

## **RIGHTEOUS STANDARDS, JUDGEMENTS & FAIR DEALINGS**

Ezekiel 45 outlines a divine plan for the equitable division of the Holy Land, setting aside a sacred portion for the temple, priests, and Levites. The chapter establishes just and righteous standards for the prince, detailing his land allotment and responsibilities in leading the people in worship. It meticulously defines honest weights and measures to ensure fairness in all economic dealings and prevent oppression. Finally, the text specifies the various offerings and sacrifices the prince is to provide on behalf of the people during the appointed feasts.

### **Timeline of Events:**

- The Holy District and the Prince's Portion (Ezekiel 45:1-8)
- Ordinances for Just Rule and Commerce (Ezekiel 45:9-12)
- Offerings and Sacred Festivals (Ezekiel 45:13-25)

### **Practical Applications:**

- Righteous Judgement and Fair Dealings:

Ezekiel 45 strongly emphasizes the need for fairness and integrity, particularly from those in leadership. For us, this translates into a call for personal and professional integrity. In our work, business dealings, and even everyday interactions, we should strive for honesty and equity. This principle encourages us to consider the impact of our economic choices and to advocate for systems that prevent the exploitation of the vulnerable. It challenges us to be people of our word and to ensure that our dealings with others are transparent and fair.

- Practical Application Exercise:

Let's say you leave the grocery store with burgers, buns, veggies, a cake and 3 cases of soda and as you are loading your car, you realize the cashier didn't charge you for the 3 cases of soda because they were on the bottom rack of your shopping cart. Do you drive off and say the cases of soda were a blessing from GOD....or do you go back into the store, notify a cashier that you weren't charged for the sodas and pay for them?