

# Numbers 7:81

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

**One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering** (פַּר אֶחָד בֶּן־בָּקָר אֵיל אֶחָד כֶּבֶשׂ־אֶחָד בֶּן־שָׁנָתוֹ לְעֹלָה, par echad ben-baqar ayil echad keves-echad ben-shenato le'olah)—The burnt offering (olah, עֹלָה, "ascension") represents total consecration. The bullock (strength), ram (substitution), and firstling lamb (innocence) together form a triad pointing to Christ's multifaceted atonement.

Naphtali, though last in order, brings the same costly worship as Judah. The lamb **of the first year** (בֶּן־שָׁנָתוֹ, ben-shenato, "son of its year") must be without blemish, prefiguring Christ as the spotless Lamb offered in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4). The burnt offering's complete consumption by fire symbolizes that partial obedience is not acceptable—God requires all.

## Historical Context

Burnt offerings were the most common sacrifice in Israel's worship, offered daily (morning and evening) in addition to special occasions. The complete consumption distinguished it from other offerings where portions were eaten. Leviticus 1 details the burnt offering regulations, emphasizing the necessity of blood atonement.

## Related Passages

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

### Study Questions

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1. How does the burnt offering's complete consumption challenge half-hearted discipleship or partial obedience?
2. What does Naphtali's identical burnt offering (despite being last) teach about the equal access to God that all believers possess through Christ?
3. Why did God require three different animals for the burnt offering rather than one, and what might this reveal about Christ's atonement?

### Interlinear Text

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פֶּרֶךְ	אֶחָד	בֶּן	בָּקָר	אֶלֹ	אֶחָד	כֶּבֶשׂ	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
בֶּן	שָׁנָה	לְעֹלָה:					
<b>of the first</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>for a burnt offering</b>					
H1121	H8141	H5930					

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