

Ezekiel 40:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

Analysis

The third gate measurement—'he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures'—confirms uniformity. The phrase 'according to these measures' emphasizes standardization—no variance based on location or function. This architectural consistency reflects God's unchanging character (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8) and impartial justice (Deuteronomy 10:17, Romans 2:11). The repetitive measuring throughout Ezekiel 40 drives home the point: God's standards are exact, consistent, and universally applied. Reformed theology emphasizes God's immutability—He doesn't adapt standards to culture, context, or convenience. His Word stands forever (Isaiah 40:8, 1 Peter 1:25), and His requirements don't fluctuate.

Historical Context

The standardized measurements enabled accurate construction and prevented deviation from divine blueprint. Ancient building techniques relied on precise measurements for structural integrity. The repetition ('according to these measures') recalls Moses' tabernacle construction where everything was 'according to the pattern' (Exodus 25:9, 40; Hebrews 8:5). Deviation incurred judgment—Nadab and Abihu died for unauthorized fire (Leviticus 10:1-3), Uzzah for improper Ark handling (2 Samuel 6:6-7). The consistent measurements teach that God prescribes worship patterns precisely, not vaguely. New Testament continues: 'worship God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire' (Hebrews 12:28-29).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Do you treat Scripture's standards as exact ('according to these measures') or approximate guidelines?
2. How does God's unchanging character challenge cultural Christianity that adapts theology to trending values?
3. What areas of your life need conforming to God's consistent standards rather than situational ethics?

Interlinear Text

וַיְבִיֵא נִי	אֶל	שַׁעַר	הַצֶּפֶן	וַיִּמַּד
And he brought	H413	gate	me to the north	and measured
H935		H8179	H6828	H4058
כַּמֶּדֶד	וְכֵן	הָאֵלֶּה:		
it according to these measures		H428		
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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 47:2 (Parallel theme): Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

Ezekiel 44:4 (Parallel theme): Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

Ezekiel 40:32 (Parallel theme): And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

Ezekiel 40:27 (Parallel theme): And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

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