

# Numbers 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

## Analysis

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The instruction that one prince per day would offer demonstrates orderly worship and prevents chaos or competition. Spreading the offerings over twelve days allowed each tribal leader to present his gift with proper ceremony and attention. This reflects the Reformed principle of decency and order in worship—God is not honored by confusion or haste but by thoughtful, orderly service. The daily pattern also created anticipation and sustained focus on dedication for an extended period.

## Historical Context

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The tabernacle dedication lasted twelve days beyond its initial anointing and consecration. Each day, a different tribal leader presented identical offerings, demonstrating both tribal unity (same gifts) and tribal identity (each tribe participating). This public display reinforced tribal structure while emphasizing national unity under God.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the principle of order in worship challenge both rigid formalism and chaotic informality?
2. What does the extended dedication period teach about sustained focus on consecration rather than one-time events?
3. In what ways does allowing each leader his own day balance unity with respect for individual participation?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה ה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה ה	נָשׂ יֵא	אֶחָד	לִי וּמ	נָשׂ יֵא
<b>said</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>	H413	<b>unto Moses</b>	<b>prince</b>	<b>each</b>	<b>on his day</b>	<b>prince</b>
H559	H3068		H4872	H5387	H259	H3117	H5387

אֶחָד	לִי וּמ	יִקְרֹ יבו	אֶת	קִרְבָּנָם	לְחֻנֵּף ת
<b>each</b>	<b>on his day</b>	<b>They shall offer</b>	H853	<b>their offering</b>	<b>for the dedicating</b>
H259	H3117	H7126		H7133	H2598

הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:

**of the altar**  
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