

Ezra 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

Analysis

The limits set—'Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much'—provide substantial but bounded resources. One talent equals approximately 75 pounds; 100 talents of silver represents enormous wealth. The phrase 'salt without prescribing how much' allows unlimited provision of this sacrificial essential (Leviticus 2:13). Generous limits demonstrate both imperial wealth and commitment to proper worship.

Historical Context

One hundred talents of silver (approximately 7,500 pounds or 3.4 metric tons) represents enormous wealth—multiple years' revenue for a province. The specified amounts (wheat, wine, oil) were essential for grain and drink offerings. Salt's unlimited provision recognizes its necessity for all sacrifices per Leviticus 2:13 ('the salt of the covenant of thy God'). The generosity demonstrates Persian wealth and policy of securing divine favor through proper worship support.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's provision through pagan treasures demonstrate that He controls resources globally for His purposes?
2. What does unlimited salt provision teach about God ensuring essentials for commanded worship without restriction?

Interlinear Text

וְעַד	כֶּסֶף	כֶּכֶר יֵן	מֵאָה	וְעַד	חֲנֻטִּין	כָּר יֵן	מֵאָה
Unto	of silver	talents	an hundred	Unto	of wheat	measures	an hundred
H5705	H3702	H3604	H3969	H5705	H2591	H3734	H3969

וְעַד	חֵמֶר	בֵּית יֵן	מֵאָה	וְעַד	בֵּית יֵן	מִשֶּׁח	מֵאָה
Unto	of wine	baths	an hundred	Unto	baths	of oil	an hundred
H5705	H2562	H1325	H3969	H5705	H1325	H4887	H3969

וּמֶלַח	דִּי	לֹא	כִּתְּב:
and salt	H1768	without	prescribing
H4416		H3809	H3792