

Ezekiel 41:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the LORD.

Analysis

The wooden altar before the LORD was 'the table that is before the LORD.' This combines altar (sacrifice) and table (fellowship meal) imagery. It represents both atonement and communion with God—access through sacrifice, relationship through fellowship. Christ fulfills both: He is our sacrifice and our fellowship (1 Corinthians 5:7-8, Revelation 19:9).

Historical Context

The altar of incense in previous temples stood before the veil to the Most Holy Place (Exodus 30:1-10). The table of showbread represented God's provision and covenant fellowship (Exodus 25:23-30). This vision combines both concepts.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do sacrifice and fellowship relate in your relationship with God through Christ?
2. What does it mean that Christ is both your atonement and your communion with God?

Interlinear Text

שְׁתִים	וְאֶרְכָּה	אֶמְתָּה	שְׁלֹשׁ	עַז	בְּמִזְבֵּחַ
The altar	of wood	was three	cubits	high	and the length
H4196	H6086	H7969	H520	H1364	H753

אָמָּה וְתָלָה	וּמִקְצָעָתָה	וְאֶרְפָּה וְלָבָן	וְקִירָת יְהוָה	עַץ
cubits	and the corners	H0	and the length	thereof and the walls
H520	H4740		H753	H7023

לפָנִים	אֲשֶׁר	הַשְׁלָמָה	זֶה	אֵל	וְיַדְךָ	רַ
and he said	H413	H2088	unto me	This is the table	H834	that is before

יְהוָה:

the LORD

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 23:41 (Parallel theme): And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.

Ezekiel 44:16 (Parallel theme): They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

Malachi 1:12 (References Lord): But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

Malachi 1:7 (Sacrifice): Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

Revelation 8:3 (Sacrifice): And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

1 Kings 6:20 (Sacrifice): And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

Leviticus 24:6 (References Lord): And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.