

# Ezekiel 45:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

## Analysis

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**Ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long**—this urban allocation (approximately 1.7 by 8.3 miles) for the *ir* (עיר, city) parallels the priestly and Levitical portions, creating a balanced theocratic structure centered on worship and God's presence.

**Over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel**—the phrase *lenokhach terumot hakkodesh* (לְנוֹכֶחָ תְּרֻמָּת הַקָּדֵשׁ), opposite/alongside the contribution of the holy portion) indicates the city's relationship to the sacred district. Unlike priestly territory (for specific tribes), this city serves *kol beit Yisrael* (כל בית-ישראל), the whole house of Israel), demonstrating unity and equal access. In Christ, all believers—not just select tribes—have citizenship in the heavenly city and access to God (Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 12:22-24).

## Historical Context

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This vision presents an idealized land distribution correcting pre-exilic inequities where some tribes dominated while others were marginalized. The equal access for all Israel prefigures the church's unity transcending ethnic and tribal divisions (Ephesians 2:14-19).

## Related Passages

## **Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ**

## **Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth**

## Study Questions

1. How does the city 'for the whole house of Israel' challenge ethnic or denominational exclusivism in the church?
2. What does the balanced allocation of sacred space and civic space teach about integrating worship and daily life?

## Interlinear Text

רַבָּבָה	אֶלָּפֶחֶם	חֲמַשָּׁה	תְּנַנְּתָן	בָּעֵיר	וְאַחֲרֵי
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H753	H2568	H6242	H505	H5980	H8641
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