

Numbers 29:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

Analysis

On the seventh day seven bullocks—The numerical sequence reaches its symbolic climax: seven bulls on the seventh day of the seven-day feast. In Hebrew thought, seven represents completion and perfection (sheva, שֶׁבַע, shares roots with shava, to swear/be complete). This convergence of sevens marks the high point of the liturgical pattern before the unique eighth day.

The **two rams, and fourteen lambs** (double seven) continue the symbolism. The seventh day of Tabernacles later developed into Hoshana Rabbah in Second Temple Judaism, a day of climactic processions. Jesus stood on this day proclaiming, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me" (John 7:37).

Historical Context

The seventh day of Sukkot had special significance in later Jewish tradition, involving seven circuits around the altar with willow branches. Though not detailed in Numbers, this practice may reflect the completeness theme embedded in the seventh-day liturgy. The feast occurred in the seventh month (Tishrei), adding further layers of sabbatical symbolism.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the symbolic completeness of "seven on the seventh day" point to Christ as the fulfillment of all Old Testament worship?
2. What incomplete areas of your spiritual life need to reach the "seventh day" maturity and wholeness?
3. How does Jesus's proclamation on the seventh day of Tabernacles (John 7:37-39) transform your understanding of these sacrificial requirements?

Interlinear Text

כְּבֶשׂ יִם שְׁנִים אַיִל מְשֻׁבָּע הַפְּרִים וּבְנִי וּמָם
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