

# Exodus 35:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread,

## Analysis

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Taches (תָּחֶשׁ, kerasim, 'clasps' or 'hooks'), boards (קֶרֶשִׁים, kerashim), bars (בָּרִיחִים, berichim), pillars (עַמְּדִים, amudim), and sockets (אֲדָנִים, adanim) represent the structural integrity holding God's dwelling together. Each component, though individually simple, contributes to the whole—illustrating the body of Christ where each member, though diverse, is essential (1 Corinthians 12). The careful specification of even these practical elements shows God's concern for both beauty and strength in His house.

## Historical Context

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The boards were acacia wood overlaid with gold, standing upright and joined by silver sockets weighing approximately one talent each (75-100 pounds). The entire structure could be disassembled and carried, with each Levitical family assigned specific components (Numbers 4).

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

1. What does the careful specification of structural components teach about God's attention to detail and order?
2. How does the interdependence of tabernacle parts illustrate the New Testament concept of the body of Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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