

Exodus 26:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

Analysis

Eight boards total for the west end with sixteen silver sockets (two per board). Eight often represents new beginning/resurrection; the west wall (enclosing the Most Holy Place where God's glory dwells) stands on new-beginning foundation. Access to God's presence requires resurrection—we who were dead are made alive (Ephesians 2:5). The sixteen sockets (8×2) emphasize the complete redemptive foundation for this resurrection reality.

Historical Context

The eight boards (six standard plus two corners) at 1.5 cubits each created a 10-12 cubit width, matching the tabernacle's dimensions. The sixteen silver sockets continued the pattern of abundant redemptive foundation under every part of the structure.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does resurrection (eight) serve as foundation for entering God's presence?
2. What 'new beginning' has redemption provided in your relationship with God?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיוּ שְׁמֹנֶה הַקְּרָשִׁים אֲדָנֵי יָם כֶּסֶף שֵׁשׁ הַשֵּׁשִׁים
H1961 **And they shall be eight** **board** **and their sockets** **of silver** **sixteen**
H8083 H7175 H134 H3701 H8337

וְעָשׂוּ אֲדָנֵי יָם וּשְׁנֵי הַקְּרָשִׁים אֲדָנֵי יָם תַּחַת הַקְּרָשׁ
H6240 **and their sockets** **and two** **and their sockets** H8478 **board**
H134 H8147 H134 H7175

תַּחַת אֲדָנֵי יָם וּשְׁנֵי תַּחַת הַקְּרָשׁ תַּחַת אֲדָנֵי יָם
under another **and two** **and their sockets** H8478 **board** **under another**
H259 H8147 H134 H7175 H259