

Exodus 36:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

Analysis

Two tenons (יָדוֹת, yadot, literally 'hands') per board, 'equally distant one from another' (מְשׁוּלָבָות, meshullavaot, 'joined' or 'set in order'), enabled secure fitting into silver sockets. These 'hands' grasping the foundation picture believers' connection to Christ, the foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). The equal distancing demonstrates balanced grounding—not leaning one direction or another, but firmly established in God's truth. Each board's two connection points illustrate that genuine stability requires multiple secure attachments, not single-point reliance.

Historical Context

The tenons were projections at the bottom of each board that fit into corresponding mortise holes in silver sockets, creating a stable foundation. The double-tenon design prevented boards from twisting or leaning, ensuring structural integrity of the entire framework.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do the two tenons ('hands') per board illustrate the necessity of being firmly grounded in God's foundation?
2. What does the requirement for balanced, equal-distanced connection points teach about spiritual stability?

Interlinear Text

אָ	תְ	אָ	לְ	אָ	תְ	מִשְׁלֵבָ	תְ	אָ	תְ	קָרְשִׁ	וּ	יָדְ	תְ	שְׁתִּ	תְ
had	two	tenons	board	One	equally	distant		One	from			One			
H8147		H3027	H7175	H259		H7947		H259				H413			H259
וְ	כִּ	עַ	לְ	לִכְ	קָרְשִׁ	וּ	מִשְׁקָ	וּ	תְ	בְּ	תְ	מִשְׁקָ	וּ	תְ	מִשְׁקָ
H3651		thus	did	he	make		H3605		board				of	the	tabernacle
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