

Ezekiel 41:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

Analysis

The building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west—this structure faced the gizrah (גִּזְרָה, separate/restricted place), the holy precinct's western boundary. Its substantial dimensions (seventy cubits broad, ninety cubits long) with five-cubit walls demonstrate both magnitude and sacred separation.

The western orientation is significant: the Most Holy Place faced east, so this building formed a protective barrier preventing western approach (the direction of pagan nations and setting sun). It symbolizes how God's holiness requires boundaries against defilement, fulfilled in Christ who sanctifies and separates His people from the world (John 17:14-19).

Historical Context

Solomon's temple had a western boundary structure, but this vision's building is larger and more precisely defined. The 'separate place' maintained ritual purity by preventing common use of sacred space, a concept central to Levitical holiness.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What 'separate places' does God call you to maintain—boundaries protecting your devotion from worldly contamination?
2. How does Christ's work sanctify believers, setting them apart while sending them into the world?

Interlinear Text

פֶּאָתָה הַגְּזִבָּה הַבְּנִי |
Now the building at the end of the separate place that was before
H1146 H6285 H1508 H6440 H413 H834

פֶּאָתָה הַגְּזִבָּה הַבְּנִי |
Now the building and the wall was seventy cubits toward the west
H1146 H7023 H520 H7657 H3220 H1870

תְּשִׁבְעַת יָמִים וְאֶלְף וְאֶתֶּן אֶתֶּן
thereof ninety and the length round about was five cubits
H8673 H753 H5439 H7341 H520 H2568

אֶתֶּן
cubits
H520

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 42:1 (Parallel theme): Then he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

Ezekiel 42:10 (Parallel theme): The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

Ezekiel 42:13 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

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