

Friday, April 5, 2024 ▫ Read Numbers 7:1–88

Questions from the Scripture text: To what time, a month before chs 1–6, does v1 now take us (cf. Ex 40:1, 17)? What had Moses finished? What did he do to it? Then who brought something near (v2)? What did they bring near in total (v3)? How did this divide up? Where did they bring them near? Who spoke to whom in v4? What was Moses to do (v5)? For what use? Given to whom? What summary of this does v6 give? What does Moses give to whom in v7? What does he give to whom in v8? To be used under whose authority? Whom doesn't he give anything (v9)? Why don't they need oxen or carts? What else did the leaders bring near (v10)? In dedication of what? Who had commanded this (v11)? Who offered on the first day (v12)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v13? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v14? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v15? What for a sin offering in v16? What seventeen animals for the peace in v17? Who offered on the second day (v18)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v19? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v20? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v21? What for a sin offering in v22? What seventeen animals for the peace in v23? Who offered on the third day (v24)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v25? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v26? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v27? What for a sin offering in v28? What seventeen animals for the peace in v29? Who offered on the fourth day (v30)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v31? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v32? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v33? What for a sin offering in v34? What seventeen animals for the peace in v35? Who offered on the fifth day (v36)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v37? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v38? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v39? What for a sin offering in v40? What seventeen animals for the peace in v41? Who offered on the sixth day (v42)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v43? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v44? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v45? What for a sin offering in v46? What seventeen animals for the peace in v47? Who offered on the seventh day (v48)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v49? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v50? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v51? What for a sin offering in v52? What seventeen animals for the peace in v53? Who offered on the eighth day (v54)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v55? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v56? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v57? What for a sin offering in v58? What seventeen animals for the peace in v59? Who offered on the ninth day (v60)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v61? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v62? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v63? What for a sin offering in v64? What seventeen animals for the peace in v65? Who offered on the tenth day (v66)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v67? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v68? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v69? What for a sin offering in v70? What seventeen animals for the peace in v71? Who offered on the eleventh day (v72)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v73? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v74? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v75? What for a sin offering in v76? What seventeen animals for the peace in v77? Who offered on the twelfth day (v78)? Son of whom? From what tribe? What two things did he bring near in v79? Of what weight? Filled with what? What in v80? Of what weight? Filled with what? What three things for an ascension in v81? What for a sin offering in v82? What seventeen animals for the peace in v83? What did this bring the totals to in v84–88?

How does the Scripture prepare us to hear about departure from Sinai (ch 9–10)? Numbers 7 prepares us for the evening sermon on the Lord's Day. In these eighty-eight verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **Scripture prepares us to hear about departure from Sinai by reemphasizing the preparation of the tabernacle service.**

The tabernacle service consecrated. The repetition of the consecration of the tabernacle actually takes us back to Exodus and Leviticus. v1 is a month before 1:1, and the event that it mentions took place in Ex 40:1, 17. It is good for us to remember that the Lord has consecrated the tabernacle service, through which He brings His people near and communicates His blessing.

The tabernacle transportation supplied. It also prepares us for v2, which almost certainly occurs after chs. 3–4. Bringing near (“offering,” NKJ) is the primary idea in the chapter. By their bringing near, the people of Israel are employed by God to furnish the carts and oxen for those Levites who were permitted their use for transport (v2–8). Of course, the Kohathites must not use these things (v9).

The tabernacle service furnished. Then, there is the bulk of the chapter: a bringing-near (“offering”) by which Israel are employed by God to furnish silver and gold articles for the tabernacle service, in addition to the tribute, the ascension, the sin, and the peace.

Leadership. In the giving of the contribution, YHWH highlights the importance of leadership under His authority. It was YHWH Who insisted upon the leaders bringing the offerings in behalf of each tribe (v11). Each leader is named, and his father named, in connection with his tribe.

Tribal identity and cooperation. YHYH also emphasizes each tribe's distinctiveness, giving each its own day. The phrase in the middle of the English of v11 literally reads, “one leader, one day; one leader, one day.” It is a way of saying “one leader each day,” and it is emphatic about the individuality of each day. Each particular tribe, and therefore each particular Israelite, is thus encouraged to take ownership of and identify with the offering that is on his behalf. Each would have not only its own offering and its own leader but its own day of bringing it near. (Additionally, this would make the ceremony take quite a while).

