



GATEWAY EQUIP

Making Memorable Offerings Numbers 7 March 17, 2018

Introduction:

Ecclesiastes 10:19 (NKJV)
A feast is made for laughter,
And wine makes merry;
But money answers everything.

- Genesis 14:18-20 – Abraham
- Numbers 6:22-27 – Aaronic Benediction

Numbers 7:12-17 (NKJV) – ¹² And the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah. ¹³ His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; ¹⁴ one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense; ¹⁵ one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; ¹⁶ one kid of the goats as a sin offering; ¹⁷ and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

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| 1. Nahshon of Judah | Numbers 7:12-17 |
| 2. Nethanel of Issachar | Numbers 7:18-23 |
| 3. Eliab of Zebulun | Numbers 7:24-29 |
| 4. Elizur of Reuben | Numbers 7:30-35 |
| 5. Shelumiel of Simeon | Numbers 7:36-41 |
| 6. Eliasaph of Gad | Numbers 7:42-47 |
| 7. Elishama of Ephraim | Numbers 7:48-53 |
| 8. Gamaliel of Manasseh | Numbers 7:54-59 |
| 9. Abidan of Benjamin | Numbers 7:60-65 |
| 10. Ahiezer of Dan | Numbers 7:66-71 |
| 11. Pagiel of Asher | Numbers 7:72-77 |
| 12. Ahira of Naphtali | Numbers 7:78-83 |

Notes

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1 Samuel 15:20-23 (NKJV)

²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹ But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

²² So Samuel said:

"Has the LORD as *great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion *is* as the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
He also has rejected you from *being* king."

God did not look favorably upon Ananias and Sapphira's offering (Acts 5:1-11).

God looked favorably upon Cornelius' offering.

Acts 10:4 (NKJV) – "**Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.**

God did not look favorably upon Cain's offering, but He did look favorably upon Abel's offering.

Genesis 4:3-5 (NKJV) – ³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

Psalms 20:3 (NKJV) –

¹ May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;
May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

² May He send you help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen you out of Zion;

³ May He remember all your offerings,
And accept your burnt sacrifice.

Selah

Memorable offerings are given by the right people.

(Num. 7:2 & 5; also 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78).

Numbers 7:2 (NKJV) – ² Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who *were* the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering.

Numbers 7:4-5 (NKJV) – ⁴ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
⁵ “Accept *these* from them...”

This memorable offering was forward thinking.

Numbers 7:1 (NKJV) – Now it came to pass, when Moses had **finished** setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them.

Numbers 7:88 (NKJV) – This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar after it was anointed.

This memorable offering was *beyond* the tithe – *not* the bare requirement.**Per tribe:**

- Silver platter, 130 shekels = about 3 pounds
- Silver bowl, 70 shekels = about 1.6 pounds
- Grain offering
- Gold pan, 10 shekels, 3.6 ounces or ¼ pound, full of incense;
- 1 young bull
- 2 oxen
- 6 rams
- 6 lambs
- 6 goats

Malachi 3:8 (NKJV)

“Will a man rob God?

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,

‘In what way have we robbed You?’

In tithes **and** offerings.

Deuteronomy 12:5- 6 (NKJV) – ⁵“But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. ⁶ There you shall take your **burnt offerings**, your **sacrifices**, your **tithes**, the **heave offerings of your hand**, your **vowed offerings**, your **freewill offerings**, and the **firstborn of your herds and flocks**. (Also see Deut. 12:11 & 12:17)

This memorable offering was a collaborative offering (Num. 7:84-88).

Numbers 7:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰ The leaders offered their offering before the altar. ¹¹ For the LORD said to Moses, “They shall offer their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar.”

Numbers 7:84-88 (NKJV) – ⁸⁴ This was the dedication *offering* for the altar from the leaders of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans. ⁸⁵ Each silver platter *weighed* one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy *shekels*. All the silver of the vessels *weighed* **two thousand four hundred shekels**, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁸⁶ The twelve gold pans full of incense *weighed* ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; **all the gold of the pans weighed one hundred and twenty shekels**.

⁸⁷ All the oxen for the burnt offering *were* twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs in their first year twelve, with their grain offering, and the kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve.

⁸⁸ And all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This was the dedication *offering* for the altar after it was anointed.

Corporate offering:

- Silver – 54 pounds
- Gold – 2.7 pounds
- 12 bulls
- 24 oxen
- 72 rams
- 72 lambs
- 72 goats

Numbers 7:3 (NKJV) – And they brought their offering before the LORD, **six covered carts** and twelve oxen, **a cart for every two of the leaders**, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle.

This memorial offering provided for forward progression
(Num. 7:3-9).

Numbers 7:3-9 (NKJV)

³And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle.

⁴Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵“Accept *these* from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, *to every man according to his service.*” ⁶So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. ⁷**Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service;** ⁸and **four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service**, under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹But **to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs was the service of the holy things, which they carried on their shoulders.**

- Two clans of Levites under oversight of Aaron’s son, Ithamar (Num. 4:28 & 33):
 - Gershon – transport curtains & skin coverings on carts (Num. 4:25-26)
 - Merari – carry boards, bars, pillars, sockets on carts (Num. 4:30)
- One clans of Levites under oversight of Aaron’s son, Eleazar (Num. 3:32; 4:16)
 - Kohath – carry ark, table, lampstand, altars, utensils of the sanctuary, veil, and all sacred artifacts (Num. 3:3`)

If this is not a tithe or a building fund, what is this? It’s “Heart for the Kingdom.”

This memorable offering was not to be wasted (Num. 7:7-9).

This memorable offering is given from a worshipful heart – not bondage.

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Numbers 7:5 (NKJV) – “Accept *these* from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, *to* every man according to his service.”

Exodus 7:16 (NKJV) – Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

Exodus 7:16 (NIV) – Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

Genesis 2:15 (NKJV) – Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Genesis 2:15 (NIV) – The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Colossians 3:22 (NKJV) – Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

Exodus 1:13-14 (NKJV) – ¹³ So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. ¹⁴ And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

Exodus 6:5 (NIV) – Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

Exodus 6:5 (NKJV) – ... whom the Egyptians keep in bondage.

Conclusion: