

Exodus 26:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.

Analysis

Boards (שִׁטִּים, qeresh, planks/frames) of acacia wood provide structure. These standing boards contrast with the horizontal coverings, creating the tabernacle's skeleton. Wood represents humanity; these boards stood upright (resurrected position), overlaid with gold (deity). They prefigure believers who were dead but now stand upright in Christ, our humanity transformed by His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). We are 'living stones' built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5).

Historical Context

These boards were substantial frames, approximately 15 feet tall and 27 inches wide, creating the tabernacle's walls. Unlike solid walls, the frame design allowed for portability while maintaining structural strength during the wilderness wanderings.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does standing upright (vertical boards) symbolize resurrection life in Christ?
2. In what ways has God overlaid your humanity with His divine nature?

Interlinear Text

וַעֲשֵׂה יָתֶּ	אֶת	הַקִּרְשֵׁי יָם	לְמִשְׁכָּן	עֵץ י	שִׁטִּים
And thou shalt make	H853	boards	for the tabernacle	wood	of shittim
H6213		H7175	H4908	H6086	H7848
עֹמְדִים:					
standing up					
H5975					