

Exodus 26:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

Analysis

Forty silver sockets under the twenty boards (two per board)—silver consistently represents redemption. Each board stands on redemption's foundation, not personal strength. Forty is the number of testing/trial; our standing is tested, but silver sockets (redemption purchased by Christ) remain firm. Two sockets per board suggest the dual witness of the gospel—Christ's death and resurrection—on which we stand.

Historical Context

Each silver socket weighed one talent (approximately 75 pounds), making the foundation extraordinarily substantial—about 3,000 pounds of silver for the south side alone. This massive foundation ensured the tabernacle stood firm despite desert winds.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does standing on redemption (silver) rather than personal merit affect your stability during trials?
2. What does the dual foundation (two sockets) under each board teach about the gospel's complete work?

Interlinear Text

שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים תַּמְעַשׂ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ אֲזַבְּנָי מִאַרְבָּעִים
forty sockets of silver And thou shalt make H8478 under the twenty
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לְשֵׁת יָמִים תַּמְעַשׂ תַּחַת אֲזַבְּנָי בְּקָרְשׁ
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לְשֵׁת יָמִים תַּמְעַשׂ תַּחַת אֲזַבְּנָי בְּקָרְשׁ
tenons and two sockets H8478 board under another and two tenons
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 38:27 (Parallel theme): And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.