

Ezekiel 45:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

Analysis

The measured portion (25,000 x 10,000) contained both sanctuary and priests' dwelling. Those who served God's house lived on sacred land, supported by consecrated resources. This teaches that ministry support comes from God's provision through His people's worship. Those who serve the altar share in the altar (1 Corinthians 9:13-14).

Historical Context

Levitical cities (Numbers 35) similarly provided for priests and Levites through dedicated land allocations. This vision expands the concept, ensuring adequate provision for those serving God's house.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How should the church support those called to full-time ministry?
2. What does it mean that 'the laborer deserves his wages' (Luke 10:7) in Christian service?

Interlinear Text

וּמִן H4480	הַמֶּדֶה הַ H4060	הַזֹּאת H2063	תִּמְדֶּךָ וְדָ H4058	אֶרְךָ H753	חֲמִשָּׁה H2568
And of this	measure		shalt thou measure	the length	of five
וְעֶשְׂרִים H6242	אֶלֶף יָם H505	וְרֵבֻב H7341	עֶשְׂרֵת H6235	אֶלֶף יָם H505	וְיָבֹהֶ H0
and twenty	thousand	and the breadth	of ten	thousand	
	וְהָיָה H4720	קִדְשִׁים H6944	קִדְשִׁים H6944		
	and in it shall be the sanctuary	and the most	and the most		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 48:10 (Holy): And for them, even for the priests, shall be this holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.