Individual contribution. It seems improbable that any tribe's single leader could afford to give so much by himself. So, the collection of the particular tribe for its particular day would then involve each particular Israelite giving whatever his portion was to help the tribe's part in it. Thus, each one, according to his capacity, would have a vested interest in the tabernacle and its service. He would know that God wasn't only bringing the people near generally, and his own tribe near specifically, but even he himself personally.

Cumulative effect. v84–88 finally give us the great summary of the tremendous provision that God has made for His worship, through His people. But it does so only after the repetitive description of the previous 72 verses. As we have seen, there was even implied there how each individual would have contributed his own share.

There are many things that are small by themselves but have a tremendous cumulative effect, instrumentally, under the providence and design of God: daily secret worship, meditation upon the word, the training of a child, weekly worship on the Lord's Day, each individual's heart/voice in that worship, the weekly stirring one another up to love and good deeds, households in a congregation, congregations in a nation.

There are so many ways in which God takes persistent, conscientious, contributions by His people that are individually small and accumulates them into something great that He is doing. No service under the Lord of history is lost in His work in that history of redemption. Truly, it's greatest value is in glorifying Him in His Son, in union with Whom alone any good work can ever be done. But even in terms of His work in the earth, it all participates in the whole of His work. Take heart, dear saint, as you live in Him and unto Him and under Him!

Getting ready to depart. With the furnishing of the tabernacle established, there is only the specific arrangement of the lampstand (7:89–8:4) and the consecration of the Levites to their service under the sons of Aaron (8:5–26). Then, we will be ready for the events and instructions attending the departure from Sinai (ch9–10). This contribution begins that housekeeping, having taken us back to Ex 40 and reminded us that the greatest thing about this nation that is about to go on the march is not where they have come from or where they are going, but Who tabernacles in the midst of them!

What do you do, day by day, that seems small in your life? What are your contributions to the public worship of God? Why are none of these actually small? What is the greatest thing about the church?

Sample prayer: Lord, we thank You that You have made Your dwelling with us in Christ. And we thank You for giving to each of us a part in what You are doing in the whole of redemption. Please help those leaders that You have placed over us on the earth. And thank You for giving to us Christ to be our Tabernacle, our Priest, and our King in glory. Hear us, and help us, we ask through Him, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP110B “The Lord Has Spoken to My Lord?” or TPH131B “Not Haughty Is My Heart”

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Number seven, verses 1 through 88. These are God's words. 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. Then the leaders of the House of Israel, the heads, their fathers, has us, who were the leaders of the tribes and Over those who were numbered made an offering.

And they brought their offering before Yahweh, six, covered carts and 12 ox, and a cart for every two of the leaders. And for each one, an ox and they presented them before the Tabernacle. Then you always spoke to Moses saying except 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. So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites, two carts and four ox and he gave To the sons of gershon, according to their service and four carts and adoxant, he gave to the sons of mirari according to their service.

Under the authority of ethamar, the son of Aaron, the priest. They gave none because theirs was the service of the Holy things which They Carried on their shoulders. Now, the leader has offered the dedicated dedication offering for the altar when it was anointed. So the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

For y'all, if I said to Moses, they shall offer their offering one leader. Each day for the dedication of the altar. And the one who offered his offering on the first day was National son of a minute from the tribe of Judah. His offering was one silver platter the weight of which Was 130 shekels and one silver bowl of 70 shekels.

According To the shock of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oils of grain offering one gold pan and 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull one Ram, one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. And for the sacrifice of the peace offering to oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male Lambs in their first year, this was the offering in nation.

Some of them in a death And nothing else. Some of Zoo are leader of issakar presented. An offering For his offering. He offered one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels. One silver bowl of the 70 shekels of 70 shekels, according to the shekel's Sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil, as a green offering one gold pan of 10 shekels full of incense.

One young bull, one Ram, one mil lamb in its first year as a burnt offering. One kid of the goats is in offering Sacrifice of peace, offerings to oxen five Rams, five male goats and five male Lambs in the first year. This was the offering of nothing else, son of zuar.

On the third day eliab, the son of hilon leader of the children of Zebulon presented an offering His offering was one silver platter the way to, which was 130 shekels. With one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the circle of sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour, mixed with oils of green offering.

One gold pan of 10 shekels full of incense. One young bull, one round one mil lamb in its first years, a burnt offering. One kid of the goats, is an offering for the sacrifice of peace offerings. Two, oxen, five Rams, five male goats, and five male lamps in their first year.

