

Exodus 36:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

Analysis

The middle bar 'in the midst of the boards' reaching 'from end to end' (בְּמִצְבֵּה בְּתוּךְ) provided central, comprehensive support spanning the entire side. This central bar pictures Christ, the unifying center of His church, who binds all believers together from one end (beginning of time) to the other (consummation). He is the 'one mediator' (1 Timothy 2:5) connecting all parts of His body across all generations.

Historical Context

The middle bar, running the full length through rings in the center of each board, provided the primary structural integrity. The other bars (two above, two below) offered additional support, but the central bar bore the main unifying function.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does the central bar running from end to end illustrate Christ's unifying work in His church across all times and places?
2. What does the middle bar's comprehensive reach teach about Christ's mediatorial role connecting all believers?

Interlinear Text

וְקִרְבֵּשׁ יִם	בַּת	וְגַ	לְבָרֶךָ	בְּתִיכְ	בְּבָרֶם	אַתָּה	יְעַשֵּׂ	וְיִעַשְׂ
And he made	H853	bar	H1280	the middle	H8484	to shoot	H1272	through
H6213								H7175
מִן		אֶל		בְּקָצָה:				
H4480	from the one end	H413		from the one end	H7097			
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