

Exodus 25:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

Analysis

Staves of acacia wood overlaid with gold—again the union of humanity and divinity—for carrying the table. The repeated pattern (Ark, table, now altar and more) establishes that every holy thing requires a holy means of transport. God provides the way to carry His presence and provisions. These staves prefigure Christ through whom all divine blessings are carried to us and all our needs are brought before God.

Historical Context

The Kohathites, a division of Levites, carried the sacred furniture (Numbers 4:4-15), using these staves to bear the weight without touching the holy objects. Their consecrated service protected both the holy things and themselves.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ serve as the 'stave' carrying God's blessings to you?
2. What does it mean that even the 'carriers' of holy things must be consecrated?

Interlinear Text

לְעִמָּת	הַמִּסְגָּרָה	תְּהִי יָד	הַטְּבָעֹת	לְבָתִּים	לְבִדֵּי יָדִים
Over against	the border	H1961	shall the rings	be for places	of the staves
H5980	H4526		H2885	H1004	H905
לְשֵׂאת	אֶת	הַשְּׁלֶחָן:			
to bear	H853	the table			
H5375		H7979			

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