

Ezekiel 41:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

Analysis

And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch—Ezekiel's temple vision (chapters 40-48) includes architectural details. חַלּוֹנִים אֲטוּמֹת (ḥallônîm 'ăṭumôt, 'closed/narrow windows') and תְּמָרִים (timôrîm, 'palm trees') decorated אֵלָם ('ēlām, 'the porch/portico').

Palm trees symbolized victory and righteousness in temple decoration (1 Kings 6:29, 32, Psalm 92:12). Narrow windows allowed light while maintaining holiness/separation. **And upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks**—צִלְעוֹת הַבַּיִת (ṣal'ôt habbayit, 'side chambers of the house') with עֲבִים ('ābîm, 'thick planks/beams'). This millennial temple vision's precision demonstrates God's attention to detail in worship spaces. Every element—windows, palm trees, chambers, planks—reflects divine design for His dwelling place.

Historical Context

Ezekiel's temple vision (573 BC, 40:1) was given to exiles whose temple lay in ruins (destroyed 586 BC). The detailed architecture—more elaborate than Solomon's temple—encouraged Israel: God would restore them with greater glory. Whether literal future temple or symbolic description of Messianic kingdom, the vision demonstrated God's presence would return to Israel.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What do architectural details in God's temple teach about His care for worship?
2. How do palm trees (victory/righteousness) in temple decoration point to Gospel themes?
3. Should Ezekiel's temple be interpreted literally (millennial temple) or symbolically (church/new creation)?

Interlinear Text

וְחַלּוֹנֵי יָם	אֲטָמ וְתַמְרִים	וְחַלּוֹנֵי יָם	וְחַלּוֹנֵי יָם	וְחַלּוֹנֵי יָם	וְחַלּוֹנֵי יָם
windows	And there were narrow	and palm trees			
H2474	H331	H8561	H6311	H6311	H413
כְּתֹף וְתַמְרִים			וְחַלּוֹנֵי יָם		
on the one side and on the other side on the sides			of the porch		
H3802			H197		
וְעַל יָם	הַבַּיִת	וְעַל יָם			
and upon the side chambers	of the house	and thick planks			
H6763	H1004	H5646			

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 41:16 (Parallel theme): The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;

Ezekiel 40:16 (Parallel theme): And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows were round about inward: and upon each post were palm trees.

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