

# Numbers 29:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

## Analysis

**According to their number, after the manner**—Even on the unique eighth day with its singular bullock, the accompanying minchah and nesek follow the established mishpat. The radical reduction in primary offerings does not alter the precision of secondary offerings. This demonstrates that divine innovation (the shift to one bull) operates within, not against, revealed patterns.

The phrase "after the manner" (k'mishpatam) appears for the final time in this chapter, bookending the entire festival sequence (vv. 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 37) with covenantal consistency. The eighth day is both culmination and new beginning—perfectly fulfilled in Christ's resurrection on the eighth day (first day of the new week).

## Historical Context

The eighth-day assembly required full cessation from work like a Sabbath (Leviticus 23:36), distinguishing it from the intermediate days of Sukkot. Its solemn assembly (Hebrew atzeret, restraint/assembly) character combined festival joy with Sabbath solemnity, creating a unique liturgical moment in Israel's calendar.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does the maintenance of "the manner" even in the unique eighth-day offering inform how New Covenant believers relate to Old Testament patterns?
2. What does the eighth day's combination of innovation (one bull) and consistency (prescribed offerings) teach about continuity and discontinuity in redemptive history?
3. How does the eighth day as both ending and beginning illuminate the "already/not yet" tension of the Christian life?

## Interlinear Text

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| מְנֻחָת מ                  | וְנַסְפִּיחָה מ                           | לְפָר                   | לֹא יְל            |
| <b>Their meat offering</b> | <b>and their drink offerings</b>          | <b>for the bullock</b>  | <b>for the ram</b> |
| H4503                      | H5262                                     | H6499                   | H352               |
| וְלֹא בְשׁ יָמ             | בְּמִסְפֵּךְ מ                            | פֶּמֶשֶׁפֶת:            |                    |
| <b>and for the lambs</b>   | <b>shall be according to their number</b> | <b>after the manner</b> |                    |
| H3532                      | H4557                                     | H4941                   |                    |

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