

Exodus 36:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

Analysis

Forty sockets of silver (אֲדָנֵי־כֶסֶף, adnei-keseph, literally 'foundations of silver') under twenty boards (two per board) provided stable foundation. Silver throughout Scripture represents redemption (the half-shekel atonement money, Exodus 30:11-16, provided the silver for these sockets, 38:25-27). Every board resting on redemption-silver teaches that God's house stands entirely on atoning sacrifice—believers find sure footing not in personal merit but in purchased redemption. Christ is our foundation, and we stand only because He paid the price.

Historical Context

The silver came specifically from the atonement tax (half-shekel per person, Exodus 30:13), meaning the foundation literally represented every Israelite's ransom. This redemption-silver foundation made a powerful theological statement: God's dwelling stands on the atonement price for His people.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What is the theological significance of the tabernacle's foundation being made from atonement silver?
2. How does standing on redemption-silver illustrate believers' security in Christ's purchased salvation?

Interlinear Text

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| And forty | sockets | of silver | he made | H8478 | under the twenty | board |
| H705 | H134 | H3701 | H6213 | | H6242 | H7175 |
| וְלִשְׁתֵּי | אַדָּנִים | תַּחַת | הֶקֶל רֶשֶׁת | הָאֶחָד | וְלִשְׁתֵּי | יָדָיו: |
| and two | sockets | H8478 | board | under another | and two | tenons |
| H8147 | H134 | | H7175 | H259 | H8147 | H3027 |
| וְלִשְׁתֵּי | תַּחַת | הֶקֶל רֶשֶׁת | הָאֶחָד | וְלִשְׁתֵּי | יָדָיו: | |
| sockets | H8478 | board | under another | and two | tenons | |
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