

# Ezekiel 42 - Chambers of the Outer Court; Outer Wall

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- (vii) Inner court chambers (42:1-14)
  - (a) Description (42:1-12)

1 Then he brought me out into the outer courtyard, the way toward the north; and he brought me to the chamber which was opposite the separate area and opposite the building toward the north.

1 Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me to the chamber which was opposite the separate area and opposite the building toward the north.

1 Then he brought me to the outer, north-facing courtyard into the chamber that stood opposite the structure that was facing north.

1 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

2 Along the length, *which was* a hundred cubits, *was* the north door; the width *was* fifty cubits.

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2 It stood 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide, with a door in the middle.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the twenty *cubits* which *belonged* to the inner courtyard, and opposite the stone pavement which *belonged* to the outer courtyard, *was* gallery corresponding to gallery in three *stories*.

3 Opposite the twenty *cubits* which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, *was* gallery corresponding to gallery in three stories.

3 Opposite the 20 cubits wide inner court, and opposite the paved area that comprised the outer court, there were three stories of galleries that faced each other.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the outer court, *was* gallery against gallery in three stories.

4 In front of the chambers *was* an inner passage ten cubits wide, a way of one *hundred* cubits; and their openings *were* on the north.

4 Before the chambers *was* an inner walk ten cubits wide, a way of one *hundred* cubits; and their openings *were* on the north.

4 In front of the chambers *there was* an inner walkway ten cubits wide and 100 cubits wide, the openings to which *were* on the north.

4 And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

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5 The upper chambers *were* narrower, since the galleries required more space than did the lower and middle portions of the building.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries *were* higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they *were* in three *stories* and had no pillars like the pillars of the courtyards; for that reason the upper chambers *were* set back from the ground *upward*, more than the lower and middle ones.

6 For they *were* in three stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore the upper chambers *were* set back from the ground upward, more than the lower and middle ones.

6 The three part structure had no columns, unlike the courts, which is why the upper chambers *were* offset from the ground upward, more so than the lower and middle chambers.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 As for the outer wall by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court yard facing the chambers, its length was fifty cubits.

7 As for the outer wall by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court facing the chambers, its length was fifty cubits.

7 The outer wall by the side of the chambers toward the outer court and facing the chambers was 50 cubits long.

7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers which were in the outer court yard was fifty cubits; and behold, *the length of those* facing the main room was a hundred cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers which were in the outer court was fifty cubits; and behold, *the length of those* facing the temple was a hundred cubits.

8 While the chambers in the outer court were 50 cubits in length, the chambers facing the Temple were 100 cubits long.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the utter court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were an hundred cubits.

9 And below these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court yard.

9 Below these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court.

9 Below these chambers, as one might enter from the outer court, was the east side entrance.

9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the utter court.

**10** In the thickness of the wall of the court yard toward the east, facing the separate area and facing the building, *there were* chambers.

**10** In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, facing the separate area and facing the building, *there were* chambers.

**10** There were chambers built into the thick part of the wall of the court facing the east; that is, facing the separate area toward the front of the building,

**10** The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way in front of them was like the appearance of the chambers which were on the north; according to their length, so was their width, and all their exits were according to their building plans and openings.

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11 with a passageway in front of them, similar in appearance to the chambers that were on the north, proportional to their length and width, with all of their exits according to their arrangements and doorways.

11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 Corresponding to the openings of the chambers which were toward the south was an opening at the head of the way, the way in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters them.

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12 Corresponding to the chamber doorways facing the south was an opening at the beginning of the passage; that is, the passage in front of the corresponding part of the wall facing east as one might enter.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

(b) Their use by the priests (42:13-14)

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which are opposite the separate area, they are the holy chambers where the priests who are near to the LORD shall eat the most holy things. There they shall set the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which are opposite the separate area, they are the holy chambers where the priests who are near to the LORD shall eat the most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

13 Then he told me, "The north and south chamber, which are opposite the courtyard, are consecrated areas where the priests who approach the LORD will eat consecrated

offerings and lay the consecrated grain offerings, sin offerings, and guilt offerings, because the area is holy.

**13** Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

**14** When the priests enter, they shall not go out into the outer court from the sanctuary without laying their garments there in which they minister, for they are holy. They shall put on other garments; then they shall approach that which is for the people."

**14** When the priests enter, then they shall not go out into the outer court from the sanctuary without laying there their garments in which they minister, for they are holy. They shall put on other garments; then they shall approach that which is for the people."

**14** When the priest enters, they will not enter the outer court from the sanctuary without having removed their garments worn during their time of ministry, because they are holy. They will put on different clothes, and then they will approach the area reserved for the people."

**14** When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

#### (viii) Outer walls of the Temple (42:15-20)

**15** Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by way of the gate which faced east, and measured it all around.

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**15** After he had finished measuring the inner temple, he brought me out through the east-facing gate and measured it all around.

**15** Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

**16** He measured on the east side with the measuring rod: five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

**16** He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds by the measuring reed.

**16** He measured the east side at 500 reeds, according to the length of the measuring stick,

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured on the north side: five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

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17 the north side at 500 reeds, according to the length of the measuring stick,

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 On the south side he measured five hundred rods with the measuring rod.

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18 the south side at 500 reeds, according to the length of the measuring stick,

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 He turned to the west side *and* measured five hundred rods with the measuring rod.

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19 and the west side at 500 reeds, according to the length of the measuring stick.

19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, the length five hundred *rods* and the width five hundred, to divide between the holy and the common.

20 He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, the length five hundred and the width five hundred, to divide between the holy and the profane.

20 He measured a wall that encompassed all four sides, 500 hundred long and 500 wide, dividing between the sacred and common areas.

20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.