

# Numbers 7:75

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

## Analysis

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**One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering** (פר אֶחָד בְּן-בָּקָר אַיִל אֶחָד קֶבֶשׂ-אֶחָד)—The burnt offering (olah, עֹלָה, "that which ascends") was wholly consumed on the altar, representing complete consecration to God. The bullock symbolizes strength in service, the ram represents substitutionary atonement (Genesis 22:13), and the **lamb of the first year** (קֶבֶשׂ תְּלִשְׁתָּה) prefigures Christ, "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

The threefold sacrifice points to the fullness of Christ's offering: His strength (bullock), His willing substitution (ram), and His innocence (firstling lamb). All ascend as "a sweet savour unto the LORD" (Leviticus 1:9), accepted only through blood atonement.

## Historical Context

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Burnt offerings originated in Genesis (8:20, 22:13) and were codified in Leviticus 1. Unlike peace offerings (partially eaten), the entire animal was consumed by fire, symbolizing total dedication. The Mosaic economy required constant repetition; Christ's single offering perfected worship forever (Hebrews 10:10-14).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the complete consumption of the burnt offering challenge half-hearted, compartmentalized discipleship?
2. What does the progression from bullock (strength) to ram (substitution) to lamb (innocence) reveal about the multifaceted nature of Christ's atonement?
3. Why did God require the repetition of identical offerings from each tribe when one offering could have sufficed mathematically?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּקָר	אֶחָד	בְּנֵי	בָּקָר	אֶחָד	בָּקָר	בָּקָר	אֶחָד
<b>bullock</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>of the first</b>	<b>young</b>	<b>ram</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>lamb</b>	<b>One</b>
H6499	H259	H1121	H1241	H352	H259	H3532	H259
בָּנִים	שְׁנִית	לְעַלְהָ					
<b>of the first</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>for a burnt offering</b>					
H1121	H8141	H5930					

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