed on Him continually. The table's golden construction signifies divine provision; the bread, human dependence.

Historical Context

The showbread ritual (Leviticus 24:5-9) required fresh bread every Sabbath, with old bread consumed by priests. This perpetual offering demonstrated that Israel constantly needed and received divine provision. The twelve loaves represented sustained covenant relationship, not momentary interaction.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the showbread's perpetual presence teach that believers need constant, not occasional, spiritual nourishment?
2. What does Christ as the Bread of Life reveal about believers' complete dependence on Him?

Interlinear Text

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The table

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