

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 (סְלֵת, fine flour) mixed with 1.2 liters of shemen (שֵׁמֶן, oil). The verb **to temper** (ratsats, צַצֵּת, 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 (חֻקָּת 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

מְנֻחָה	תָּמִשׁ	ה	עַל	י	בְּ	קָרְבָּן	בְּ	קָרְבָּן
a meat offering	And thou shalt prepare		H5921		for it every morning			
H4503	H6213				H1242			
שְׁשָׁה	יְת	בְּ	קָרְבָּן	בְּ	קָרְבָּן	שְׁלִישִׁית	וְ	מִן
for it every morning	the sixth part	of an ephah	of oil	and the third part				
H1242	H8345	H374	H8081	H7992				
לְרָס	אֶת	פֶּסֶל	לְתָת	מְנֻחָה	לִיהְיוֹן	ה	מְנֻחָה	לְרָס
of an hin	to temper with	H853	the fine flour	a meat offering	unto the LORD			
H1969	H7450		H5560	H4503	H3068			
וְ	תְּמִימִדָּה	עַזְלֵךְ	וְ	מְנֻחָה	לְרָס	אֶת	פֶּסֶל	לְתָת
ordinance	by a perpetual		H8548					
H2708	H5769							

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.

