

# Ezekiel 45:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

## Analysis

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**And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion**—Ezekiel's temple vision allocates land to the prince (הַנְּשָׁסִי, hannasi), a civil ruler distinct from the priesthood. Unlike Israel's corrupt monarchy that seized property (1 Kings 21), this prince receives designated territory flanking the sacred district, preventing oppression. The Hebrew terumah (תְּרוּמָה, "oblation" or "contribution") refers to the consecrated land set apart for temple, priests, and Levites.

The detailed boundaries—**from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward**—ensure the prince's portion runs parallel to the tribal allotments, symbolizing that civil authority serves alongside, not above, sacred worship. This geographical arrangement embodies the proper relationship between governance and religion: the prince protects and provisions worship but does not control it. In Christ, this finds ultimate fulfillment—He is both our Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14), perfectly uniting civil authority and spiritual mediation.

## Historical Context

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Written during Babylonian exile (circa 573 BCE), Ezekiel's vision offered hope for restoration with reformed governance. Israel's monarchy had frequently exploited the people (1 Samuel 8:10-18), and kings like Ahab murdered to seize vineyards (1 Kings 21). By designating the prince's land, this vision prevents such abuse in the restored community.

## Related Passages

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

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does designated provision for leaders prevent corruption and abuse of power?
2. What does the prince's position—alongside the holy portion, not controlling it—teach about the relationship between civil and spiritual authority?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלֹפֶשׁ יֵא  
And a portion shall be for the prince  
H5387

וּמִזְהָה מִזְהָה ה  
H2088 H2088

תְּרוּמָת  
on the one side and on the other side of the oblation  
H8641

פֶּקְדֵּשׁ  
of the holy  
H6944

אֶחָזֶת תְּרוּמָת  
portion and of the possession of the city  
H272 H5892

פְּנֵי אֶל  
before  
H6440

תְּרוּמָת  
on the one side and on the other side of the oblation  
H8641

פְּנֵי אֶל פֶּקְדֵּשׁ  
of the holy before  
H6944 H413 H6440

אֶחָזֶת וּמִפְאָת  
portion and of the possession of the city  
H272 H5892

פְּנֵי מִזְהָה  
from the west  
H3220 H3220

וּמִפְאָת קֶדֶם  
side and from the east  
H6285 H6924

וְאֶת רֹא  
eastward  
H6921 H753

לְעִמּוֹת  
shall be over against  
H5980

אֶחָזֶת גָּבֵן  
one of the portions border  
H259 H2506 H1366

מִזְהָה אֶל  
from the west border  
H3220 H413 H1366

קֶדֶם  
eastward  
H6921

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 48:21** (Holy): And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the

portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof.

**Ezekiel 37:24** (Parallel theme): And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

**Ezekiel 34:24** (Parallel theme): And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

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