

Numbers 29:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

One goat for a sin offering—The daily chatat (תִּשְׁאֵר, sin offering) throughout the festival, **beside the continual burnt offering** (olat ha-tamid, עֹלַת הַתָּמִיד), ensured ongoing atonement even during joyful celebration. This reflects the sobering reality that human sinfulness persists even in worship contexts.

The tamid (perpetual offering) of morning and evening lambs (Numbers 28:3-8) never ceased, forming the foundation upon which festival sacrifices were added. No matter the occasion, daily atonement remained essential—pointing to Christ's once-for-all sacrifice that fulfills what the perpetual system foreshadowed (Hebrews 10:11-14).

Historical Context

The continual burnt offering, established in Exodus 29:38-42, was the backbone of Israel's sacrificial system, offered twice daily every day of the year. The additional festival sacrifices were layered on top of this perpetual worship, demonstrating that special occasions intensified rather than replaced regular devotion.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the pairing of joyful festival worship with sin offerings guard against presumption in your spiritual life?
2. What "continual" practices form the foundation of your walk with God that special occasions build upon?
3. How does the perpetual nature of the tamid offering deepen your understanding of Christ's eternal intercession (Hebrews 7:25)?

Interlinear Text

וּשְׁעִיִּר	חֹטֵאת	אֶחָד	מִלְבֵּד	עֲלֵי	הַתָּמִיד
goat	for a sin offering	And one	H905	burnt offering	beside the continual
H8163	H2403	H259		H5930	H8548
וּמִנְחָתוֹ	וּנְסֻכָּהוּ:				
and his meat offering	and his drink offering				
H4503	H5262				

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