

Exodus 26:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

Analysis

Forty more silver sockets, two under each board—the pattern repeats exactly. Repetition in Scripture emphasizes importance. The repeated stress on silver sockets (redemption foundation) underscores that every part of God's dwelling, from every direction, stands solely on redemptive foundation. Whether approaching from south or north, left or right, all stand on Christ's blood-bought redemption. There's no alternate foundation (Acts 4:12).

Historical Context

The north side's forty silver sockets matched the south side exactly, bringing the total to eighty sockets for the two long sides. Each socket's talent-weight created an immovable foundation that kept the tabernacle stable during Israel's wanderings.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why does Scripture repeatedly emphasize the redemption foundation under every board?
2. How does knowing there's no alternate foundation affect your confidence in Christ?

Interlinear Text

וְאַרְבָּעַ יָם	אַדְנֵי יָם	כֶּסֶף	וּשְׁנֵי יָ	אַדְנֵי יָם	בַּת חַת	הָקֶרֶשׁ
And their forty	sockets	of silver	and two	sockets	H8478	board
H705	H134	H3701	H8147	H134		H7175
תַּאֲחֻד:	וּשְׁנֵי יָ	אַדְנֵי יָם	בַּת חַת	הָקֶרֶשׁ	תַּאֲחֻד:	
under another	and two	sockets	H8478	board	under another	
H259	H8147	H134		H7175	H259	

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