

# Ezekiel 41:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits**—the Hebrew *qir* (קֵרֶב, wall) emphasizes structural solidity and separation. The five-cubit thickness (approximately 7.5 feet) denotes substantial strength, suggesting permanence and divine protection surrounding God's dwelling place.

**That which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within**—these *tsela'ot* (תְּסֵלָות, side chambers/ribs) provided storage for temple vessels and priests' needs. The architectural precision mirrors Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:5-6) but with eschatological perfection, pointing to the church as God's carefully structured dwelling (Ephesians 2:19-22).

## Historical Context

Ezekiel prophesied this temple vision around 573 BC during Babylonian exile, fourteen years after Jerusalem's destruction. The detailed architectural specifications served to sustain exilic hope for restoration while describing a temple surpassing Solomon's in glory and permanence.

## Related Passages

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does the substantial thickness of God's temple walls reflect His commitment to protecting His dwelling place among His people?
2. What does the orderly provision of side chambers teach about God's care for the practical needs of those who serve Him?

## Interlinear Text

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The thickness	of the wall	H834	of the side chambers	H413	without	was five					
H7341	H7023		H6763	H2351	H2568						
אֲשֶׁר	רְבָבָה	מִתְחָדָה	לְבִיתָה	אֲלֹא	לְבִיתָה	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּחֵזֶק
cubits	H834	and that which was left	that were within	of the side chambers	H6763						
H520		H3240	H1004	H1004	H1004						
אֲשֶׁר	רְבָבָה	לְבִיתָה	לְבִיתָה	אֲשֶׁר	רְבָבָה						
H834	that were within	H1004		H834	H1004						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 41:11** (Parallel theme): And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.