This was the offering of eliab. Son of Elon. On the fourth day, Ali Zur son of shedding or leader of the children of Reuben. Presented an offering. This offering was one silver platter. The weight of which was 130 shekels and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shackle, the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil is great offering One gold pan of 10 shekels.

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One male lamb in its first years. A burnt offering. Kit of the goats as it's been offering and it's the sacrifice of peace. Offerings, two oxen five Rams, five male goats, then five male lambs in their first year, this was the offering of Elias, the son of duell. On the seventh day alishama son of Emmy Heard leader of the children of Ephraim.

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On The Eighth Day, gamaliel son of pedas were leader of the children of Manasseh presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the way to which was 130 shekels and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel, the sanctuary, both them full of fine flower mixed with oils green offering Pen of 10 shekels.

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This was the offering of gamaliel. Son of parasur. On the ninth day. Abby Dan, son of Gideoni. Leader, the children of Benjamin presented an offering his offering was one silver platter. The way to which was 130 shekels and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the Sheck of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering one gold pan of 10 shekels.

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On the tenth day he is or son of him. You should die leader. The children of Den presented an offering. His offering was one silver platter the way to which was 130 shekels and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel, the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as green offering.

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Son of a me should I The 11th day, pageal, son of Auckland, leader of children of Ash, representative nofran. Is offering Mars one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the Czechos Sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a green offering.

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This was the offering of pagiel's son of Akron. On the 12th day a hero, the son of Enon leader, the children of naphthaly presented an offering, his offering was one silver platter the weight of which was 130 shekels, and one silver bowl of 70 shekels. According to the shekel of sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering.

Old pan of 10 shekels. Full of incense, one young bull, one RAM, and one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering one kid of the goats assistant offering and as the sacrifice of peace, offerings to oxen five Lambs, five male goats and five male lambs in their first year, this was the offering of a year of the son of Ena.

The dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel when it was anointed? 12 silver platters 12, silver bowls and 12 gold pans. Each silver platter weighed 130 shekels in each Bowl 70 shekels. All the silver of the vessels weighed 2400 shekels according to the circle of the sanctuary.

The 12, gold pans full of incense weighed 10 shekels a piece, according to the shuttle, the sanctuary, all the gold, with the pans weighed 126 shekels. All the oxen for the burnt offering were 12 young Bulls. The Rams 12 the male lambs in their first year, 12 of their grain offering the kids of the goats as us, in offering 12 and all the oxen For the sacrifice of the peace.

Offerings for 24 bowls, the Rams, 60 the male goat 60, and the Lambs in their first year, 60, this Was the dedication offering? For the altar after it was anointed.

So, the This chapter ties, two events together. That take place. At least a month apart. The consecration. That is described in. Verse 1. Takes place back in Exodus chapter 40. Verse 1 and verse 17. Identify the timing of that. And it is. Actually a month before the events that begin.

In Numbers, Chapter 1, with the numbering of the people. But if you look at, Verse 2 and verse 3, Uh, it refers to the leaders. Over those who had been numbered. It refers to. Uh, the bringing of the ox carts. And then, uh, and in verses four through nine, the ox carts that are brought.

At this time. Are particularly for the work of the various levitical tribes. So that the coatites And have to carry everything on their shoulders. By the poles. Don't get any ox or carts. Uh, and depending on how many and how heavy? Uh, Gershon gets two carts and four oxen, so he gets a third of them but mirari gets four carts, and a dachshund.

So though that tribe that clan gets two-thirds of them, And that all corresponds. Not only to the numbering of the tribes but especially remember when the Levites were numbered and assigned their various duties. Uh, all of which takes place. A month after. The events in Exodus 40. But the bringing of these offerings in these 12 days versus 10, Uh, really through Verse 88 although the 12th day ends and verse 83, and then you have a summary That occurs.

Uh, when the altar is consecrated and dedicated, So it is actually a month before the bringing of the six carts and the 12 oxen God. Uh, wrapping up for us. The account of the preparations for the journey into tying these things together. So, the first thing that we're to see is, Not only has the Tabernacle service been consecrated.

And the Tabernacle service been furnished, Moses consecrated it. And then in these 12 days, it was furnished. Now, the Tabernacle Transportation, Has been supplied. The shoulders of the coatites I suppose were supplied earlier in in that sense. But also the six carts and the 12 oxen. Uh, have been supplied.

