

Exegetical Notes, Exodus 27:9-19
“Reminders of His Presence: The Courtyard”

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Verse 9-11

Make a courtyard for the tabernacle. The south side shall be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains of finely twisted linen, with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts. The north side shall also be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains, with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

- The tabernacle tent was to be surrounded by a large courtyard. The courtyard was to be about 180 feet long. It was to be marked off from the rest of the camp by a series of curtains that were made from pure white linen.

Verse 12

The west end of the courtyard shall be fifty cubits wide and have curtains, with ten posts and ten bases..

- The western end of the courtyard was to about 90 feet long. It was also to be distinguished from the camp by a line of fine linen curtains.

Verse 13-15

On the east end, toward the sunrise, the courtyard shall also be fifty cubits wide. Curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases, and curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on the other side, with three posts and three bases..

- The entrance to the courtyard was to be on the eastern side. This side was also to be fifty cubits long. However, it was to be divided into three parts. On each side there was to be a section 15 cubits long marked off like the rest of the courtyard with a line of white fine linen curtains. In the center of the eastern wall was to be an opening, a gate. It was to be twenty cubits wide.

Verse 16

For the entrance to the courtyard, provide a curtain twenty cubits long, of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen -- the work of an embroiderer -- with four posts and four bases..

- The entrance to the courtyard was to be twenty cubits wide and fitted out with a curtain of equal size that resembled the curtain at the door of the tent, itself.

Verse 17-19

All the posts around the courtyard are to have silver bands and hooks, and bronze bases. The courtyard shall be a hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide, with curtains of finely twisted linen five cubits high, and with bronze bases, All the other articles used in the service of the tabernacle, whatever their function, including all the tent pegs for it and those for the courtyard, are to be made of bronze.

- The curtains that surrounded the courtyard and marked it off from the camp were to be five cubits high. Five cubits equals about nine feet.

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