

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

הַבִּנְיָן	אֲשֶׁר	אֶל	פְּנֵי י	הַגִּזְזָה	פְּאַתַּת	
Now the building	H834	H413	that was before	the separate place	at the end	
H1146			H6440	H1508	H6285	
דֶּרֶךְ	הַיָּם	רָחֹב	שִׁבְעֵי יָם	אַמָּה:	וְלִקְוֵי יֶרֶךְ	הַבִּנְיָן
toward	the west	broad	was seventy	cubits	and the wall	Now the building
H1870	H3220	H7341	H7657	H520	H7023	H1146
חֲמִשָּׁה	אַמָּה:	רָחֹב	סָבִיב יָם	סָבִיב יָם	וְאָרְכּוֹ	תִּשְׁעֵי יָם
was five	cubits	broad	round about	round about	and the length	thereof ninety
H2568	H520	H7341	H5439	H5439	H753	H8673
אַמָּה:						
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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