

# Numbers 29:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

## Analysis

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**One bullock, one ram, seven lambs**—The eighth day (Shemini Atzeret, שְׁמִינִי אֶצֶרֶת, Eighth Assembly) breaks the descending pattern dramatically: from seven bulls on day seven to just one. This singular offering marks a qualitative shift from the quantitative progression, pointing to the one sufficient sacrifice of Christ.

**A sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD** (isheh, re'ach nichoach, אִשֶּׁה רֵיחַ נִחוּחַ)—the "aroma of satisfaction" language appears throughout Leviticus (1:9, 13, 17), depicting God's acceptance of substitutionary offerings. The eighth day's single bull beautifully foreshadows "one sacrifice for sins for ever" (Hebrews 10:12).

## Historical Context

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Shemini Atzeret (Leviticus 23:36, 39) was a distinct convocation, separate from but attached to Sukkot. Later Jewish tradition saw it as God's intimate farewell to Israel after the seven-day festival, like a king asking his children to stay one more day. Its unique one-bull offering distinguished it from the preceding week.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the shift from seventy bulls (days 1-7) to one bull (day 8) illustrate the movement from old covenant multiplicity to new covenant singularity in Christ?
2. What does the "sweet savour" language teach about God's pleasure in acceptable sacrifice, culminating in Christ's offering (Ephesians 5:2)?
3. In what ways does the eighth day (beyond the seven-day completeness) point to resurrection, new creation, and eternal realities beyond the temporal week?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהִקְרַבְתָּם	עֹלָה	אִשָּׁה	רֵיחַ	נִיחֻם		
But ye shall offer	a burnt offering	a sacrifice made by fire	savour	of a sweet		
H7126	H5930	H801	H7381	H5207		
לַיהוָה	פָּר	אֶחָד	אֶחָד	כֶּבֶשִׂים	בְּנֵי	שָׁנָה
unto the LORD	bullock	one	ram	one	lambs	of the first year
H3068	H6499	H259	H352	H259	H3532	H1121 H8141
שִׁבְעָה	תְּמִימִים:					
seven	without blemish					
H7651	H8549					