

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

וְלִכְהֹנִים	הַלְוִיִּם	לֹא	יִכָּרֶת	אִישׁ	מִלִּפְנֵי	מִעַלְה
Neither shall the priests	the Levites	H3808	want	a man	before	me to offer
H3548	H3881		H3772	H376	H6440	H5927

עֹלֹת	וּמִקְטָבִיר	מִנְחָה	וְעֹשֶׂה	זֶבַח	כָּל
burnt offerings	and to kindle	meat offerings	and to do	sacrifice	H3605
H5930	H6999	H4503	H6213	H2077	

הַמִּים:

continually

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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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