

Exodus 38:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

Analysis

Hangings of fifteen cubits (approximately 22.5 feet) on one side of the gate, with three pillars and three sockets, begins defining the entrance parameters. The specific dimension (fifteen cubits) creates proper proportion for the gate relative to courtyard size. This careful measurement teaches that access to God, though genuinely available, follows divine design—not every point along the wall provides entrance; God designates where and how to approach. The limitation of access points prefigures Christ's declaration 'I am the door' (John 10:9)—one entrance, precisely defined.

Historical Context

The fifteen-cubit sections on either side of the gate created a defined entrance while maintaining the courtyard's enclosure. The three pillars supporting each section provided structural stability for the heavier gate curtain. This entrance design prevented casual or irreverent access while enabling legitimate worship.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does carefully defined entrance parameters teach about access to God following His design, not our preference?
2. How do limited access points prefigure Christ as the singular door to salvation?

Interlinear Text

קִלְעִים	חֲמִשָּׁה	עֶשְׂרֵה	אָמָּה	אֶל	הַכֶּתֶף
The hangings	of the gate were fifteen	cubits	of the one side		
H7050	H2568	H6240	H520	H413	H3802
עַמֻּדֵיהֶם	שְׁלֹשָׁה	וְאַדְנֵיהֶם	שְׁלֹשָׁה		
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H5982	H7969	H134	H7969		

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