

# Numbers 29:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

## Analysis

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**One goat for a sin offering**—The sixth repetition of this phrase in the Tabernacles liturgy (vv. 5, 11, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 38) underscores the relentless need for atonement. The chatat goat was not incidental but central—**beside the continual burnt offering** anchored each day's elaborate ritual in the reality of human sinfulness.

The daily sin offering during a joyful harvest festival reveals a profound theological truth: celebration before a holy God requires covering. This dual emphasis on joy and atonement finds fulfillment in Christ, through whom believers "rejoice with joy unspeakable" (1 Peter 1:8) because our sins are fully covered.

## Historical Context

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Unlike the Yom Kippur sin offering (Leviticus 16), which involved elaborate ceremonies and the high priest entering the Holy of Holies, the daily festival sin offerings were routine priestly duties. Yet both testified to the same need: sinful people require mediation to approach God.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance joyful celebration of God's blessings with sober awareness of your ongoing need for grace?
2. What does the "beside the continual burnt offering" pattern teach about layering special devotion on regular spiritual disciplines?
3. How does the repetitive nature of sin offerings throughout the festival deepen your gratitude for Christ's once-for-all atonement?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשֶׁעַ יֵר	חֵטְא אֶת	אֶחָד	מִלֵּבֶד	עַל ת	הַתָּמִיד
<b>goat</b>	<b>for a sin offering</b>	<b>And one</b>	H905	<b>burnt offering</b>	<b>beside the continual</b>
H8163	H2403	H259		H5930	H8548
מִנְחַת הַ	וְנִסְכֵּיהֶ:				
<b>his meat offering</b>	<b>and his drink offering</b>				
H4503	H5262				

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