

Numbers 15:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meat offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third part of an hin of oil.

Analysis

For a ram thou shalt prepare for a meat offering (מִנְחָה minchah)—The grain offering accompanying the ram required two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a third of a hin of oil. This minchah was not 'meat' in modern English but a tribute-offering of grain, acknowledging God's provision of daily bread.

The graduated scale (lamb = 1/10 ephah; ram = 2/10 ephah; bullock = 3/10 ephah) reflects the worshiper's means while maintaining the principle that no one approaches God empty-handed. The mixture of flour and oil symbolized the union of human labor (grinding grain) with divine blessing (oil representing the Spirit).

Historical Context

Written during Israel's wilderness wanderings (c. 1440s BC), these regulations standardized offerings for all Israel. The precise measurements ensured equity—rich and poor alike brought offerings proportionate to the sacrifice's size, not their personal wealth.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the graduated offering scale reflect God's concern for both justice (standardization) and mercy (proportionality)?
2. What does the requirement of a grain offering with every animal sacrifice teach about integrating worship into daily provision?
3. In what ways does the oil-and-flour mixture foreshadow the Spirit's role in making our worship acceptable to God?

Interlinear Text

שְׁנַיִם ס. לְתַת מִנְחַת הַמְּתַעַשׂ הַלְאֵלָא

H176 Or for a ram H352 thou shalt prepare H6213 for a meat offering H4503 of flour H5560 two H8147

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