

Numbers 29:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

Analysis

One kid of the goats for a sin offering—The single chatat daily throughout Sukkot acknowledged that even joyful harvest celebration occurred among sinners needing atonement. No festival exempted Israel from confronting sin. The juxtaposition of abundant burnt offerings (expressing worship) with the sin offering (confessing guilt) balanced joy with sobriety.

Beside the continual burnt offering (olat ha-tamid)—The twice-daily lamb (morning and evening) never ceased, even during festivals. This perpetual sacrifice symbolized uninterrupted communion with God, later fulfilled in Christ's eternal priesthood (Hebrews 7:25) and believers' unceasing access to the throne (Hebrews 4:16).

Historical Context

The tamid lamb, first prescribed in Exodus 29:38-42, was Israel's most fundamental offering, maintaining covenant relationship. Even during Sukkot's extravagance, it continued unchanged. After the temple's 70 AD destruction, its cessation devastated Jewish worship, for Daniel had prophesied Messiah would 'cause the sacrifice to cease' (Daniel 9:27).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the daily sin offering during a joyful feast challenge 'prosperity gospel' theology that downplays ongoing repentance?
2. What does the continual burnt offering's perpetuity teach about the need for constant worship, not merely seasonal enthusiasm?

Interlinear Text

וְשִׁעִיר	עֶזְיִם	אֶחָד	חֵטְאֵת	מִלְבָּד	עֲלֵת
kid	of the goats	And one	for a sin offering	H905	burnt offering
H8163	H5795	H259	H2403		H5930
בְּיָד	מִנְחָתָהּ	וּנְסֻכָּהּ:			
beside the continual	his meat offering	and his drink offering			
H8548	H4503	H5262			