

Exodus 26:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

Analysis

Summary command: 'rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.' The Hebrew דִּקְּן (taqim, 'rear up') means to establish, set upright, bring to standing. Construction must match the heavenly pattern exactly. This echoes the chapter's beginning and Hebrews' emphasis—earthly worship copies heavenly reality (Hebrews 8:5). We don't invent worship patterns; we replicate what God reveals, ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

Historical Context

Moses received comprehensive instructions during forty days on Sinai (Exodus 24:18), possibly including visual revelation of the heavenly sanctuary. This verse ensures he understands that precise replication, not creative interpretation, is required.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why must worship 'match the pattern' shown rather than reflect human creativity?
2. How does understanding Christ as the 'heavenly pattern' affect your approach to worship?

Interlinear Text

וְהִקְמַתְּ	אֶת	הַמִּשְׁכָּן	כַּמֹּד שֶׁפָּטוּ	אֶשֶׁר
And thou shalt rear up	H853	the tabernacle	according to the fashion	H834
H6965		H4908	H4941	
הָרָא יְתֵ	בְּהָרִ:			
thereof which was shewed	thee in the mount			
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Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 8:5 (Temple): Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Exodus 25:40 (Parallel theme): And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Exodus 25:9 (Temple): According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Acts 7:44 (Temple): Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.