

Numbers 29:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil,
three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram,

Analysis

And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil—this verse continues instructions for the Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) begun in verse 1. The identical formula from Numbers 28:20 appears here: **three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram**. The repetition across multiple festivals (Passover, Trumpets, Tabernacles) establishes consistency in worship proportions, teaching that while occasions differ, the principle of generous, proportional offering remains constant.

Numbers 29 outlines the seventh month's (Tishri) sacred calendar: Trumpets (day 1), Day of Atonement (day 10), and Tabernacles (days 15-22)—the most concentrated period of worship in Israel's year. The grain offerings mingled with oil symbolized God's blessing on harvest and the Spirit's enablement for worship. Joel 2:28-29's promise of Spirit-outpouring was fulfilled at Pentecost, but the oil-mingled offerings anticipated this reality.

Historical Context

The Feast of Trumpets marked the civil new year (religious new year began with Passover in Nisan). The ram's horn (שופר, shofar) blast summoned Israel to prepare for Yom Kippur, ten days later. In later Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah became a day of judgment, when God reviews each life. This autumn festival period finds NT echo in Christ's return with the trump of God (1 Thessalonians 4:16) and final judgment.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the repetition of identical grain offering proportions across different festivals reveal God's consistency?
2. What spiritual preparation might the ten days between Trumpets (warning) and Atonement (judgment) symbolize?
3. How do these trumpet blasts prefigure the last trumpet of 1 Corinthians 15:52 and Christ's return?

Interlinear Text

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| וּמִנְחָתָם | סֵלֶת | בְּלוֹלָהּ | בֶּשֶׁן מֵן | שְׁלֹשׁ הֵ |
| And their meat offering | shall be of flour | mingled | with oil | three |
| H4503 | H5560 | H1101 | H8081 | H7969 |
| עֶשְׂרֹנֵי יָם | לֶפָר | שְׁנֵי י | עֶשְׂרֹנֵי יָם | לְאַלִּיל: |
| tenth deals | for a bullock | and two | tenth deals | for a ram |
| H6241 | H6499 | H8147 | H6241 | H352 |

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