

# Exodus 27:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

## Analysis

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The altar is made 'hollow with boards'—not solid but a frame, likely filled with earth or stones at each camp (Exodus 20:24-25). This hollow construction made it portable yet functional. The principle: the altar's form matters (God's prescribed pattern) but its core is filled with created materials (earth/stones). Christ's humanity (earth) filled divine form, making atonement both heavenly in origin and earthly in execution. God's pattern received material substance.

## Historical Context

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The hollow construction reduced weight for transport while the copper-plate covering provided the sacrificial surface. At each camping site, the altar would be filled with earth, creating a functional sacrificial platform that could be emptied and moved when needed.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How did Christ's humanity ('earth-filled') make God's atonement plan functional in time and space?
2. What does the combination of divine form (God's pattern) and earthly material teach about incarnation?

## Interlinear Text

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חֲבֹל	לָחֵט	יַעֲשֶׂה	אֵת	כְּאֲשֶׁר	הֵרָאָה
Hollow	with boards	shalt thou make	H853	H834	it as it was shewed
H5014	H3871	H6213			H7200
אֶתְּךָ	בְּהָר	כִּי	יַעֲשֶׂה		
H853	thee in the mount	H3651	shalt thou make		
	H2022		H6213		

## Additional Cross-References

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

**Exodus 25:9** (Parallel theme): 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.

**Hebrews 8:5** (Parallel theme): 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.