

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

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

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

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

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

מֵא	וֹת	בְּחִמֵּשׁ	שׁ	מֵא	וֹת	בְּחִמֵּשׁ	שׁ
אֶל	מִזְבֵּחַ	וְהַלְּוִיָּה	בְּקַרְבָּן	עַמְבּוֹת	וְהַמִּזְבֵּחַ	בְּקַרְבָּן	עַמְבּוֹת
H1961	H2088	H413	Of this there shall be for the sanctuary	H6944	five	H2568	hundred
אֶת	וְהַמִּזְבֵּחַ	יְמִינָה	מִרְבֵּחַ	עַמְבּוֹת	סְבִיבָה	H2572	H520
five	hundred	in breadth square	round about	and fifty	cubits		
H2568	H3967	H7251	H5439				
סְבִיבָה	לְזַהֲרֵת	מִרְבֵּחַ	שׁ				
for the suburbs	H0	round about					
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