

Exodus 16:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Moses instructs Aaron to place manna 'before the LORD' (לִפְנֵי יְהוָה, lifnei YHWH), indicating sacred storage in the Holy of Holies. The 'pot' (צִנְזֶנֶת, tzintzenet) becomes holy vessel, preserving common bread as perpetual testimony. This manna 'before the LORD' teaches that God's provision deserves permanent memorial—Israel must never forget how God fed them in the wilderness. Aaron's priestly role in preserving the manna prefigures Christ's heavenly priesthood, where He eternally represents the bread His body became. The preserved manna's non-corruption foreshadows Christ's resurrection body that saw no decay.

Historical Context

This command would be fulfilled after the Tabernacle's construction. The golden pot with manna was placed in the Ark (Heb 9:4), though later accounts suggest only the tablets remained (1 Kings 8:9).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does placing daily bread 'before the LORD' in the holiest place teach about God's valuing of physical provision?
2. How does manna's preserved form versus its daily form picture Christ's resurrection body versus His earthly ministry?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	מֹשֶׁה	אֶל	אַהֲרֹן	קַח	צִנּוֹץ נֹת	אֶחָד	וְנָתַן
said	And Moses	H413	unto Aaron	Take	pot	a	and put
H559	H4872		H175	H3947	H6803	H259	H5414
שֶׁמֶה	מָלֵא	מֶרְקֶה	מִן	וְהָנִיחַ	אֹתוֹ	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה
H8033	full	an omer	of manna	therein and lay it up	H853	before	
	H4393	H6016	H4478	H3240		H6440	
יְהוָה	לְמַשְׁמָרְתָּ	לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם:					
the LORD	to be kept	for your generations					
H3068	H4931	H1755					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 9:4 (Parallel theme): Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;