

# Ezekiel 47:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side**—Western boundary: פָּאַתְּ יָם (pě'at-té yām, 'the west side') הַגָּדָּל (hayyām haggādōl, 'the great sea')—Mediterranean) from מִגְבָּאֵל (miggēbāl, 'from the border') עַד־נֹכֶחָ לְבָאָה (‘ad-nōkah lēbō’ Hāmāt, 'until opposite the entrance of Hamath'). זֶה אֵת פָּאַת יָם (zō’t pě’at yām, 'this is the west side').

The Mediterranean provides natural western boundary—sea as border offers defense and defines limits. 'Opposite Hamath' (northern marker) to southern limit creates western coastal extent. This completes the four-sided boundary description: north (v. 15-17), east (v. 18), south (v. 19), west (v. 20). The complete perimeter demonstrates God's comprehensive sovereignty: every direction secured, every border defined. Israel's inheritance is surrounded by divine protection and promise.

## Historical Context

Mediterranean coast was Israel's traditional western boundary, though Philistines often controlled coastal plains. Full coastal control came only briefly under David/Solomon (2 Samuel 8, 1 Kings 4:21). Ezekiel's vision promises complete coastal possession—no Philistine harassment. Millennial kingdom gives Israel secure, complete boundaries in all directions, fulfilling promises only partially realized historically.

## Related Passages

## **Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory**

## **Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ**

## Study Questions

1. What does completing all four boundaries (north, east, south, west) symbolize?
2. How does sea as western border demonstrate God's use of creation for protection?
3. Why were some boundaries (like coast) contested historically but secure in Ezekiel's vision?

## Interlinear Text

עד	מגב ול	הגד ול	ימ:	ימ:	פאת
<b>side</b>	<b>The west</b>	<b>The west</b>	<b>also shall be the great</b>	<b>from the border</b>	H5704
H6285	H3220	H3220	H1419	H1366	

נִכְחָה	לְבָ וְאַתְּ	חֶמֶת	זֶה אַתָּה	פָּאַת	בְּמִזְרָחָה
over against	till a man come	Hamath	H2063	side	The west

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