

# Ezekiel 45:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.

## Analysis

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Of the holy portion, 500 x 500 cubits would be for the sanctuary, with fifty cubits of open space around it. The buffer zone protected sanctuary holiness from common activities. Physical separation illustrated spiritual separation—God's holiness requires distinct space. This principle applies spiritually: maintaining clear boundaries between holy and common.

## Historical Context

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Ancient temples had sacred precincts with graduated zones of holiness—outer courts, inner courts, holy place, Most Holy Place. These physical separations taught theological truths about God's transcendent holiness.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How do you maintain 'boundaries' between holy and common in your spiritual life?
2. What does reverence for God's holiness look like in contemporary Christian experience?

## Interlinear Text

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יְהִי הַ	מִזֶּה	אֶל	הַקֹּדֶשׁ	בְּחֵמֶשׁ שׁ	מֵאֹת
H1961	H2088	H413	H6944	H2568	H3967
			Of this there shall be for the sanctuary	five	hundred
שׁ	מֵאֹת	בְּחֵמֶשׁ שׁ	מִרְבֵּעַ עֵ	סָבִיב:	וַחֲמִשָּׁן יָם
H2568	H3967	H7251	H5439	H2572	H520
			in breadth square	round about	and fifty cubits
מִגֶּךָ שׁ	לֹ	סָבִיב:			
H4054	H0	H5439			
for the suburbs		round about			