

# Ezekiel 45:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

## Analysis

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**The five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves**—this substantial land allocation (approximately 8.3 by 3.3 miles) for the Leviyyim (לויים, Levites), described as meshartei habayit (משרתתי הבית, ministers of the house), demonstrates God's provision for those devoted to His service.

**For a possession for twenty chambers**—the Hebrew lachuzat esrim leshachot (לאחזות עשרים לשכות, for possession of twenty chambers) indicates permanent inheritance with residential facilities. Unlike the original Levitical system where Levites had no territorial inheritance (Numbers 18:20-24), this eschatological vision provides both land and dwelling places—fulfilled spiritually as believers receive eternal inheritance through Christ (1 Peter 1:3-4).

## Historical Context

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The original Levitical allotment consisted of scattered cities among other tribes (Joshua 21), not consolidated territory. This vision's generous provision contrasts with pre-exilic neglect of Levites (Nehemiah 13:10-11), showing God's faithfulness to those who faithfully serve Him.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's generous provision for temple ministers challenge your view of supporting those in full-time ministry?
2. What does the permanent inheritance given to servants of God teach about the eternal rewards awaiting faithful believers?

## Interlinear Text

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רְחֵב אֶלְף יָמִים וְעֵשֶׂת רְתָת אֶלְף יָמִים וְחַמְשָׁה הָנָס  
And the five and twenty thousand of length and the ten thousand of breadth

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לֹא מִנְחָתָה בְּבַיִת מִשְׁרָתָה לְלִיּוֹם יְפִי הָנָס  
shall also the Levites the ministers of the house

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H1992

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לְשִׁכְתָּה אֶלְף יָמִים וְחַמְשָׁה הָנָס  
have for themselves for a possession and twenty chambers

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 48:13** (Parallel theme): And over against the border of the priests the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.