

Exodus 36:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

Analysis

Twenty boards for the north side (אֶלְעָם הַמִּשְׁקָן הַשְׁנִית, tzela ha-mishkan ha-shenit, 'the second side of the tabernacle') mirror the south side's construction, demonstrating symmetry and balance in God's house. The identical number and arrangement teach that God's principles apply consistently regardless of direction or orientation—His standards don't shift with circumstances. Theological truth maintains integrity in all contexts, under all conditions.

Historical Context

The north side faced the Mediterranean Sea (though distant) and received less direct sun than the south. Despite environmental differences, the construction remained identical—demonstrating that God's design transcends environmental variations.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does the identical construction of north and south sides teach about the consistency of God's standards?
2. How does architectural symmetry illustrate theological stability and unchanging truth?

Interlinear Text

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| וְלֹא לֹעֲ | מִשְׁמָךְ | בְּמִשְׁמָךְ | בְּשֶׁנֶּה יְהִ | לְפִאָת | אֲפִלּוּ |
| side | of the tabernacle | And for the other | corner | which is toward the north | |
| H6763 | H4908 | H8145 | H6285 | | H6828 |
| he made | twenty | boards | | | |
| H6213 | H6242 | H7175 | | | |

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