

Ezekiel 46 - Sabbath & New Moon Offerings; Conduct & Offerings of People in the Temple

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(d) Sabbaths, new moons (46:1-12)

1 'This is what the Lord GOD says: "The gate of the inner courtyard facing east shall be shut for the six working days; but it shall be opened **on the Sabbath** day and opened on the day of the new moon.

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1 "This is what the Lord GOD says: 'The inner, east-facing courtyard is to remain shut during the six working days of the week, but on the Sabbath day it is to be opened, as well as on the day of the New Moon.

1 Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

- "...on the Sabbath" - this was the inner court, to be opened only on Sabbath and New Moon

2 The prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the post of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings,

and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and *then* go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

2 The prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the post of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

2 The Regent Prince is to enter through the portico of the gate from outside and is to stand at the doorframe of the gate where the priests are to present the Regent Prince's burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then the Regent Prince is to worship at the threshold of the gate and go out. The gate is not to be closed until evening.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

- No entrance to the temple on the west, and the east gate will be permanently shut (Ezek 44:1-2)

3 The people of the land shall also worship at the doorway of that gate before the LORD on the Sabbaths and on the new moons.

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3 The people who live in the land are to worship at the doorway of the gate on the Sabbaths and New Moons in the LORD's presence."

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

Sabbath Offerings by the Regent Prince

4 The burnt offering which the prince shall offer to the LORD on the Sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish;

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- Offerings enlarged (Num 28:9)

5 and the grain offering shall be an ephah with the ram, and the grain offering with the lambs as much as he is able to give, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

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5 a grain offering with the ram consisting of an ephah, a grain offering with the lambs consisting of whatever amount he brings with him, and a hin of oil with each ephah of grain.

5 And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

New Moon Offerings

6 On the day of the new moon *he shall offer* a bull without blemish, and six lambs and a ram, *which* shall be without blemish.

6 On the day of the new moon *he shall offer* a young bull without blemish, also six lambs and a ram, *which* shall be without blemish.

6 Furthermore, each New Moon there is to be a young bull presented without defect, six male lambs, and a ram without defect.

6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

- Offering reduced for New Moon

7 And he shall provide a grain offering, an ephah with the bull and an ephah with the ram, and with the lambs as much as he is able, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

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7 The Regent Prince is to present an ephah of grain along with the bull, an ephah of grain along with the ram, a grain offering—consisting of as much as he is able to give—and a hin of olive oil with each ephah of grain.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

8 When the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the porch of the gate, and go out by the same way.

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8 “The Regent Prince is to enter through the portico of the gate and is to leave the same way he came in.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

Special Festival Offerings

9 But when the people of the land come before the LORD at the appointed feasts, one who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And one who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered, but shall go straight out.

9 But when the people of the land come before the LORD at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out.

9 When the people who live in the land come into the LORD's presence during the festivals, whoever enters through the northern gate is to leave through the southern gate, and whoever enters through the southern gate is to leave through the northern gate. No one is to leave by the same route that he enters, but instead is to go straight out.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

- Predesignated routes for worshippers

10 And when they go in, the prince shall go in among them; and when they go out, he shall go out.

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10 The Regent Prince is to enter when they are coming in, and he is to leave when they go out."

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 "At the festivals and the appointed feasts, the grain offering shall be an ephah with a bull and an ephah with a ram, and with the lambs as much as one is able to give, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

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11 "The grain offering for the festivals and appointed festivals is to include an ephah with a bull, an ephah with a ram, and as much grain with the lambs as the Regent Prince brings with him, along with a hin of oil with each ephah.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

12 And when the prince provides a voluntary offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a voluntary offering to the LORD, the gate facing east shall be opened for him. And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the Sabbath day.

Then he shall go out, and the gate shall be shut after he goes out.

12 When the prince provides a freewill offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, the gate facing east shall be opened for him. And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and the gate shall be shut after he goes out.

12 Whenever the Regent Prince presents a voluntary offering, burnt offering, or peace offering, he is to present it voluntarily to the LORD, and the east-facing gate is to be opened for him. He is to provide his burnt offering and peace offering as he does on the Sabbath. When he leaves, the gate is to be shut behind him.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

(e) Daily sacrifices (46:13-15)

13 "And you shall provide a lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD daily; morning by morning you shall provide it.

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13 He is to present a one year old lamb without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD in the morning every day.

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning.

14 You shall also provide a grain offering with it morning by morning, a sixth of an ephah and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour, a grain offering to the LORD continually by a permanent ordinance.

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by a perpetual ordinance.

