

Exodus 26:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

Analysis

Two tenons (יָד, yad, literally 'hands') per board, fitting into silver sockets. These tenons ('hands') extend from each board, reaching into the foundation. The imagery suggests that each standing board 'grasps' or 'holds onto' its foundation. Believers must be grounded in Christ, our foundation. The tenons' connection to silver sockets (silver represents redemption) shows we stand on redemptive foundation, not personal merit (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Historical Context

The tenons (projections at the base of each board) fit into corresponding holes in the silver sockets, creating a stable foundation that allowed the boards to stand vertically. This design enabled easy assembly and disassembly during travels.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you 'grasp' or 'hold onto' your foundation in Christ?

2. What does standing on a 'silver' (redemption) foundation rather than earthly merit mean for your security?

Interlinear Text

אֶל	אֶשֶׁה	הַ	מִשְׁלַב	ת	הָאֶחָד	ד	קִרְשֵׁי	י	יָד	וְ	שֵׁתִּי	י
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	H802		H7947		H259		H7175		H3027		H8147	
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of the tabernacle	board		H3605		thus shalt thou make		H3651		against another			
H4908	H7175				H6213				H269			

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