

# Numbers 7:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:

## Analysis

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Nahshon, prince of Judah, offering on the first day establishes Judah's prominence among the tribes. This foreshadows Judah's role as the royal tribe from which David and ultimately Christ would come. His offering sets the pattern that all other princes will follow, making his leadership representative. The Reformed understanding of covenant headship is reflected—one leader represents and patterns behavior for those who follow. Christ, the Lion of Judah, ultimately fulfills this typology as the true Leader whose offering saves His people.

## Historical Context

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Judah consistently held the place of prominence among Israel's tribes. They camped on the east side of the tabernacle (the most honored position), marched first in the wilderness progression, and Nahshon himself was an ancestor of David and Jesus. His offering first established the standard all others would match.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Judah's prominence in the offering pattern prefigure Christ's ultimate representative sacrifice?
2. What does Nahshon's setting the standard teach about leadership responsibility and influence?
3. In what ways should Christian leaders recognize their pattern-setting role for those who follow?

## Interlinear Text

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H1961	And he that offered	day	the first	H853	his offering	was Nahshon
	H7126	H3117	H7223		H7133	H5177
בֶּן	עַמִּינָדָב	לְמִטֵּה	יְהוּדָה:			
the son	of Amminadab	of the tribe	of Judah			
H1121	H5992	H4294	H3063			

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