

Jeremiah 33:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

Analysis

Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man—Parallel to v. 17, this guarantees perpetual Levitical priesthood. The dual promise (Davidic king + Levitical priest) anticipates Christ who is both prophet, priest, and king.

To offer burnt offerings (עֹלָה, olah—that which ascends) and **meat offerings** (מִנְחָה, minchah—grain offering) point to Christ's singular sacrifice. Hebrews 7:10 explains the paradox: the Old Covenant priesthood has ended, yet Christ as our eternal High Priest after the order of Melchizedek fulfills this promise forever. Believers are now a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) offering spiritual sacrifices (Romans 12:1). The **continually** (תָּמִיד, tamid) of Levitical worship finds fulfillment in Christ's once-for-all yet eternally efficacious sacrifice.

Historical Context

The Levitical priesthood traced to Aaron (Exodus 28-29) and confirmed in Numbers 25:10-13 (Phinehas covenant). By Jeremiah's time, the priesthood was corrupt (Jeremiah 23:11), yet God promises its perpetuity—fulfilled not in the physical line but in Christ's superior priesthood.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Christ fulfill both the kingly (v. 17) and priestly (v. 18) promises simultaneously?
2. What 'sacrifices' should believers as a royal priesthood offer continually in the New Covenant age?
3. How does the eternal efficacy of Christ's sacrifice give assurance superior to the daily Levitical offerings?

Interlinear Text

מעל ה מלפנֵי א יש יכֵר ת לא בָּלָיִם ולפְנִים
Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer
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כל ז בְּחֵדָע וְשָׁה מְנֻעַת הַמְּקֻטָּה וּמְקֻטָּת יְרֵא עֹלֵל ה
burnt offerings and to kindle meat offerings and to do sacrifice H3605
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 56:7 (Sacrifice): Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

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