

Ezekiel 46:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

Analysis

In the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram. The Hebrew chaggim u'mo'adim (חַגִּים וּמּוֹעֲדִים) 'festivals and appointed times') encompasses annual feasts like Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. The standardized ephah per large animal during these celebrations ensures abundant provision, while **to the lambs as he is able to give** maintains proportional flexibility. The hin of oil per ephah enriches the offering.

These festivals commemorated God's redemptive acts—Exodus deliverance, Torah giving, wilderness provision. Ezekiel's temple worship retains memorial character while pointing forward to eschatological fulfillment. Colossians 2:16-17 identifies such observances as 'shadows' of Christ, the substance. The feasts' permanence in Ezekiel's vision suggests earthly worship will continue reflecting heavenly realities even in the millennial age.

Historical Context

Israel's festival calendar (Leviticus 23) structured their worship year around agricultural seasons and redemptive history. After exile, feast observance faced challenges (Nehemiah 8), but Ezekiel's vision promises restored celebratory worship. The prophetic perfect tense suggests certainty of fulfillment.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do the appointed feasts' combination of fixed requirements and flexible elements balance divine prescription with human response?
2. In what ways should Christians today maintain the memorial and celebratory aspects of worship that festivals embodied?

Interlinear Text

וְבָרְכָה יְמִינְךָ	וְבָמֹעֵד יְמִינְךָ	תְּהִלָּה הַ	פָּמָנָה	לְאִיפָּה:
And in the feasts	and in the solemnities	H1961	the meat offering	and an ephah
H2282	H4150		H4503	H374
לְפָר	לְאִיפָּה:	לֹא יְל	מִתְתָּא	יְד וְ
to a bullock	and an ephah	to a ram	and to the lambs	to give as he is able
H6499	H374	H352	H3532	H4991 H3027
לְאִיפָּה:	הַיִן וְאֶשְׁתָּמָן			
of oil	and an hin	and an ephah		
H8081	H1969	H374		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 46:5 (Sacrifice): And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

Ezekiel 46:7 (Sacrifice): And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

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