

# Numbers 7:79

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

**His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels** (קָרְבָּן־כְּסֵף אֲמָת שְׁלָשִׁים וּמִשְׁאַלְתָּה) Naphtali's offering mirrors the previous eleven tribes exactly. The repetition, far from tedious, demonstrates covenant faithfulness: God's people worship according to His revealed pattern, not human innovation. **Both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil** (מִנְחָה סְלִת בְּלָלָה) points to the grain offering accompanying sacrifice.

Silver (kesef) represents redemption (Exodus 30:12-16), as every Israelite was ransomed by silver at the census. The 130 shekels may allude to the 130 years from Abraham's birth to his covenant renewal (Genesis 17:1). Fine flour mingled with oil symbolizes humanity (flour from crushed grain) anointed by the Spirit (oil), prefiguring Christ's incarnation and anointing (Luke 4:18).

## Historical Context

The standardized weights ('after the shekel of the sanctuary,' Exodus 30:13) prevented fraud and ensured fairness. The sanctuary shekel was the divine

standard, heavier than common commercial weights, demanding costlier sacrifice. Naphtali's faithful conformity to this standard demonstrated covenant integrity.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the exact conformity of all twelve offerings challenge modern desires for individualized, personalized worship?
2. What does the symbolism of silver (redemption) combined with grain and oil teach about the relationship between atonement and consecration?
3. Why might the Holy Spirit inspire Moses to record each tribe's identical offering separately rather than stating 'each tribe brought the same'?

## Interlinear Text

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וְמִאָה	שְׁלֹשׁ	יָם	קָרְבָּן	וְ	אֶחָד	כְּ סֶרֶב	קָרְבָּת	כָּרְבָּן	וְ	מִשְׁקָלָה	בְּשֶׁל	קָל
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		
H4948	H4219	H259	H3701	H7657						H8255		
after the shekel	of the sanctuary	both	שְׁנִיָּה	מִלְאָה	סְלִתָּה	בְּשֶׁל	קָל	שְׁנִיָּה	מִלְאָה	בְּלֹיל	ה	mingled
H8255	H6944	H8147	H4392	H5560						H1101		
with oil	for a meat offering											
H8081	H4503											

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