

# Numbers 7:61

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

## Analysis

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**His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels**—The Hebrew *qe'arah* (קָרָבָה) for 'charger' means a large, deep dish for presenting the *minchah* (מִנְחָה, grain offering). The 130-shekel weight (about 3.25 pounds silver) matched Judah's first offering (v. 13), establishing perfect equality among tribes. **After the shekel of the sanctuary** (אַשְׁר־שֶׁל הַקֹּדֶשׁ, *sheqel ha-qodesh*) ensures standardized weights—God's house operates by divine standards, not fluctuating commercial measures.

**Both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering**—The *minchah* represented Israel's labor and sustenance offered back to God. Fine flour (*תְּלִסְתָּו*, *solet*) required extensive grinding and sifting, symbolizing refined devotion. Oil (*לִמְשָׁה*, *shemen*) typifies the Holy Spirit's anointing. Together they picture Christ as the bread of life (John 6:35), perfectly human yet anointed without measure (John 3:34).

## Historical Context

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These tribal dedication offerings followed the tabernacle's completion (Exodus 40) and consecration of the Levites (Numbers 3-4). Each of the twelve tribal princes brought identical offerings over twelve consecutive days, demonstrating unified

worship while honoring each tribe's distinct identity. The meticulous repetition in Scripture emphasizes that God values each tribe's individual participation equally.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does the requirement for standardized sanctuary weights teach about God's unchanging standards in worship and righteousness?
2. How does the fine flour mingled with oil (representing refined devotion anointed by the Spirit) challenge superficial or unexamined religious practice?
3. Why does Scripture record each tribe's identical offering separately rather than summarizing 'all twelve tribes brought the same'?

## Interlinear Text

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וְמִאָה	שְׁלֹשׁ	יָם	קָרְבָּן	וְ	אֶחָד	כְּ סֶרֶב	קָרְבָּת	קָרְבָּן	וְ	אֶחָד	כְּ סֶרֶב	קָרְבָּת	קָרְבָּן	
His offering	charger	silver	shekels one	and thirty	whereof was an hundred									
H7133	H7086	H3701	H259	H7970	H3967									
the weight	bowl	shekels one	silver	of seventy	after the shekel	מִשְׁקָלָה	מִזְבֵּחַ	אֶחָד	שְׁבַע	יָם	בְּשֶׁ	קָל		
H4948	H4219	H259	H3701	H7657	H8255									
after the shekel	of the sanctuary	both	שְׁנִיָּה	מִלְאָה	סְלִתָּה	בְּשֶׁ	קָל	שְׁנִיָּה	מִלְאָה	סְלִתָּה	בְּלֹיל	ה		
H8255	H6944	H8147	H4392	H5560	H1101									
with oil	for a meat offering					לְמִנְחָה	בְּשֶׁ	מִן						
H8081	H4503													

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