14 In addition, he is to present a grain offering with it every morning, consisting of a sixth of an ephah mixed with one third of a hin of oil. This grain offering is to be offered to the LORD as a permanent ordinance.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD

15 So they shall provide the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, morning by morning, as a continual burnt offering."

15 Thus they shall provide the lamb, the grain offering and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering."

15 They are to present the lamb offering, the grain offering, and the oil every morning as an ongoing burnt offering."

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

- What is conspicuous by its omission are the evening sacrifices

— Does that mean anything? Or are they implied? Cf. Num 28:3-4

— We do know that these daily Burnt Offerings imply public worship

— We saw that in Daniel 8:11-13; 11:31; 12:11

— Evening and morning oblations were symptomatic of allowing public worship. That is part of what we see here.

(iv) Rules for the Prince (46:16-18)

16 'This is what the Lord GOD says: "If the prince gives a gift *from* his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

16 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "If the prince gives a gift *out of* his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

16 "This is what the Lord GOD says: 'If the Regent Prince gives a gift to someone, it is to remain with the man's descendants as their own inheritance.

16 Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

- The prince has sons that can inherit. The Year of Jubilee will be in force.

- If the prince will give part of his estate to one of his sons, it will also belong to his descendants

- Property given to a family member will not be returned in the Year of Jubilee

17 But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until **the year of release**; then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance *shall be* only his sons'; it shall belong to them.

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17 But if he gives a gift to any of his servants, it is to belong to the servant until the Year of Release, at which time it is to be returned to the Regent Prince. His inheritance is to belong only to his sons.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

- "...the year of release" - the year of Jubilee

— A gift made to a servant will not be permanent; the servant may keep it until the year of Jubilee; then it will revert to the prince

18 And the prince shall not take from the people's inheritance, depriving them of their property; he shall give his sons inheritance from his own property, so that My people will not be scattered, anyone from his property."'"

18 The prince shall not take from the people's inheritance, thrusting them out of their possession; he shall give his sons inheritance from his own possession so that My people will not be scattered, anyone from his possession."'"

18 The Regent Prince is not to appropriate the nation's inheritance nor take advantage of them by taking their property from them. Instead, he is to provide an inheritance for his sons from his own possessions so that my people will not be separated from their possessions."'"

18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

- This regulation assures that no one individual will gain permanent control of the land.

— In contrast with evil princes in Ezekiel's day (Ezek 45:8-9), the prince during the Millennium will not oppress the people or take their property.

(v) Places for preparing the offerings (46:19-24)

19 Then he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced north; and behold, a place was there at the extreme rear toward the west.

19 Then he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced north; and behold, there was a place at the extreme rear toward the west.

19 Then the angel brought me in through an entrance beside the gate into the north-facing chambers dedicated to the priests. As I looked toward the rear of the far western end, I saw a place

19 After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

20 And he said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, *and* where they shall bake the grain offering, so that they do not bring *them* out into the outer courtyard and transfer holiness to the people."

20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering *and* where they shall bake the grain offering, in order that they may not bring *them* out into the outer court to transmit holiness to the people."

20 about which he said, "This is where the priests will be boiling the guilt and sin offerings and baking the grain offerings so they don't bring them through the outer courtyard, thus diminishing the people's holiness."

20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me out into the outer courtyard and led me across to the four corners of the courtyard; and behold, in every corner of the courtyard *there was a small* courtyard.

21 Then he brought me out into the outer court and led me across to the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court *there was a small* court.

21 Then he brought me out to the exterior courtyard and led me across to each of the four corners of the courtyard. There in each corner was an enclosed area set aside,

21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

22 In the four corners of the courtyard *there were* enclosed courtyards, forty *cubits* long and thirty wide; these four in the corners were the same size.

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* enclosed courts, forty *cubits* long and thirty wide; these four in the corners were the same size.

22 all of them the same size; that is, each was 40 cubits long and 30 cubits wide.

22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four corners were of one measure.

23 And *there was* a row of masonry all around in them, around the four of them, and cooking hearths were made under the rows all around.

23 *There was* a row of masonry round about in them, around the four of them, and boiling places were made under the rows round about.

23 A low wall built of masonry surrounded each courtyard, with boiling places set in rows in the wall.

23 And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

24 Then he said to me, "These are the cooking places where the ministers of the house shall cook the sacrifices of the people."

24 Then he said to me, "These are the boiling places where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

24 He told me, "This is where the ministers of the Temple will be preparing the sacrifices that will be presented by the people.

24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

- Note that no wine is mentioned. That is kind of interesting. We have a lunar calendar introduced, which implies some astronomical issues.