**Exodus 26:26-30**

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*Along with the boards and the sockets, the LORD commanded that bars be made. Presumably they were needed to reinforce the frame of the tabernacle walls.*

Next, the Israelites were to *make bars of acacia wood.*The *bars* mentioned here, made of *acacia wood*, were probably crossbars that supported the sides and the trellises of the tabernacle.

There were to be fifteen *bars* in all (vv. 26 – 27). Ten *bars* were to be used *for the boards*on each side, *five* on the north side and five on the south side.

Another *five* *bars* were to be used on the back (i.e. west) side of the tabernacle.

*The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end*. This might mean that the *middle bar* was longer than the rest. It apparently passed through a hole drilled in the *boards,*whereas the other bars passed through rings.

*The boards* needed to be overlaid *with gold*, plus they were to *make their rings of gold as holders for the bars*. The *bars* were to support the *boards* that made the walls of the tabernacle.

Also, they needed to overlay *the bars with gold*.

In v. 30, the LORD reminded Moses that he was to *erect the tabernacle according to its plan which* he was *shown in the mountain*. This is a restatement of [Exodus 25:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+25.40&t=NASB95), which emphasizes how important it was to build the tabernacle to these exact specifications without any modifications or additions.

**Biblical Text:**

**26“Then you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle, 27and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the rear *side* to the west. 28The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end. 29You shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold *as* holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold. 30Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.**