

# Ezra 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

## Analysis

Darius's provision command is comprehensive: 'that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil.' This supplies all necessities for sacrificial system as prescribed in Torah. The purpose clause 'that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven' shows Darius understood worship requirements. Whether from genuine piety or political prudence, his support enabled comprehensive covenant worship.

## Historical Context

The listed items correspond to Mosaic sacrificial requirements: animals for various offerings (Leviticus 1-7), wheat for grain offerings (Leviticus 2), salt for all offerings (Leviticus 2:13), wine for drink offerings (Numbers 15:5-10), and oil for anointing and lamps (Exodus 27:20). Darius's knowledge of these specifics suggests Jewish advisors informed his decree. Persian funding of religious institutions throughout the empire was standard policy promoting stability.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does provision of worship materials demonstrate that God supplies what He commands, removing excuses for disobedience?
2. What does a pagan king's funding of Jewish worship teach about God's ability to turn hearts and open treasures for His purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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וְמִתְהַלֵּךְ	שְׁאַלְפָתִים	בְּנֵי	תְּזַבְּחַת	יְמִינָה	אַמְמָקָה
And that which	they have need of	both young	bullocks	and rams	and lambs
H4101	H2818	H1123	H8450	H1798	H563
לְעַלְלֵת	שְׂמִינִי	תְּזַבְּחַת	חַנְצָת	מַלְחָמָה	סְמִינָה
for the burnt offerings	of the God	of heaven	wheat	salt	wine
H5928	H426	H8065	H2591	H4416	H2562
בְּיַרְשָׁלָם	בְּמִזְבֵּחַ	אֲמָמָת	דֵּין	אַמְמָקָה	וְמִשְׁמָר
and oil	according to the appointment	of the priests	H1768	which are at Jerusalem	
H4887	H3983	H3549		H3390	
לֹא	דֵּין	בְּיַמִּינָה	לֹא	שְׁלָמָה	לֹא
let it be	given	by day	by day	without	fail
H1934	H3052	H0	H3118	H3809	H7960

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 1:10** (Sacrifice): And if his offering be of the flocks, namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

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