

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

פֶּקֶד רְשָׁת תְּמִתָּה אֶתֶן יִם וְשָׁנִי אֶתֶן יִם וְאֶתֶן יִם
And their forty sockets of silver and two sockets board
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under another and two sockets board under another
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