

Numbers 7:41

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 Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

Analysis

The peace offerings of two oxen, five rams, five goats, and five lambs provided abundant provision for fellowship meals. The specific number five (repeated three times) may symbolize grace—God's gracious provision for fellowship with His people. These offerings were not grudging obligations but generous expressions of gratitude and celebration. The abundance reflects the generous heart that grace produces. The Reformed understanding that grace enables generous living is demonstrated in these lavish peace offerings.

Historical Context

Peace offerings were eaten joyfully in the tabernacle courtyard, creating a connection between worship and celebration, between sacrifice and feast. These meals built community relationships while celebrating divine-human reconciliation. The joy of these feasts anticipated the eternal feast of the Lamb.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does experiencing God's grace produce generosity in our giving and living?
2. What does the connection between sacrifice and feasting teach about Christian celebration?
3. In what ways should worship include both solemn acknowledgment of cost and joyful celebration of reconciliation?

Interlinear Text

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H6260	H2568	H3532	H1121	H8141	H2568	H2088
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