

Numbers 28:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink offering.

Analysis

The drink offering of a fourth of a hin of strong wine poured out in the holy place represents joy and celebration offered to God. Wine symbolizes gladness throughout Scripture. Pouring it out as an offering teaches that our joy should be given to God, not merely consumed for personal pleasure. The specification of 'strong wine' indicates quality—not diluted or inferior but the best. The holy place location emphasizes that this offering occurs in God's presence. Our celebrations should be coram Deo (before the face of God), not merely secular parties.

Historical Context

Drink offerings were poured out at the altar's base, creating a fragrant offering. Wine was precious in ancient Israel, representing prosperity and blessing. Offering it to God acknowledged that all joy and prosperity come from Him. The practice of pouring out wine taught that we hold our blessings with open hands, willing to return them to God in worship.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How should offering our joy to God transform our celebrations and festivities?
2. What does pouring out strong wine teach about giving God our best, not our leftovers?
3. In what ways can Christian celebrations maintain festivity while remaining coram Deo?

Interlinear Text

וְסֵךְ	רְבִיעֵת	הֵהָיָה	לְךָ בֶּשֶׂת
And the drink offering	thereof shall be the fourth	part of an hin	lamb
H5262	H7243	H1969	H3532
דָּהָא	בִּקְדֹשׁ	הִסָּךְ	וְסֵךְ
for the one	in the holy	to be poured	And the drink offering
H259	H6944	H5258	H5262
שָׁכַר	לַיהוָה:		
place shalt thou cause the strong wine	unto the LORD		
H7941	H3068		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:42 (Sacrifice): This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.