

Exodus 26:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

Analysis

Twenty boards for the south side, facing southward—the number twenty often relates to expectation or waiting. These boards form half the tabernacle's length, creating structure that will receive God's glory. The specificity ('south side southward') emphasizes precision—each board has its exact place. God doesn't randomly assign His people positions; each has a divinely appointed location in His dwelling (Ephesians 2:10).

Historical Context

The south side, the right side when facing east, would receive more sunlight. Twenty boards at 1.5 cubits each created a 30-cubit length, matching the inner curtains' dimensions. This south wall formed one of the tabernacle's long sides.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God has assigned your exact place in His dwelling encourage you?

2. What 'expectations' or 'waiting' (twenty) have you experienced in finding your place in God's purposes?

Interlinear Text

וְעַשְׂתָּה	אֶת	רֶשֶׁת	לְמִשְׁכָּן	יָמִים	רֶשֶׁת	בָּשָׂר
And thou shalt make	H853	boards	for the tabernacle	twenty	boards	
H6213		H7175	H4908	H6242		H7175
לְפָאָת	תִּמְנָהָה	תְּגַבֵּה	תִּמְנָהָה			
side	on the south	southward				
H6285	H5045	H8486				

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