

Exodus 27:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

Analysis

The west end (rear) spans 50 cubits with ten pillars and ten sockets. Half as wide as the length (50 vs. 100), the courtyard forms a 2:1 rectangle. The number ten represents completeness; the west wall (behind the Most Holy Place) stands on complete foundation. This wall, most distant from the entrance, backs the holiest location—suggesting that God's deepest holiness rests on complete, perfect foundation.

Historical Context

The west end formed the courtyard's back wall, directly behind the tabernacle. Worshipers entering from the east would pass the altar, approach the laver, and see the tabernacle entrance with this wall as the entire complex's western boundary.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does the 'completeness' (ten) of the foundation behind the holiest place teach about God's character?
2. How does the courtyard's ordered design (2:1 ratio) reflect divine wisdom and beauty?

Interlinear Text

וְלִרְחֹב	הַחֲצֵר	לְפָאֵת	זֶה	יִהְיוּ	קֹלָעִים
And for the breadth	of the court	side	on the west	shall be hangings	
H7341	H2691	H6285	H3220	H7050	
חֲמִשָּׁה	אַמּוֹת	עַמֻּדֵיהֶן	עֲשָׂהָ:	וְאֲדָנֵיהֶן	עֲשָׂהָ:
of fifty	cubits	their pillars	ten	and their sockets	ten
H2572	H520	H5982	H6235	H134	H6235

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