

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

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 (לְוִיִּים, Levites), described as meshartei habayit (מְשָׁרְתֵי הַבַּיִת, 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 (לְאֲחֻזַּת עֶשְׂרִים לְשָׁכָה, 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

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

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

וְחִמְשָׁה הַ	עֶשְׂרִים יָם	אַלְפֵי יָם	אֶרְךְ	וְעֶשְׂרֵת	אַלְפֵי יָם	רֹחַב
And the five	and twenty	thousand	of length	and the ten	thousand	of breadth
H2568	H6242	H505	H753	H6235	H505	H7341
יְהִי הַ	לְלֵוִיִּם	מְשָׁרְתֵי יְ	הַבַּיִת	לָהֶם		
H1961	shall also the Levites	the ministers	of the house	H1992		
	H3881	H8334	H1004			
לְאֻחָזֵי הַ	עֶשְׂרִים יָם	לְשָׁכֹת:				
have for themselves for a possession	and twenty	chambers				
H272	H6242	H3957				

Additional Cross-References

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.