

# Ezekiel 46:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

## Analysis

**When the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.** The nasi (נֶשֶׁת, 'prince')—whether Davidic heir or Christ himself in millennial reign—must use the eastern gate's porch (ulam, עַלְם). The deliberate path demonstrates that even exalted leaders approach God through prescribed means, not presumption. Entering and exiting **by the way thereof** emphasizes orderly, reverent worship.

This contrasts with verse 9's instruction that common worshipers exit through opposite gates, preventing congestion and maintaining flow. The prince's distinct entrance privileges come with corresponding responsibilities for exemplary worship. As Psalm 24:7-10 proclaims, even the King of Glory enters through gates—Christ's humility and submission to the Father's will models true princely worship.

## Historical Context

The eastern gate held special significance—God's glory departed eastward (Ezekiel 10:19) and would return from the east (43:1-5). In Ezekiel's vision, this gate remains shut except for the prince (44:1-3), creating an exclusive yet ordered approach to divine presence.

## Related Passages

## **Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds**

## **Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment**

# Study Questions

1. How does the prince's prescribed path demonstrate that spiritual authority increases rather than exempts accountability to God's standards?
2. What does orderly worship with designated entrances and exits teach about corporate reverence versus individualistic casualness?

## Interlinear Text

יב וְ	בֵּשׁ עַר	אֹלֶם	וּבְדָרֶךְ וְ	בְּנֵשׁ יְאָה	וְבְּדָרֶךְ וְ	יְבָרֶךְ וְ
<b>he shall go</b>	<b>And when the prince</b>		<b>by the way</b>	<b>of the porch</b>	<b>of that gate</b>	<b>he shall go</b>
H935	H5387		H1870	H197	H8179	H935

## Additional Cross-References

**Ezekiel 46:2** (Parallel theme): And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.