

Ezekiel 46:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

Analysis

After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward—Ezekiel is shown לשְׁכָנָת הַקֹּדֶשׁ (lishkôt haqqôdesh, 'the holy chambers') for כְּהָנִים (kôhänîm, 'priests'), located בְּאַתְּ-מִזְבֵּחַ (p 'at-y m, 'the west side').

These chambers served functional purposes in temple service—storage, preparation, priestly meals. The detailed architecture demonstrates that worship requires proper facilities. Form follows function; sacred space designed for sacred purposes. New Testament parallel: church buildings aren't inherently holy, but gathering spaces facilitate corporate worship. What makes space sacred is God's presence and people's devotion, not architecture—though thoughtful design honors God.

Historical Context

Solomon's temple included chambers (1 Kings 6:5-6), as did the second temple (Nehemiah 10:37-39, 13:4-9). These rooms stored tithes, offerings, priestly garments, and vessels. Ezekiel's vision includes extensive chambers (42:1-14), showing that millennial worship infrastructure exceeds previous temples. Proper

worship requires practical provisions—a principle seen in tabernacle construction (Exodus 25-31, 35-40) where God prescribed every detail.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does detailed temple architecture teach about God's care for worship logistics?
2. How do practical provisions (chambers, storage) facilitate sacred worship?
3. What is the relationship between sacred space and God's presence?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּבְיאֵנִי	בְּמִבּוֹא	עַל	אֶשֶׁר	כַּתְּפָךְ
After he brought	me through the entry	H834	H5921	which was at the side
H935	H3996			H3802
הַפִּנְסָךְ וְתַחַת	פֶּלֶשׁ כְּדַשְׁ	אֶל	פֶּקֶד	הַפִּנְסָךְ וְתַחַת
of the gate	chambers	H413	H3957	of the priests which looked
H8179			H6944	H3548 H6437
אֶפְרַת וְנָהָר	וְשָׁמֶן וְהַנֶּהָרָה	מִקְדָּשׁ וּמִזְבֵּחַ	בְּרִכְתָּם	
toward the north	H2009	H8033	and behold there was a place	on the two sides
H6828			H4725	H3411
וַיַּמְתַּהֵּה:				
westward				

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 42:9 (Parallel theme): And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the utter court.

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