

Ezekiel 43:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

Analysis

Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering—The seven-day consecration period: שְׁבֻעָת יְמִים (shiv'at yāmîm, 'seven days'), each requiring שָׂעִיר (sé'îr, 'a goat') for חַטָּאת (haṭṭā't, 'sin offering').

Seven (שבע, sheva') symbolizes completion/perfection in Scripture. Seven-day altar consecration indicates thorough, complete purification. **They shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish**—Daily offerings of פָּר (par, 'bull') and אַיִל ('ayil, 'ram'), both תְּמִימִים (tēmîmîm, 'perfect/unblemished'). This extensive consecration—seven days, multiple animals daily—demonstrates that approaching Holy God requires comprehensive atonement. Christ's single sacrifice accomplished what these repeated offerings symbolized: perfect, permanent purification (Hebrews 9:12, 10:14).

Historical Context

Seven-day consecrations appear throughout Scripture: creation (Genesis 1), Passover/Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12:15), Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:34), priestly ordination (Leviticus 8:33), altar dedication (Exodus 29:37). The pattern demonstrates completeness. Ezekiel's vision (573 BC) maintains this sacred numerology, showing continuity between Mosaic and millennial worship, all pointing to Christ's perfect work.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does the seven-day pattern throughout Scripture teach about God's perfection?
2. How do repeated daily offerings contrast with Christ's once-for-all sacrifice?
3. Why does even millennial (perfect kingdom) worship require sin offerings?

Interlinear Text

וְיִשְׁעָר	לַיְלָה	וְיִשְׁעָר	שְׁבֻעָת	לַיְלָה	וְיִשְׁעָר	שְׁבֻעָת
Seven	days	shalt thou prepare	a goat	for a sin offering	days	bullock
H7651	H3117	H6213	H8163	H2403	H3117	H6499
בָּקָר	בָּקָר	בָּקָר	בָּקָר	בָּקָר	בָּקָר	בָּקָר
a young	and a ram	out of the flock	without blemish			
H1121	H1241	H352	H4480	H6629	H8549	
וְיִשְׁעָר						
shalt thou prepare						

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 8:33 (Parallel theme): And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.

