

Ezekiel 41:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

Analysis

The side chambers—'chamber upon chamber, three, thirty in order'—stacked in three stories with thirty chambers per story (ninety total) demonstrate extensive auxiliary facilities. The Hebrew שלש (shalosh, 'three') times שלשים (sheloshim, 'thirty') provides ample storage and function space. The phrase 'entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about' explains structural integration—chambers built into wall thickness, not attached afterward. This engineering solution combined structural strength with functional space. Reformed theology sees comprehensive provision in God's house—nothing lacking for legitimate needs. The ninety chambers picture abundant resources for ministry, requiring good stewardship. God provides generously; His people must manage wisely (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

Historical Context

Solomon's temple had similar three-story side chambers with increasing width at each level (1 Kings 6:5-10). These housed temple treasures, priestly garments, tithes, offerings, and equipment (1 Chronicles 9:26-33, Nehemiah 10:37-39). The structural integration prevented weakening main walls while maximizing interior space. Ancient architecture used similar techniques—thick walls with integrated chambers. The ninety chambers (three stories times thirty per floor) provided

extensive facilities. Post-exilic temple rebuilders faced limited resources, yet Haggai encouraged them that future glory would exceed past splendor (Haggai 2:9). The chambers' abundance illustrates God's generous provision—He supplies everything needed for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How well do you steward the 'ninety chambers' (abundant resources) God provides for ministry and service?
2. What structural integration (built-in spiritual disciplines) supports your life versus hasty additions?
3. Do you trust God's generous provision or operate from scarcity mentality despite obvious abundance?

Interlinear Text

לָצֶלַע וְ	לָצֶלַע וְ	אֶל	לָצֶלַע וְ	שָׁל וְשָׁלֹשׁ יָמִים	וְשָׁלֹשׁ יָמִים	פָּעַם יָמִים
And the side	And the side	H413	And the side	were three	and thirty	in order
H6763	H6763		H6763	H7969	H7970	H6471
וּבָאוּ	בִּקְיָן יָרֵךְ	אֲשֶׁר	הַבַּיִת:	לָצֶלַע וְ	סָבִיב יָבֵי	
and they entered	in the wall	H834	of the house	And the side	round about	
H935	H7023		H1004	H6763	H5439	
סָבִיב יָבֵי	לְהִי וְ	אֲחֻזָּי יָמִים	וְלֹא	יְהִי וְ	אֲחֻזָּי יָמִים	
round about	H1961	but they had not hold	H3808	H1961	but they had not hold	
H5439		H270			H270	
בִּקְיָן יָרֵךְ	הַבַּיִת:					
in the wall	of the house					
H7023	H1004					

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 6:10 (Parallel theme): And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.