In the bulk of the chapter, however, spending time on something that happened before. The fact that it's taken out of, Ordinary chronology. Is theologically significant. There's Much that the Lord teaches us. Both in how it's done and how it is related to us. And also in Delineating each day.

Um, Which tribe it was the leader was and whose son he was Uh, and then every single part of the offering separately, Um,

Listed or enumerated. Even though it's the same for every tribe, And very easily. You could have been summarized and people of Israel brought and you could have Uh, the numbers. In verses 84 through 88 or you could even just have a great amount of and then list the items.

Um, or just All that was needed for the service of the Tabernacle and the day that it was dedicated or you know or over that was needed for the service of the altar rather in the day that it was dedicated, you could have had a very brief summary statement.

Now, in the Bible, which is giving us in one book, or Uh, multi multiple little booklets and one pretty compact volume. Considering it is from God for us all that we need for faith and practice. Why spend? These 88 verses like this and very specifically, the 72 verses Um, Now, on the 12 days of the 12 tribes or one God is emphasizing again.

Leadership. He is the one remember when They were numbering, the tribes who had named by name, Who the leader of each tribe was, and it reminds us. Uh, that the Lord who is Uh, ruler over us. Rules us also through those particular. Um, authorities that he places, whether in the house, Or weather in the church or whether in the nation.

And therefore, Leadership is importance under the authority. Of the Lord. And we should receive our leaders who have been assigned to us in his Providence.

Sometimes as in who is your father or your mother? Uh, but especially your father, the leader in the household, a very Naked Providence there. Um, God Alone by himself. That does that. And in the church, there is The instrumentality of men, but he's given us instruction. To see whom he has gifted and graced and blessed in their household and so forth and their character.

Uh, and so you're still very much see. Uh, the designation of God that way. Uh, but even in the nation, which sometimes the authority of the nation comes by force and guile and deception and murder. This has actually happened uh Over and over again, in many nations throughout history is very rare to have power change

hands.

Um, In such a smooth way as either succession from Uh, the the previous King. Uh, or the voting way that we do it in our nation. But however, It still comes in the Providence of God and we are to receive the authorities. Set of rests. So there is the principle of leadership and there's also the principle then of tribal identity and cooperation.

Uh, one of the 12 days, if you were an Israelite, you would spend 11 days. Watching Uh, and one of the 12 days, I guess, almost everyone in that tribe would spend that day watching as well. But it would be your tribe's day and you would be much more keenly.

Um, Interested, not that you. Uh, would be uncurious or uncaring on the other day, but that you would have a vested interest, you would personally identify on that one day of the 12. With what was being done. And so, it's a reminder that not only the leader who set over us.

But the people that we are joined to our particular, congregation our particular household, Our particular congregation our particular household are assigned to us. By God in his Providence and therefore each of us. Uh, whatever the means that we have, whatever the part that we're given. We ought to participate with diligence and Zeal and And fervor.

Care and effort. Uh, in the place that he's given us in our own household and our own Concord congregation in the, uh, and uh, thus, in the church as a whole, the amount that was given by each leader is Significant enough that it's implied that it's not the gift of just the one man.

He gives it on behalf of the tribe and the tribe as a whole, he's going to need to contribute in order for them to come up with so much for each tribe. That means that every individual May contribute. Little bit. And you notice that these individual contributions, these household contributions.

Um, Are something that is. Uh, inappropriate here. Uh, to do on the Sabbath. Uh, there was not the collection of materials. Uh, for the Sabbath. On the Lord's Day. In fact there was a very strong prohibition and if anybody Uh, when the Tabernacle was being built, had brought materials they were to be executed.

But here, that which Brought near four offerings. Um, That, which participates in. Uh the the supply of that which participates in coming near to God, Uh, use 12 consecutive days. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve. They're either one or perhaps two sabbaths on which, um, One of the tribes was to bring it's uh its Ox and Uh, the silver and the gold that were the silver, that was filled with grain offering and the gold.

It was full of incense and The oxen for the Ascension and the male Lambs and their grain offering and the kids, the goats, and their grain offering. The various sacrifices of the peace offers. Um, So, Uh, one of the tribes or perhaps, That was given by God to bring theirs.

Uh, on on a Sabbath day. And the other 11 were not bringing it on that day, this was not corporate worship. So it was not part of the worship assembly. It was something that took place on the other 11 days as well. But we see that it is not appropriate, not inappropriate.

Uh, when the New Testament comes and says, And the first day of the week, set aside this amount. Uh it can be a day for for setting aside. Uh, should be careful. However, About the The effort that we make.

