

Ezekiel 40:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

Analysis

The continued architectural description—"The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about"—maintains meticulous documentation. The repetition emphasizes that every component matters—no detail insignificant in God's house. The 'windows... round about' provided comprehensive light and air circulation. Spiritually, light symbolizes divine truth (Psalm 119:105, John 8:12) and transparency (Ephesians 5:13-14). Windows facing all directions allow light from every angle, suggesting comprehensive revelation. Reformed theology emphasizes Scripture's clarity (perspicuity)—God's Word illuminates sufficiently for salvation and godliness. The windows' placement 'round about' prevents dark corners where error lurks hidden.

Historical Context

Ancient architecture used windows for light, ventilation, and observation. The 'round about' placement maximized illumination throughout the structure. Solomon's temple featured windows 'broad within, and narrow without' (1 Kings 6:4), controlling light direction. The repeated architectural details recall the tabernacle's comprehensive description (Exodus 25-27), where God prescribed every element precisely. Archaeological excavations show Israelite buildings with strategically placed windows for function and aesthetics. The comprehensive documentation served preservation—future generations could reconstruct

accurately. Similarly, New Testament documents preserve apostolic teaching for subsequent church generations (2 Timothy 1:13-14, Jude 3).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Do you allow God's truth (light through windows) comprehensive access to all areas of your life?
2. What 'dark corners' in your heart need windows opened to let divine light expose and cleanse?
3. How seriously do you treat 'small' details of obedience versus focusing only on major issues?

Interlinear Text

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The little chambers

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thereof the posts

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cubits

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 40:29 (Parallel theme): And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

Ezekiel 40:21 (Parallel theme): And the little chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

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