

Numbers 18:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest.

Analysis

Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel—The emphatic **thus ye also** (כֵּן... גַּם-אַתֶּם ken... gam-atem) stresses that Levites participated in the same stewardship obligations as all Israel—receiving tithes didn't exempt them from giving. The phrase **of all your tithes** (מִכֹּל מַעֲשֵׂרְתֵיכֶם mikol ma'asroteikhem) established comprehensive giving, not selective contributions based on personal preference.

And ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the priest—Directing the tithe-of-tithe specifically to Aaron's line maintained priesthood's distinct role and adequate support. This multi-tier system (people → Levites → priests) prevented both poverty and privilege, ensuring balanced provision across all ministry levels while maintaining clear functional distinctions.

Historical Context

The Levitical tithe-to-priests created a three-tier economic flow:

1. Israelites gave 10% to Levites
2. Levites gave 10% of that (1% of Israel's production) to priests
3. Priests served at the altar with no other income.

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Additional Cross-References

Genesis 14:18 (Parallel theme): And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

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