

Exodus 16:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

Analysis

And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man—The double portion (לֶחֶם מִשְׁנֶה, lechem mishneh) miraculously appears on the sixth day without command to gather more—God provides the doubled amount. This introduces Sabbath rest before the formal giving of the law at Sinai. The 'rulers of the congregation' reporting to Moses shows emerging leadership structure. The twice-as-much provision tests whether Israel trusts God's arithmetic: that His provision for one day suffices for two. This prefigures Christ's finished work—believers rest on the seventh day because redemption is complete, secured by Christ's sixth-day cross accomplishment.

Historical Context

This marks the first appearance of Sabbath observance in narrative, predating the formal commandment at Sinai. The double portion established weekly rhythm of work and rest.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the sixth-day double portion picture trusting Christ's finished work for your eternal rest?
2. What does receiving rather than striving for the double portion teach about Sabbath's nature?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי יוֹם	בֵּי יוֹם	הַשֵּׁשִׁי	וְלָקְטוּ	לָהֶם		
H1961	day	And it came to pass that on the sixth	they gathered	as much bread		
	H3117	H8345	H3950	H3899		
הַ	שְׁנֵי	הָעֹמֶר	לְאֶחָד	וַיָּבֹאוּ	כָּל	נְשִׂיאֵי
twice	two	omers	for one	came	H3605	man and all the rulers
H4932	H8147	H6016	H259	H935		H5387
הָעֵדָה	וַיֹּאמֶר	לְמֹשֶׁה:				
of the congregation	and told	Moses				
H5712	H5046	H4872				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:5 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.