In light of the Prohibition for the collection of The materials. Uh, that was being done more generally. But there is this tribal identity and cooperation. And then, there is this individual contribution, one of the great things that he teaches us. By giving us these 72 verses to read in addition to the summary at the end, instead of just giving us the summary is the cumulative effect of what God does through individual contributions and of small Amounts.

Um accumulated. And of one day at a time, faithful daily plotting. Uh the amount ending up being given is a very great amount indeed but it is the result. Of an entire nation of individuals and then the efforts of households and the efforts of plans and tribes taken all together.

Over the course. Of many days and the Lord does his work in this world often in this way. Um, The. The praise that we could hear. In our worship assembly. Uh, if everyone took attendance, seriously, Uh, and it was rare that there was more Than one or two missing.

And we had 110 120. Um, every Lord's Day. And if everyone took their part in the worship, seriously? How thunderous the amens would be? How full would be the sound. Of the singing of. Of God's word. How Earnest? Uh, even Though, not audible. But the lifting up of Earnest prayer.

By a hundred 120 in one place. Uh, and God communicates to us what that would sound like in heaven. For here. We do not just have. Uh here, I hope. Well, we do not just have the many efforts of many people through many priests. But every single thing that any individual does now is brought through Jesus is mediatorial, high priesthood.

And so it is Amplified in Glory by a union. With Christ. Our Deeds are done in Union with the son in a way that they did not yet, have they're received on us for the son's sake. They're consecrated by the son's sacrifice, but they were not LED. And received in heaven as Jesus's own worship.

The way our worship on Earth. Now participates in and is Jesus's own worship. So, there's a sense in which the individual contribution in what we call. Now the priesthood of all believers, because of our Union, with the great high priest is even greater, Than the individual contributions. And if the individual contributions are greater how much greater is the cumulative contribution.

And if this is true day by day for these 12 days, how great then is what the Lord Jesus does through an individual through a family through a congregation, over the course of the years of an individual's life or the generations of a family's life or the centuries. A congregation's life.

And then the cumulative effect of the whole when you re realize that it's a multitude, that no one can number over thousands of years. The greatness. Of what the Lord does in his church. And then how much is lost? The cumulative effect of what is lost when people are not conscientious about attendance.

And Um, and Earnest in their participation. If we do not learn every day, what God gives us to learn, We do not draw near to him and are not exercised in the the grace of the fellowship in favor of God that he especially gives us when we come near in the worship.

And we let it slide a little bit here, a little bit there. Pretty. Pretty soon. The amount that has not been. Offered. Uh, and the amount that has been missed out upon Can be greatly accumulated as well. So go and spare us. Uh, from that make us to be impressed with the cumulative effect because the great thing about our life, Uh, is not all those things that he is going to give us to do out in the world.

Those things especially done in the Lord, in Union with him and in his service, none of that is lost and all of that is important. But just as Israel is about to March, And about to go take. The promised land the way that the Lord pauses here. Communicates to them and communicates to us.

But the great thing about them was not what they had, gotten out of the bondage in Egypt or what they were coming into possession of the land, or even the March on the way in between the two. The great thing about them Was who dwelt in their midst? And so just for the supplying of the service of the altar, He spends this giant chapter.

To emphasize to us. That the great thing about Israel. The great thing about us Is who is in our midst? The Nearness of God to us. His favor upon us. Our fellowship with him. Don't spread.

Lord, we pray that you would Uh, indeed. Blessed To Us, by your spirit, this portion of your word. And make us to know our Union with the Lord Jesus. Who has? Obsoleted, once for all the Need of any sacrifice who brought in himself all that was needed and offered himself once for all.

And now intercedes on our behalf. On the basis of a sacrifice whose worth can never be exhausted. And so help us Lord. To love him. Like you love him to be pleased with him. Like you are pleased with him. And to credit and value. What he has done. The way that you do.

And we do pray, then that whatever you give us to do these morning and evening times with you, day by day week by week, And the assembly. That you would give us not to despise the day of small things. But to

For each of us to do our own uh, participation with Zeal and diligence. Knowing that you are making a great cumulative hole in Christ. Uh, out of that which you do. By each individual. Uh, and each iteration each moment. From each individual. And so, Lord. Help us. We pray to offer.

Our whole lives and especially all of the worship of each day of our life. To you, in this way, we ask in Jesus name. Amen.