

Exodus 27:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits.

Analysis

The east end (entrance side) also measures 50 cubits but contains the gate. The east faces the rising sun—symbolically appropriate for the entrance, as Christ is the 'Sun of righteousness' (Malachi 4:2) and 'Morning Star' (Revelation 22:16). This entrance side establishes that access comes from a specific direction, according to divine appointment. We don't approach God from any angle but through the prescribed door—Christ.

Historical Context

The east entrance meant worshipers faced west (toward the Most Holy Place) as they entered, moving from light to greater glory. This orientation also meant the rising sun's light would illuminate the tabernacle entrance each morning.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does approaching from the 'east' (sunrise) symbolize Christ as the light through which we enter?

2. What does the prescribed entrance direction teach about the exclusivity of Christ as the way to God?

Interlinear Text

וְעַמְשֵׁי	מִזְבֵּחַ	קְדֻשָּׁה	לְפָאָת	בָּחָצֶר	רַבְבָּחֶת	וְעַמְשֵׁי
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