

Exodus 25:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Analysis

The chapter concludes with emphatic repetition: 'Look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.' The Hebrew רָאָה (re'eh, 'see/look/take heed') intensifies the command. Moses must reproduce exactly what God revealed, not improvise. This underscores that worship must be according to divine revelation. Hebrews 8:5 confirms Moses saw heavenly realities—the tabernacle is a copy, Christ the reality.

Historical Context

Moses received these detailed instructions during his forty days on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:18). The emphasis on exact replication protected Israel from syncretism with surrounding pagan practices and ensured worship reflected heavenly truth.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Why must worship conform to God's revealed pattern rather than human creativity?
2. How does understanding the tabernacle as a 'copy' of heavenly reality enhance your appreciation of Christ?

Interlinear Text

מֶרָאָה	וַעֲשֵׂה	בֵּת בְּנִיתָם	אֲשֶׁר	אֵת	מֶרָאָה
And look	that thou make	them after their pattern	H834	H859	And look
H7200	H6213	H8403			H7200
בְּהָרִ: thee in the mount H2022					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 8:5 (Parallel theme): Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Acts 7:44 (Parallel theme): Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

Exodus 26:30 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

Numbers 8:4 (Parallel theme): And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

Exodus 25:9 (Parallel theme): According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

1 Chronicles 28:19 (Parallel theme): All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

1 Chronicles 28:11 (Parallel theme): Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,