

Ezekiel 46:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.

Analysis

Thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour.

The daily minchah (מִנְחָה, grain offering) accompanies the morning lamb—approximately 3.7 liters of solet (סֶלֶת, fine flour) mixed with 1.2 liters of shemen (שֶׁמֶן, oil). The verb **to temper** (ratsats, רָצַץ, literally 'to moisten/soften') describes oil saturating flour, creating a unified offering.

A meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD uses chuqqat olam (חֻקֹּת עוֹלָם, 'statute forever'), emphasizing permanence. The grain offering represents consecrated human labor, while oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit's enabling. Together they picture Spirit-empowered works offered through Christ—Romans 12:1's 'living sacrifice' combining our bodies (grain) with divine enablement (oil).

Historical Context

Grain offerings (Leviticus 2, 6:14-23) differed from bloody sacrifices but were equally mandatory. The specific measurements show precision in worship—not casual approximation but careful obedience. Ezekiel's proportions modify Mosaic law, suggesting covenant renewal rather than mere repetition.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does the daily grain offering teach about consecrating ordinary work and provision to God's service?
2. How does oil saturating flour illustrate the Holy Spirit's necessary work in making our service acceptable to God?

Interlinear Text

מִנְחָה	תַּעֲשֶׂה ה	עַל יו	בִּבְּ קָר		
a meat offering	And thou shalt prepare	H5921	for it every morning		
H4503	H6213		H1242		
בִּבְּ קָר	שֵׁשֶׁת ית	הָאֵיפָה ה	וְשֶׁן מִן	שְׁלִישִׁית ית	
for it every morning	the sixth part	of an ephah	of oil	and the third part	
H1242	H8345	H374	H8081	H7992	
הֵן יו	לָרֶס	אֶת	הַסֵּלֶת	מִנְחָה	לִיהוָה ה
of an hin	to temper with	H853	the fine flour	a meat offering	unto the LORD
H1969	H7450		H5560	H4503	H3068
חֻק וְ	עוֹלָם	תָּמִיד:			
ordinance	by a perpetual	continually			
H2708	H5769	H8548			

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 28:5 (Sacrifice): And a tenth part of an ephah of flour for a meat offering, mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil.

