

Numbers 29:38

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 eighth and final chatat of the festival sequence. Even this climactic day beyond the seven-day completeness requires atonement **beside the continual burnt offering**. The eschatological symbolism of the eighth day does not negate present sinfulness—a crucial corrective to over-realized eschatology.

The eighth-day sin offering points to the permanence of Christ's atonement in the new creation. While the old covenant required repeated offerings, even on the "eternal eighth day," Christ's single sacrifice secures eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12). The pattern is fulfilled and transcended: we need no more goats, for we have the Lamb.

Historical Context

This concluding sin offering of the most joyful festival in Israel's calendar reinforced that covenant relationship rested on blood atonement, not human merit. The entire eight-day sequence taught that God's blessings flow through substitutionary sacrifice, a pattern pointing to Calvary.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the eighth-day sin offering, even in its eschatological symbolism, guard against presumption about your spiritual state?
2. What does the contrast between eight days of goat offerings and Christ's one eternal offering reveal about the superiority of the New Covenant?
3. How does the "beside the continual burnt offering" refrain shape your understanding of layering special devotion on foundational daily obedience?

Interlinear Text

וְשֶׁעַ יֵרֶ	חֹטֵאת	אֶחָד	מִלֵּבֶד	עַל־ת	הַתָּמִיד
goat	for a sin offering	And one	H905	burnt offering	beside the continual
H8163	H2403	H259		H5930	H8548
וּמִנְחָתוֹ הִ	וּנְסֻכָּהּ:				
and his meat offering	and his drink offering				
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