

Ezekiel 45:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah—Grain and oil accompany animal sacrifices: אֵפָה ('êphāh, 'ephah'—about 22 liters) of flour per bull/ram, הֵין (hîn shemen, 'hin of oil'—about 3.8 liters) per ephah flour.

These measurements ensure proper proportions—worship done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40). Grain offerings (מִנְחָה, minhāh) represented human labor; oil represented the Spirit. Together with animal sacrifice (blood atonement), they picture complete consecration: atonement (blood), service (grain), and Spirit (oil). New Testament believers offer lives (Romans 12:1), works (Hebrews 13:16), and Spirit-empowered service (Romans 15:16)—complete spiritual sacrifices.

Historical Context

Grain offerings (Leviticus 2, Numbers 15:1-16) always accompanied burnt offerings, with specified proportions. Oil mixed with flour represented richness and quality. Ezekiel's measurements match Mosaic prescriptions, showing continuity. The combination—blood, grain, oil—creates multisensory worship: sight, smell, taste. Ancient worship engaged whole persons, prefiguring New Testament worship 'in spirit and truth' (John 4:24) that engages entire being.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What do grain offerings (human labor) symbolize when combined with blood sacrifices?
2. How does oil in offerings point to the Holy Spirit's role in worship?
3. What are New Testament equivalents of blood, grain, and oil offerings?

Interlinear Text

וּמִנְחָה	לְאִיפָה:	לֶפָר	לְאִיפָה:	לֶאֱיִל
a meat offering	and an ephah	for a bullock	and an ephah	for a ram
H4503	H374	H6499	H374	H352
וַיַּעַשׂ ה	שֶׁן	הִין	לְאִיפָה:	
And he shall prepare	of oil	and an hin	and an ephah	
H6213	H8081	H1969	H374	

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