

# Numbers 29:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

## Analysis

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**On the fifth day nine bullocks**—The descending pattern of olah (עֹלָה, burnt offering) continues through the seven days of Sukkot (Tabernacles), moving from thirteen bullocks on day one to seven on day seven. This diminishing sequence totals seventy bulls, which rabbinic tradition connects to the seventy nations (Genesis 10), symbolizing Israel interceding for the whole world through sacrificial worship.

The precision of **without spot** (טָמֵן, tamim, unblemished) underscores the perfection required in offerings pointing to Christ, "a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:19). Each day's elaborate ritual reinforced Israel's dependence on substitutionary atonement.

## Historical Context

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These Feast of Tabernacles regulations (Leviticus 23:33-43) were given at Sinai but fully implemented after entering Canaan. The massive number of sacrifices—totaling 71 bulls, 15 rams, 105 lambs, and 8 goats over eight days—required extensive priestly coordination and demonstrated Israel's covenant commitment through costly worship.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the descending pattern of seventy bulls for seventy nations challenge Israel's (and the church's) call to bless all peoples?
2. What does the costliness of these festival sacrifices reveal about worthy worship versus convenience?
3. How does the requirement for unblemished animals deepen your appreciation for Christ's perfect sacrifice?

## Interlinear Text

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כְּבָשׂ יִם שָׁנָה אִם אִיל מְתַשֵּׁע הַבְּנִים וְבָנִים וּמְתַשֵּׁע

**day** **And on the fifth** **bullocks** **nine** **rams** **two** **lambs**

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תְּמִימִם: עַשְׁר אַרְבָּעָה שָׁנָה בְּנִי

**of the first** **year** **and fourteen** **without spot**

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