

# Ezekiel 43:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering**—The seven-day consecration period: שִׁבְעַת יָמִים (shiv'at yāmîm, 'seven days'), each requiring שְׂעִיר (sé'îr, 'a goat') for חַטָּאת (ḥaṭṭā't, 'sin offering').

Seven (שֶׁבַע, 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 אֵיל (ʾayil, '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.



