

Ezekiel 45:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

Analysis

Land division begins with a 'holy portion' set apart for the LORD—25,000 cubits by 10,000 (approximately 8.3 x 3.3 miles). Prioritizing sacred space teaches that God's dwelling and worship come first in national life. Land allocation reveals priorities. Setting apart the best for God demonstrates that He deserves first place, not leftovers.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern temples typically owned surrounding lands for support. This vision expands that concept—substantial territory dedicated exclusively to sacred purposes, demonstrating God's central place in restored Israel.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you prioritize God in your time, resources, and life planning?
2. What does it mean to give God the 'first fruits' rather than leftovers of your life?

Interlinear Text

וּבְהִפְיֹלְכֶם ׀	אֶת	הָאֶרֶץ	בְּנִחְלָה	תְּרִימוּ
Moreover when ye shall divide	H853	by lot the land	for inheritance	ye shall offer
H5307		H776	H5159	H7311
תְּרוֹמָהּ הַ	לַיהוָה הַ	קֹדֶשׁ	מִן	הָאֶרֶץ
an oblation	unto the LORD	This shall be holy	H4480	by lot the land
H8641	H3068	H6944		H776
אֵלֶּיךָ	חֲמִשָּׁה הַ	וְעֶשְׂרִים יָם	אֵלֶּיךָ	אֵלֶּיךָ
shall be the length	of five	and twenty	thousand	shall be the length
H753	H2568	H6242	H505	H753
וְרֵבֶחַ הַ	עֶשְׂרֵה כֹּה	אֵלֶּיךָ	קֹדֶשׁ	בְּכָל הַ וְאֵלֶּיךָ
reeds and the breadth	shall be ten	thousand	This shall be holy	H1931 H3605
H7341	H6235	H505	H6944	
גְּבוּלֵהּ הַ	סָבִיב:			
in all the borders	thereof round about			
H1366	H5439			

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 48:29 (References Lord): This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

Numbers 34:13 (References Lord): And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe:

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