

Numbers 29:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

The burnt offering of one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs without blemish represents comprehensive dedication on this holy day. The number seven (lambs) symbolizes completeness. The requirement that all be without blemish emphasizes that God deserves perfect offerings. This combination of animals represents the offering of strength (bullock), leadership (ram), and innocence (lambs) to God. Christ's perfect sacrifice fulfills what these unblemished animals prefigured—complete, spotless dedication to God's will.

Historical Context

The substantial offerings on this festival demonstrated its importance. The sweet savour to the LORD indicates divine acceptance. These burnt offerings, completely consumed by fire, expressed total consecration. The festival's placement at the year's beginning sanctified the coming year, dedicating it to God from the start.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does beginning the year with substantial offerings teach about priorities?
2. How do the multiple unblemished animals symbolize comprehensive consecration?
3. In what ways does Christ's perfect sacrifice fulfill these Old Testament types?

Interlinear Text

וְעֹשֵׂתָ מֵ	עַל הַלְּבָנָה	לְבִנְתָּה	בְּנֵי-תְּהִימָה	לְהַלְּבָדָה	לְרַבְּדָה
And ye shall offer	a burnt offering	savour	for a sweet	unto the LORD	bullock

שָׁנָה הַבָּתִיָּה	כְּבָשׂ יָמִים	אֲחָד בְּקָרְבָּנִי	אֲחָד אֲילָבָנִי	אֲחָד אֲדָמִי	אֲחָד אֲדָמִי	בָּנִי	בָּנִי
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H1121	H1241	H259	H352	H259	H3532	H1121	H8141

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