

Exodus 36:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

Analysis

Precise dimensions (ten cubits length, cubit and a half breadth—approximately 15' × 2.25') emphasize God's exact specifications. Each board's uniformity enabled proper joining, illustrating that believers, though individually complete, must fit together according to divine design. The phrase 'one board' (אֶחָד שְׁלֵמָה, ha-keresh ha-echad) repeated for measurements stresses individual accountability within corporate structure—each person must be properly formed to join correctly with others.

Historical Context

The standardized measurements allowed forty-eight boards (twenty per side, six for the back, plus corner boards) to fit together precisely, creating a stable rectangular structure. The uniformity was essential for repeated assembly and disassembly during travels.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does the requirement for identical board dimensions teach about individual formation for corporate function?
2. How does precision in individual components enabling corporate unity illustrate New Testament teaching on spiritual gifts and body life?

Interlinear Text

שָׁעַר	בָּאָמָת הַ	בָּאָמָת הַ	בָּאָמָת הַ	בָּאָמָת הַ	בָּאָמָת הַ	בָּאָמָת הַ
was ten	cubit	The length	of a board	cubit	and a half	cubit
H6235	H520	H753	H7175	H520	H2677	H520
רְחֵב	בָּאָמָת:	בָּאָמָת:	בָּאָמָת:	בָּאָמָת:	בָּאָמָת:	בָּאָמָת:
and the breadth	of a board	one				
H7341	H7175	H259				

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