

Numbers 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

Analysis

The comprehensive wrapping—"put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar"—protected the lampstand completely. The Hebrew *mot* (bar/pole) indicates the carrying method. Everything was enclosed before Kohathites touched it, preventing both damage to sacred objects and death to transporters. This multi-layered protection teaches that holy things require complete safeguarding. Spiritual truth similarly needs protection from corruption—sound doctrine must be guarded carefully (2 Timothy 1:13-14), transported intact across generations without addition or subtraction.

Historical Context

The Kohathites carried the covered holy objects on their shoulders using poles, never touching the objects directly. This honored the objects' holiness while enabling their transport. The method contrasted with Philistine cart-transport of the captured ark (1 Samuel 6:7), which God tolerated from pagans but would not accept from Israel. God's people must follow His prescribed methods, not adopt pagan pragmatism.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the careful transport of holy things inform how we handle and teach Scripture?
2. What 'coverings' protect sound doctrine from corruption during transmission?
3. Why must we follow God's prescribed methods for handling sacred truth rather than adopting cultural pragmatism?

Interlinear Text

And they shall put	וְיִתְּחַנֵּן	אֶת	אֶתְּהָ	כָּל	כָּל	יַבְּ	כָּל	יַבְּ	אֶל
	H5414	H853	H853	H3605			it and all the vessels	H3627	H413
thereof within a covering	מִכְסָה	הַ	וּ	עַ	תְּ	חִשְׁ	וְיִתְּחַנֵּן	וְיִתְּחַנֵּן	עַל
	H4372			H5785		H8476	And they shall put	H5921	it upon a bar

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