

Numbers 29:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

Analysis

Their meat offering and their drink offerings... according to their number, after the manner—Day four's refrain emphasizes the grain (minchah) and wine (nesek) offerings' unchanging proportions. The repetition across seven days (verses 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 37) creates liturgical cadence like Psalms' refrains.

This verbal repetition aided memorization in oral culture while underscoring theological truth: worship standards don't shift with circumstances. Whether day one's enthusiasm or day four's midpoint, God's 'manner' remained fixed. New covenant believers likewise worship 'in spirit and truth' (John 4:24) consistently.

Historical Context

Priestly education heavily emphasized rote learning. Young Levites memorized Torah portions, sacrificial procedures, and festival calendars before age thirteen (modern bar mitzvah's origin). The repetitive phrasing in Numbers 28-29 facilitated this pedagogical method.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the unchanging 'manner' of offerings challenge contemporary worship's emphasis on novelty and innovation?
2. What does grain-and-wine's pairing in offerings teach about Christ's body and blood as sustenance for believers (John 6:53-56)?

Interlinear Text

מִנְחָתָם	וְנִסְכֵּיהֶם	לִפְרִים	לְאֵילִם
Their meat offering	and their drink offerings	for the bullocks	for the rams
H4503	H5262	H6499	H352
וְלִכְבָּשִׁים	בְּמִסְפָּרָם	כַּמִּשְׁפָּט:	
and for the lambs	shall be according to their number	after the manner	
H3532	H4557	H4941	

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