

Exodus 25:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

Analysis

The staves must remain in the rings—never removed (compare 1 Kings 8:8). This permanence signifies that God's provision for holy approach is constant and unchanging. Just as the staves were always ready for the Ark to move, Christ's mediation is perpetually available. We never lack access to God through our High Priest who 'ever lives to make intercession' (Hebrews 7:25).

Historical Context

The prohibition against removing the staves protected both the Ark and those who would transport it. When Uzzah later touched the Ark (2 Samuel 6:6-7), the result was deadly, demonstrating the continuing necessity of God's prescribed approach.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the permanence of the staves encourage you about constant access to God through Christ?
2. What happens when people attempt to approach God without His prescribed mediator?

Interlinear Text

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in the rings	of the ark	shall be	The staves	H3808	they shall not be taken	H4480
H2885	H727	H1961	H905		H5493	

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 8:8 (Parallel theme): And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.