

# “Gifts from the Tribes”

## Numbers Chapter 7

This is the longest chapter in the Torah. (5 books of Moses)

### Num 7:1 **1) 6 Carts 12 Oxen Gifts** vs 1-9

Now on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings and the altar and all its utensils; he anointed them and consecrated them also.

Num 7:2 Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, made an offering (they were the leaders of the tribes; they were the ones who were over the numbered men).

Num 7:3 When they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for *every* two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they presented them before the tabernacle.

Num 7:4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 7:5 "Accept *these things* from them, that they may be used in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, *to each man according to his service.*"

Num 7:6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.

Num 7:7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of **Gershon**, according to their service,

- Back in **Numbers 3:21-26** the Males 1 month old to 50 numbered 7500.
- Their duties were to manage and maintain the Tent Coverings, Screen, Hangings of the Court, and the Cords.
- Moses will give them 2 wagons with 4 oxen to carry the skins of the Tabernacle.

Num 7:8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of **Merari**, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

- Back in **Numbers 3:33-37** the Males 1 month old to 50 numbered 6200.
- They were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle.
- Their duties were to manage and maintain the Frame, Pillars, sockets, pegs and rings.
- Moses will give them 4 wagons and 8 oxen to carry the frames and pillars.

Num 7:9 But he did not give *any* to the sons of **Kohath** because theirs *was* the service of the holy *objects, which they carried on the shoulder.*

- Back in **Numbers 3:27-32** the Males 1 month old to 50 numbered 8600.
- They were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle.
- Their duties were to manage and maintain the Ark, Table of Incense, The Table of Showbread, The Golden Lampstand and the utensils used by the priests.
- Moses gave NO wagons or oxen to carry the Tabernacle furniture. It was to be born on their shoulders.
- **Numbers 4:4-15** The Kohathites were not allowed in the Tabernacle to get the furniture until after Aaron and the priest covered the articles with either purple or badger skins. Also only after the priests has put the poles through the rings so they could be carried.
- The Kohathites could not see or touch the furnishings.
- An interesting thing about these ox carts. If you focus on the ox carts it seems there is favoritism in the camp. But if you focus on the Lord and His assignments there is not favoritism. The work needs to be done the Lord equips those for the service they are about to do.

- The Presence of God is Personally Carried. There are a lot of things the Christian is involved in. doing ministry, to working on a building, giving to a missionary, BUT WITHOUT HIS PRESENCE IT ISN'T ANYTHING. Each and every believer must carry the presence of the Lord with him in his heart. We do not put Him on a cart (Sunday Morning). But we carry Him. His presence is seen as we journey that we walk in a manner that His burden is upon us.
- **Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Num 7:10 **2) 12 Dedication Gifts** vs 10-83

The leaders offered the dedication *offering* for the altar when it was anointed, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

Num 7:11 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Let them present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

- Each Day for 12 days a one leader of a tribe brings a "dedication gift" to the altar.
- Each day a different leader, representing their tribe brought the same offering as the other tribes did or will do.
- The next section is a repeated passage 12 times with only the names of the tribe, names of the Leader changes. The offerings are the same.

1<sup>st</sup> day  
Judah

Num 7:12 Now the one who presented his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

Num 7:13 and his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:14 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

Num 7:15 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:16 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

2<sup>nd</sup> Day  
Issachar

Num 7:18 On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented *an offering*;

Num 7:19 he presented as his offering one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:20 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

Num 7:21 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:22 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Day

#### Zebulun

- Num 7:24 On the third day *it was* Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun;
- Num 7:25 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- Num 7:26 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- Num 7:27 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- Num 7:28 one male goat for a sin offering;
- Num 7:29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Reuben

- Num 7:30 On the fourth day *it was* Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben;
- Num 7:31 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- Num 7:32 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- Num 7:33 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- Num 7:34 one male goat for a sin offering;
- Num 7:35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Simeon

- Num 7:36 On the fifth day *it was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon;
- Num 7:37 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- Num 7:38 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- Num 7:39 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- Num 7:40 one male goat for a sin offering;
- Num 7:41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Gad

- Num 7:42 On the sixth day *it was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad;
- Num 7:43 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- Num 7:44 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- Num 7:45 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:46 one male goat for a sin offering;  
Num 7:47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Ephraim

Num 7:48 On the seventh day *it was* Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim;  
Num 7:49 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;  
Num 7:50 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;  
Num 7:51 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;  
Num 7:52 one male goat for a sin offering;  
Num 7:53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Manasseh

Num 7:54 On the eighth day *it was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh;  
Num 7:55 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;  
Num 7:56 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;  
Num 7:57 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;  
Num 7:58 one male goat for a sin offering;  
Num 7:59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Benjamin

Num 7:60 On the ninth day *it was* Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the sons of Benjamin;  
Num 7:61 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;  
Num 7:62 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;  
Num 7:63 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;  
Num 7:64 one male goat for a sin offering;  
Num 7:65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Dan

Num 7:66 On the tenth day *it was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan;  
Num 7:67 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one

silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:68 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

Num 7:69 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:70 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Asher

Num 7:72 On the eleventh day *it was* Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the sons of Asher;

Num 7:73 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:74 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

Num 7:75 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:76 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Day

#### Naphtali

Num 7:78 On the twelfth day *it was* Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the sons of Naphtali;

Num 7:79 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:80 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

Num 7:81 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:82 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

### Num 7:84 **3) Total of Dedication Gifts** vs 84-89

This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar from the leaders of Israel when it was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold pans,

Num 7:85 each silver dish *weighing* one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils *was* 2,400 *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

Num 7:86 the twelve gold pans, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans 120 *shekels*;

Num 7:87 all the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls, *all* the rams twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve, and the male goats for a sin offering twelve;

Num 7:88 and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls, *all* the rams 60, the male goats 60, the male lambs one year old 60. This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar after it was anointed.

- For 12 days, each day one tribe brought an offering. The next day another tribe but with the exact same offering. This happened until all twelve tribes had the opportunity.
- Here is the summary of the offerings
 

- Silver Dish	x12	= 12 Silver Dishes
- Silver Bowl	x12	= 12 Silver Bowls
- Gold Pans	x12	= 12 Gold Pans
- 2 Bulls	x12	= 24 Bulls
- 5 Rams	x12	= 60 Rams
- 5 Male Lambs w/ Grain Offering	x12	= 60 Male Lambs w/ Grain
- 5 Male Goats w/ Sin Offering	x12	= 60 Male Goats w/ Sin Offering
- This may seem repetitious, mundane and boring. This may be true for you and me, but for God it is quite different.
  - God didn't command what the offerings were. This was coming from the heart of the Tribes of Israel.
  - Although for 12 days the offerings were exactly the same God recognizes each offering in detail.
    - He knows Who Gave, and even their father's name.
    - He know Who Gave What
    - He knows Who Gave What and When and What Day
- **2 Corinthians 9:7-9** Paul speaks on giving *"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER."*
- **Mark 12:42-44** *"A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."*

**Num 7:89** Now when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim, so He spoke to him.

- Moses went before God expecting a conversation with God.
- Prayer should be a dialog not a monolog.
- Moses heard God as He spoke from the mercy seat.

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