

# Numbers 29:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

## Analysis

**And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs** (וְעֶשְׂרֹן אֶחָד לְכֶבֶשׂ הָאֶחָד לְשִׁבְעַת הַכִּבְשִׁים, ve'issaron echad lakeves ha'echad leshiv'at hakvasim)—the same individual portion prescribed throughout Numbers 28-29. Each lamb received its designated grain offering, never a collective or averaged amount. This individualization within corporate worship suggests that while Israel gathered as one people, each worshiper's relationship with God was personal and particular.

The seven lambs at multiple festivals (Passover, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles) created a pattern of sevenfold completeness in sacrifice. Yet all these could never take away sins (Hebrews 10:11), only point forward to the Lamb of God who would accomplish what they symbolized. John the Baptist's declaration—Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29)—reinterprets countless festival lambs through one ultimate sacrifice.

## Historical Context

By the Second Temple period, these elaborate festival sacrifices required a highly organized priesthood. Priests were divided into 24 courses (1 Chronicles 24), rotating weekly duty, but all courses served during major festivals due to increased offerings. Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, was serving his course when Gabriel announced John's birth (Luke 1:8-9)—a liturgical context for the forerunner who would identify the ultimate Lamb.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the individual grain offering for each lamb reflect God's personal attention even in corporate worship settings?
2. What does the sevenfold pattern of lambs reveal about the concept of complete, perfect sacrifice?
3. In what ways did John the Baptist's Behold the Lamb reinterpret Israel's entire sacrificial system?

## Interlinear Text

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וְעֶשֶׂר וֶאֱדָמָה	וְאֶחָד	הַכֹּזְבִּים:	וְאֶחָד	לְשִׁבְעַת	הַכֹּזְבִּים:
tenth deal	And one	lamb	And one	throughout the seven	lamb
H6241	H259	H3532	H259	H7651	H3532

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