

# Numbers 7:81

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** (פָּר אֶחָד בָּנְבָקָר אַיִל אֶחָד כְּבָשׂ-אֶחָד בְּן-שְׁנָתוֹ לְעֹלָה)—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** (בְּן-שְׁנָתוֹ, 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

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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

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**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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רָאשֵׁת	אֶחָד	בְּנֵי	בָּקָר	אֶל	בָּקָר	אֶחָד	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	

בְּנֵי	שְׁנַת	וְ	לְעַלְהָ
<b>of the first</b>	<b>year</b>		<b>for a burnt offering</b>
H1121	H8141		H5930

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