

Ezekiel 41:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

Analysis

The spatial measurement—'between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side'—defines circulation space. Twenty cubits (approximately 35 feet) provided ample room for movement between chambers. This generous spacing prevents congestion and maintains dignity—God's house shouldn't be cramped or chaotic. The phrase 'on every side' indicates comprehensive planning—adequate space throughout, not selective provision. Reformed theology applies this to church life: proper spacing (boundaries) between offices, adequate resources for ministry, and organized systems preventing chaos. God is 'not the author of confusion, but of peace' (1 Corinthians 14:33). The spacious design honors both God and worshipers.

Historical Context

Ancient architecture required circulation space for functionality. The twenty-cubit width allowed passage of loaded animals, multiple people walking abreast, and equipment movement. Cramped conditions created bottlenecks and disorder—incompatible with temple dignity. Solomon's temple similarly had generous proportions and adequate circulation (1 Kings 6-7). The temple courts accommodated massive pilgrimage crowds during feasts without dangerous crushing. Careful planning prevented tragedies. Modern church architecture should similarly balance capacity with safety, functionality with beauty, accessibility with sanctity. The generous spacing demonstrates that God provides abundantly—not minimally or grudgingly—for legitimate needs.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Does your church provide adequate 'spacing' (organizational structure, resources) for effective ministry?
2. How do you balance stewardship (not wasting resources) with generosity (not being stingy in God's service)?
3. What does generous circulation space teach about God's abundant provision versus scarcity mindset?

Interlinear Text

וּבֵין	הַלְשֵׁכֹת	רָחֹב	עֶשְׂרִים	אַמָּה
H996	H3957	H7341	H6242	H520
And between the chambers	was the wideness	of twenty	cubits	
סְבִיב:	לְבַיִת	סְבִיב:	סְבִיב:	
H5439	H1004	H5439	H5439	
on every side	the house	on every side	on every side	

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