

Ezekiel 46:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

Analysis

The east gate remained shut six working days but opened on Sabbath and new moon. This regulation emphasized Sabbath sacredness and special worship times. Regular rhythm of work and worship teaches that life alternates between ordinary and sacred times. Weekly/monthly worship structures sustained spiritual life and community identity.

Historical Context

Sabbath observance was central to Jewish identity, especially after exile. New moon celebrations (monthly) added regular festival rhythm. These patterns shaped covenant community life and maintained God-consciousness.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do regular rhythms of worship (weekly, seasonal) shape your spiritual life?
2. What role does Sabbath rest and worship play in your relationship with God?

Interlinear Text

כִּי אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים שַׁעַר הַבְּנִימִית
H3541 Thus saith the Lord GOD The gate of the inner
H559 H136 H3069 H8179 H2691 H6442

וְבַיּוֹם שְׁשַׁת הַפָּנִים קָדֵם יְהִי הַשְׁגָּר
that looketh toward the east H1961 shall be shut the six and in the day
H6437 H6921 H5462 H8337 H3117

וְבַיּוֹם יְמִינָה כְּמַעַשׂ הַמְּלָאָכִים
working and in the day but on the sabbath it shall be opened and in the day
H4639 H3117 H7676 H6605 H3117

וְבַיּוֹם שְׁמִינִי יְמִינָה
of the new moon it shall be opened
H2320 H6605

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 66:23 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Exodus 20:9 (Parallel theme): Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: