

Exodus 26:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.

Analysis

Six boards for the westward side (the rear, where the Most Holy Place sat). The number six suggests man/humanity; the west often represents the earthly or temporal. Yet even the 'earthward' or 'human' side stands on redemption. The westward boards enclosed the Most Holy Place—the innermost sanctum where God's glory dwelt, proving that humanity can contain divine presence when standing on redemptive foundation.

Historical Context

The west end (הַיָּרְכָה, yarkah, 'rear parts') formed the tabernacle's back wall behind the veil that separated the Most Holy Place. This solid wall protected the ark's location from external observation or access.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does redeemed humanity become capable of containing God's presence?

2. What does the 'earthward' side standing on redemption teach about sanctifying the secular?

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