

Numbers 29:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish:

Analysis

A burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour (עֹלָה לַיהוָה נִיחֹחַ)—The olah completely consumed on the altar signified total dedication to God. Reach nichoach (sweet savour) depicts God's pleasure in willing sacrifice, language used of Noah's altar (Genesis 8:21) and foreshadowing Christ's self-offering (Ephesians 5:2).

Without blemish (תְּמִימִם, temimim) demanded perfect animals, pointing to Christ the spotless Lamb. This Day of Atonement offering combined with those of Leviticus 16, layering priestly intercession with covenant worship before Sukkot began.

Historical Context

Numbers 29:8-11 prescribes additional offerings for Yom Kippur (10th day, 7th month) beyond Leviticus 16's ritual. Written during Israel's wilderness period (1445-1405 BC), these regulations prepared the nation for temple worship in Canaan. The sacrifices preceded the joyous Feast of Tabernacles by five days.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the 'sweet savour' language challenge modern worship that prioritizes personal satisfaction over God's pleasure?
2. What does the demand for unblemished animals teach about God's holiness and the necessity of Christ's perfection?

Interlinear Text

וְהִקְרַבְתָּ מִ	עַל הַ	לַיהוָה	רֵיחַ יִסְ	נִיחֹ מִ	פֶּרֶ		
But ye shall offer	a burnt offering	unto the LORD	savour	for a sweet	bullock		
H7126	H5930	H3068	H7381	H5207	H6499		
בְּנֵי	בָקָר	אֶחָד	אֶחָד	כֶּבֶשׂ יִם	בְּנֵי	שָׁנָה	
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H1121	H1241	H259	H352	H259	H3532	H1121	H8141
שִׁבְעָה	תְּמִימִם	לָכֶם: יְהִי וְ					
and seven	they shall be unto you without blemish			H1961	H0		
H7651	H8549						

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 29:13 (Sacrifice): And ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:

Numbers 28:19 (Sacrifice): But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish:

