

Ezekiel 43:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

Analysis

And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward—After seven-day consecration, וְהַיָּה בַּיּוֹם הַשְׁמִינִי (wěhāyāh bayyōm hashshēmînî, 'and it shall be on the eighth day') וְהַלְאָה (wāhālē'āh, 'and onward')—regular worship begins.

The priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings—וְלֹא תִּתְקַרְבְּנִי ('olōtēkhem, 'your burnt offerings') and שְׁלָמִיכֶם (shalmēkhem, 'your peace offerings'). Burnt offerings (total dedication) and peace offerings (fellowship with God) resume. **And I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD**—וְכִי-תִּתְקַרְבֶּנָי (wērāshítî 'etkhem, 'and I will accept you'). The goal of consecration: divine acceptance. God's pleasure in worship, made possible by atonement, is worship's ultimate purpose. Christ's sacrifice secured permanent acceptance (Ephesians 1:6); believers offer spiritual sacrifices (praise, good works) that please God (Hebrews 13:15-16).

Historical Context

The eighth day (after seven-day consecration) signified new beginning—seen in circumcision (Genesis 17:12), priestly ordination (Leviticus 9:1), and cleansing rituals (Leviticus 14:10). Ezekiel's vision continues this pattern. Theologically,

eight represents resurrection (Jesus rose on first day of new week, day eight of Passion week), new creation, and eternal life. Regular worship beginning on day eight points to eternal worship in new creation.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does the 'eighth day' symbolize in Scripture (new beginning, resurrection)?
2. How does God's acceptance (v. 27) relate to justification by faith?
3. What 'spiritual sacrifices' do New Testament believers offer (Hebrews 13:15-16, Romans 12:1)?

Interlinear Text

בַּיּוֹם יְכָלֶל אֲתָה בַּיּוֹם יְכָלֶל
are expired H853 And when these days H1961 And when these days H3117

עַל הַכְּבָד יְמִינְךָ וְשָׁמְמִינְךָ וְלֹא
it shall be that upon the eighth and so forward shall make the priests H5921

עַל תְּמִימִיךְ מִזְבֵּחַ אֲתָה עוֹלָתֵיכֶם אֲתָה
upon the altar H853 your burnt offerings H853 and your peace offerings H8002

יְהֹוָה אָדָן יְהֹוָה אָתָּךְ מִנְאָמָר אָתָּךְ אֶתְכָּא
and I will accept H7521 you saith H853 the Lord H5002 GOD H3069

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 9:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

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