# **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 (T, 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**

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

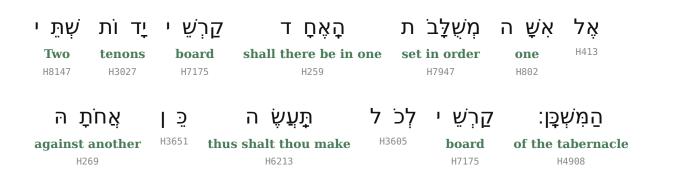
 ${f Colossians}$  1:16 — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## **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**



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