

Exodus 16:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

Analysis

Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah—This editorial note defines the omer (עֹמֶר) measurement for later generations unfamiliar with the term. An ephah (אֵפָה, about 22 liters) was standard grain measure; one-tenth ephah equals approximately 2 quarts—roughly a day's bread for one person. This precision shows God's provision is neither scarcity nor excess but sufficiency. The measurement's permanent record ensures future Israel understands exactly how much God provided daily. This 'daily bread' portion prefigures the Lord's Prayer request: 'Give us this day our daily bread' (Matt 6:11). God measures provision according to need, teaching contentment with divine sufficiency rather than craving abundance.

Historical Context

This note was likely added by later editor (Moses or subsequent scribe) to preserve measurement knowledge for generations who wouldn't know the omer/ephah system after settling in Canaan.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does God measuring daily provision teach about the sufficiency of His grace?
2. How does 'one day's portion' combat both anxiety about scarcity and lust for excess?

Interlinear Text

וְהָעֹמֶר	עֶשְׂרֵית	הָאֵיפָה	הוא:
Now an omer	is the tenth	part of an ephah	H1931
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:16 (Parallel theme): This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.