

Ezekiel 43:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

Analysis

And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them—The offerings are brought *לפנֵי יהָה* (liphnê YHWH, 'before the LORD'), and *כהנים* (kōhānîm, 'priests') *השְׁלִיכו עַלֵּם מֶלֶח* (hishlîkhû 'älêhem melah, 'shall throw upon them salt').

Salt symbolized covenant permanence (Leviticus 2:13, Numbers 18:19—'covenant of salt'). All offerings required salt, signifying the perpetual covenant between God and His people. **And they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD**—*עַלְה לְיהָה* ('ôlâh lYHWH, 'burnt offering to the LORD'), completely consumed on the altar, symbolizing total dedication. These temple rituals in Ezekiel's vision demonstrate covenant faithfulness remains central to God's relationship with Israel, whether literal millennial worship or symbolic representation of perfect devotion in Messiah's kingdom.

Historical Context

Salt in offerings (Leviticus 2:13) was mandatory, symbolizing preservation and covenant permanence. Ancient Near Eastern covenant meals included salt—shared salt signified binding agreement. God's 'covenant of salt' (Numbers 18:19) promised perpetual priesthood. Ezekiel's vision includes this detail, emphasizing that covenant relationship, not mere ritual, matters. Christ's 'new covenant in my blood' (Luke 22:20) fulfills and perfects all Old Testament covenant symbolism.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does salt on offerings teach about covenant permanence?
2. How does the burnt offering (total consumption) picture complete devotion?
3. How are Old Covenant salt/sacrifice fulfilled in New Covenant communion/Eucharist?

Interlinear Text

בְּפָנָן יְמִינָה וְהַקְרְבָּתָה מִלְפָנֵן יְהוָה יְהוָה יְמִינָה
And thou shalt offer them before the LORD shall cast and the priests
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אֶת לְחֵם עַלְיָם וּמְעַל וְאֶת אֶת
H5921 salt upon them and they shall offer them up H853
H4417 H5927

עַל הַלְּהִתְהִרּוּ לְהִתְהִרּוּ
for a burnt offering the LORD
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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 2:13 (Sacrifice): And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

Colossians 4:6 (Parallel theme): Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Numbers 18:19 (Sacrifice): All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

Matthew 5:13 (Parallel theme): Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

2 Chronicles 13:5 (References Lord): Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?