

Ezekiel 41:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

Analysis

To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure—the phrase bemiddot (בְּמִדּוֹת, by measure) appears repeatedly in Ezekiel's vision, emphasizing that every element of God's dwelling follows divine specification. Nothing is random or arbitrary; all serves God's holy purpose.

This comprehensive measurement 'within and without' demonstrates that God's standards govern both visible external appearance and hidden internal reality—a principle echoed in Jesus's condemnation of Pharisaic externalism (Matthew 23:25-28). True holiness must permeate every dimension of God's people, not merely their public presentation.

Historical Context

The meticulous measurements recall the Mosaic tabernacle's precise specifications (Exodus 25-27). Such detail reveals God's character: He is not capricious or disorganized but ordered and purposeful in all things.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does your private spiritual life measure against God's standards, not merely your public religious performance?
2. What does God's attention to comprehensive detail teach about His concern for every aspect of your life?

Interlinear Text

עַל	יַעַל ל	הַפֹּתַח	וְעַד	הַבַּיִת	בְּפָנֵימָי
H5921	H5921	H6607	H5704	H1004	H6442
		To that above the door		house	even unto the inner
וְלֹא וְ	וְאֵל	כָּל	הַקֵּץ יִר	סָבִיב	סָבִיב
H2351	H413	H3605	H7023	H5439	H5439
and without		and by all the wall		round about	round about
בְּפָנֵימָי	וּבְחֵיצָוֹן	מְדוּתָּהּ			
H6442	H2435	H4060			
even unto the inner	and without	by measure			