

Exodus 25:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The divine pattern: all must be made 'according to all that I shew thee.' The Hebrew תַּבְנִית (tabnit, pattern) suggests an architectural blueprint or model. This emphasizes that worship must conform to divine revelation, not human creativity. Hebrews 8:5 confirms that Moses was shown a heavenly pattern, making the earthly tabernacle a 'copy and shadow' of heavenly realities centered in Christ.

Historical Context

Moses received these instructions during forty days on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:18), possibly seeing a heavenly vision of the true sanctuary. This divine origin gave the tabernacle unique authority as the place of God's prescribed worship.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Why must worship conform to God's pattern rather than human preferences?

2. How does knowing the tabernacle was patterned after heavenly realities affect your view of worship?

Interlinear Text

כָּל ל	אֲשֶׁר	אֲנִי	מִרְאֵה	אֹתְךָ	אֵת
H3605	H834	H589	According to all that I shew	H853	H853
			H7200		
תְּבַנֵּי ית	הַמִּשְׁכָּה	וְאֵת	תְּבַנֵּי ית	כָּל	
and the pattern	of the tabernacle	H853	and the pattern	H3605	
H8403	H4908		H8403		
כָּל יוֹ	וְכִי	תַעֲשׂוּ:			
of all the instruments	H3651	thereof even so shall ye make			
H3627		H6213			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 25:40 (Parallel theme): And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Hebrews 8:5 (Temple): 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 (Temple): 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.

Hebrews 9:9 (Parallel theme): Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;