

# Numbers 7:77

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 Pagiel the son of Ocran.

## Analysis

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**For a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs** (זֶבַח הַשְּׁלָמִים, zevach hashelamim)—The peace offering (shelamim, from shalom, שְׁלוֹמִי, "wholeness/peace") celebrates restored fellowship between God and man. Unlike burnt offerings (entirely consumed) or sin offerings (for the priests), portions were eaten by the worshiper, symbolizing covenant communion. **This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran**—Asher's prince completes his dedication with abundant thanksgiving.

The five-fold repetition (five rams, five goats, five lambs) suggests the number of grace and God's favor. These voluntary offerings express gratitude, not obligation. The oxen (strength), rams (leadership), goats (atonement), and lambs (innocence) together picture the fullness of reconciliation, anticipating the messianic feast (Isaiah 25:6, Luke 14:16-24).

## Historical Context

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Peace offerings were detailed in Leviticus 3 and 7:11-21. They included thanksgiving offerings, vow offerings, and freewill offerings. The worshiper, priests, and God (via the altar fire) all partook, symbolizing covenant fellowship. Pagiel's offering concluded Asher's presentation on the eleventh day.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the fellowship meal aspect of the peace offering deepen our understanding of the Lord's Supper as covenant communion?
2. What does the abundance of peace offerings (compared to one sin offering) teach about God's desire for relationship over mere transaction?
3. Why might the peace offerings include the greatest variety of animals (oxen, rams, goats, lambs) compared to the other sacrifices?

## Interlinear Text

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וּלְזֶבַח	הַשְּׁלָמִים	בֶּקָר	שְׁנַיִם	אֵילִם	חֲמִשָּׁה
And for a sacrifice	of peace offerings	oxen	two	rams	five
H2077	H8002	H1241	H8147	H352	H2568
וְהָיָה	כִּבְשֵׂי יָם	בֶּן	שָׁנָה	חֲמִשָּׁה	זֶה
he goats	five	of the first	year	five	
H6260	H2568	H1121	H8141	H2568	H2088
קָרַב	פָּגְעִיָּא ל	בֶּן	עֹכְרָן:		
this was the offering	of Pagiēl	of the first	of Ocran		
H7133	H6295	H1121	H5918		

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