

Numbers 7:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

Analysis

The peace offerings' abundance—two oxen, five rams, five goats, five lambs—created substantial fellowship meals. The generous provision reflects God's character as the generous host who provides abundantly for those reconciled to Him. Peace offerings were not austere obligations but lavish celebrations. This abundance points forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, where God's people will feast eternally in His presence. The Reformed emphasis on God's generosity in salvation is illustrated in these abundant peace offerings.

Historical Context

The peace offering meals fostered community among the tribes. As families and friends gathered to eat the sacrificed animals, they experienced both vertical reconciliation (with God) and horizontal reconciliation (with each other). These meals created and reinforced covenant community.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does abundance in worship challenge minimalist or consumer approaches to church?
2. What does the communal feasting aspect of peace offerings teach about the social nature of salvation?
3. In what ways should Christian fellowship reflect the generosity demonstrated in peace offerings?

Interlinear Text

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