

# Numbers 7:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

## Analysis

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The sin offering kid of the goats addresses sin even in the context of joyful dedication. Celebration doesn't eliminate the need for atonement; rather, atonement makes celebration possible. This ordering—sin addressed before fellowship enjoyed—establishes the gospel pattern. We cannot feast with God until sin is dealt with through sacrifice. The Reformed *ordo salutis* (order of salvation) is prefigured—justification precedes sanctification, atonement precedes adoption.

## Historical Context

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The sin offering's blood was essential for approaching God. Without it, the other offerings would be unacceptable because unforgiven sin creates a barrier between God and humanity. The consistent placement of the sin offering in the sequence taught Israel that access to God always requires atonement.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

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

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

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

## Study Questions

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1. Why must confession of sin and reception of forgiveness precede worship and service?
2. How does understanding the order of salvation prevent works-righteousness?
3. In what ways does the necessity of blood atonement challenge modern therapeutic approaches to guilt?

## Interlinear Text

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| שְׂעִיר    | עֵז יִם             | אֶחָד      | לְחַטָּאת:                |
| <b>kid</b> | <b>of the goats</b> | <b>One</b> | <b>for a sin offering</b> |
| H8163      | H5795               | H259       | H2403                     |

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