

Ezekiel 48:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

Analysis

All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand—the complete sacred district forms a perfect square (25,000x25,000 cubits), encompassing priestly portion, Levitical portion, and city property. The term **oblation** (תְּרוּמָה, terumah) means "contribution" or "heave offering," indicating the entire land is lifted up/set apart for God.

Ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare—the command shifts from third-person description to direct address, making this a prescriptive mandate for restoration, not mere visionary speculation. The foursquare geometry echoes the high priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:16), the altar of incense (Exodus 30:2), and ultimately the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:16)—all expressing divine perfection through sacred geometry.

Historical Context

The Hebrew terumah originally designated portions given to priests from sacrifices and tithes (Numbers 18:8-19). Here it expands to territorial dedication—the entire sacred district is an offering to God. This transforms land from mere property into worship, addressing the pre-exilic failure to recognize that all land belongs to Yahweh (Leviticus 25:23).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does treating an entire geographical region as an "offering" challenge modern notions of property ownership versus stewardship?
2. What does the repeated foursquare pattern from tabernacle to temple to eternal city teach about God's unchanging standards of holiness?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	תְּרֻומָּת	בְּחִמְשָׁה	וְעַשֶּׂר יָמִים	אֶלָּא	בְּחִמְשָׁה	בְּחִמְשָׁה
H3605	All the oblation	by five	and twenty	thousand	by five	and twenty
	H8641	H2568	H6242	H505	H2568	H6242
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H505	H7243	H7311		H8641	H6944	
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with the possession	of the city					
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