

Exodus 26:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards:

Analysis

The north side receives identical treatment—twenty boards, perfectly matching the south side. This symmetry shows that God's dwelling is balanced, orderly, complete. North and south, opposing directions, are united in identical structure, prefiguring how Christ unites things in heaven and earth (Ephesians 1:10). The tabernacle's design accommodates approach from any direction, yet all stand on the same redemption foundation.

Historical Context

The north side, the left side when facing east, formed the opposite wall from the south. The identical construction method ensured perfect symmetry, creating a rectangular structure rather than the irregular shapes of pagan shrines.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ unite 'opposite directions' or opposing people groups into one dwelling?

2. What does the identical foundation on all sides teach about the universality of redemption?

Interlinear Text

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side	of the tabernacle	And for the second	side	on the north
H6763	H4908	H8145	H6285	H6828
עֲשֹׂר יָם	קָרָשׁ:			
there shall be twenty	boards			
H6242	H7175			

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