

Ezekiel 46:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

Analysis

Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court—The outer court (הַחִיצֹּה הַחֲמִצָּה, hehāshēr hahîshônâh) has מִקְצָעִים (miqsôa', 'corner') courts in all four (arba'at, 'four') corners—פֶּצַח בַּמִּקְצָעִים פֶּצַח (hâshēr bêmiqsôa' hâshêr, 'a court in the corner of the court').

These subsidiary courts served specific functions (v. 23-24—boiling sacrifices for the people). Architectural symmetry (four corners, each with court) demonstrates order and planning. God's character—orderly, not chaotic (1 Corinthians 14:33)—reflects in worship space design. Symmetrical architecture facilitates efficient service. Practical worship requires thoughtful logistics, a principle seen in tabernacle design (Exodus 25-31) and Jesus' organization of feeding 5,000 (Mark 6:39-40—groups of 50/100).

Historical Context

Temple courtyards facilitated different worship activities: sacrifice, prayer, teaching. The four corner courts in Ezekiel's vision exceed previous temple designs, showing millennial temple's expanded capacity. Archaeological excavations of ancient temples show multiple courtyards for various functions. Worship infrastructure enables proper service—a principle continuing in church buildings designed for specific ministries.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does architectural symmetry in temple design teach about God's character?
2. How do practical logistics facilitate worship?
3. What is the relationship between sacred space design and ministry effectiveness?

Interlinear Text

בְּחַדְיוֹנִים וְיַצְאָה בְּיַצְרָרָה אֶל

Then he brought me forth H413 **there was a court** H2691 **into the utter** H2435

וְיַעֲבֵר בְּמִקְנָז עַת אֶל אֶרְכָּב עַת בְּמִקְנָז עַת

and caused me to pass by H413 **the four** H702 **and behold in every** H4740 **there was a court** H2691

וְיַהְיֵה בְּמִקְנָז עַת בְּמִקְנָז עַת בְּמִקְנָז עַת בְּמִקְנָז עַת

there was a court H2691 **and behold in every** H4740 **there was a court** H2691 **there was a court** H2691

בְּמִקְנָז עַת בְּמִקְנָז עַת

and behold in every H4740 **there was a court** H2691

