

# Ezekiel 45:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.

## Analysis

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**And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel**—The livestock contribution rate is 0.5% (1 sheep per 200), the lightest tax yet. The Hebrew tso'n (צָאן, "flock") and mimishqeh (מִמִשְׁקֵה, "fat pastures," literally "place of watering") emphasize God's blessing—abundant flocks in well-watered land. This lamb serves three purposes: **for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation** (lechaper, לְכַפֵּר, "to atone/cover").

The triple function (grain offering/minchah, burnt offering/olah, peace offering/shelamim) covers gratitude, dedication, and fellowship. The phrase "to make reconciliation" uses the same root as Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), pointing to the sacrificial system's purpose: restoring relationship between holy God and sinful people. Christ fulfills all three offerings—His life (grain/minchah) perfectly devoted (burnt/olah) establishes peace (peace/shelamim) through His blood (Colossians 1:20). The emphasis on offerings from Israel's abundance ("fat pastures") reminds us that worship flows from gratitude for blessing, not mere duty.

## Historical Context

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In the Mosaic system, individuals brought personal sacrifices. Ezekiel's vision introduces communal provision where the people collectively supply the prince's offerings on their behalf. This shifts responsibility from individual to corporate, creating shared investment in national worship and reducing the burden on any single family while maintaining regular temple service.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How do the three types of offerings (meal, burnt, peace) together paint a complete picture of Christ's work?
2. What does it mean that reconciliation offerings come 'out of the fat pastures'—from our abundance rather than poverty?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׂה מִן אֶת־תְּבִיבָה מִן הַצָּבָא מִן הַמִּלְאָכָת יְמִינָה  
lamb And one H4480 out of the flock H6629 out of two hundred H3967  
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וְלֹעֲזָל הַלְמִנְצָה יְשָׁרָא לְמִמְשָׁק הַלְמִנְצָה הַלְמִנְצָה  
out of the fat pastures of Israel for a meat offering and for a burnt offering  
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אָדָן יְמִינָה מִלְשָׁלָמִים לְכַפֵּר נְאָמָר גָּלִילָה מִלְשָׁלָמִים  
and for peace offerings to make reconciliation for them saith the Lord  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 1:4** (Sacrifice): And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

**Leviticus 6:30** (Sacrifice): And no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

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