

Exodus 16:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

Analysis

This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations—God commands preservation of manna as memorial (זִכָּרוֹן, zikaron) for future generations. The 'omer' (עֹמֶר, approximately 2 quarts) represents one person's daily portion—the amount God deems sufficient. This preserved manna will be placed in the Ark of the Covenant (Heb 9:4), making daily bread an object of holiest worship. The command 'to be kept for your generations' ensures Israel never forgets wilderness dependence. This memorial manna, unlike daily manna, doesn't rot—God preserves what He commands. Christ's body, broken and preserved in Eucharistic memorial, fulfills this typology: believers remember the Bread from heaven until He comes.

Historical Context

This preserved omer of manna would be placed in the Tabernacle's Holy of Holies alongside Aaron's rod and the law tablets, making common bread sacred memorial.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Why does God command memorializing daily bread as one of the three holiest objects?
2. How does the Lord's Supper ('do this in remembrance of me') parallel the preserved omer of manna?

Interlinear Text

אָפּ אַמַר	מֹשֶׁה	זֶה	הַדָּבָר	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּה
said	And Moses		This is the thing		commandeth
H559	H4872	H2088	H1697	H834	H6680
לְדֹרֹתֶיךָ	לְמִשְׁמַחְתָּ	מִמֶּנּוּ	הַקֹּמֶר	מִלֵּא	יְהוָה
for your generations	of it to be kept		an omer	Fill	which the LORD
H1755	H4931	H4480	H6016	H4393	H3068
הָאֶכָּ לְתִי	אֲשֶׁר	הֵלֵךְ	אֶת	יִרְאוּ	לִמַּעֲוֹן
wherewith I have fed		the bread		that they may see	
H398	H834	H3899	H853	H7200	H4616
מִן הָאֶרֶץ	אֶתְּךָ	בְּהוֹצִיאָ י	בַּמִּדְבָּר	אֶתְּכֶם	
from the land		when I brought you forth	you in the wilderness		
H776	H853	H3318	H4057	H853	
מִצֵּרְיָם:					
					of Egypt
					H4714

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:5 (Parallel theme): Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

Luke 22:19 (Parallel theme): And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

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