

Numbers 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

Analysis

The sin offering of a kid of the goats appears in every tribal offering, emphasizing the universal need for atonement. No tribe was exempt from sin; all required blood sacrifice for approach to God. This repetition drives home the Reformed doctrine of total depravity—every person, every tribe, every nation stands guilty before God and needs substitutionary atonement. The repeated goat offerings pointed forward to the ultimate Goat who would bear away the sins of His people.

Historical Context

The daily sin offering throughout the twelve-day dedication meant that atonement was continually being made. This established the pattern that worship always begins with addressing sin. The accumulation of twelve sin offerings demonstrated the seriousness and pervasiveness of sin in the community.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why must every worship service begin with acknowledging sin and receiving atonement?

2. How does the universality of sin offerings challenge self-righteousness and pride?
3. In what ways does the repeated need for sin offerings highlight the superior efficacy of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice?

Interlinear Text

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