

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 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וַעֲשֵׂה יָתֶּ	אֶת	קָרְשֵׁי	לְמִשְׁכָּן	עֶשְׂרִים	קָרְשֵׁי
And thou shalt make	H853	boards	for the tabernacle	twenty	boards
H6213		H7175	H4908	H6242	H7175
לְפָאֵת	בְּגִבֵּה	תִּמְנָה:			
side	on the south	southward			
H6285	H5045	H8486			

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