Offerings For Appointed Times, Laws of Vows & Agreements, & Vengeance On The Midyanites

Numbers 27:5-31:54

Reading Questions

1. What is the continual burnt offering, what are the Appointed Times for it, and what is it offered for?
2. What are the 7 annual days in order from the start of the year until the end of the year, other than the weekly Sabbath, that we are commanded to rest?
3. On those 7 days, what are we commanded to have?
4. What specific commandment are we to observe for the 10th day of the 7th month?
5. Solve This Riddle: It starts with 13, ends with 7, and is a sweet fragrance all the way up to Heaven.
6. What is a man to do if he has vowed a vow or sworn an oath?
7. What objects pass through fire for cleansing in addition to cleansing with the water for uncleanness?

Reading Answers

1. Two male lambs a year old, perfect ones, daily (Numbers 28:3) – one in the morning and one between the evenings (Numbers 28:4), along with 1/10th of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with 1/4th of a hin of pressed oil (Numbers 28:5) – and it is offered for a sweet fragrance (Numbers 28:6).

2. 1 – 1st Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread on 15th of 1st month
   2 – 7th Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread on 21st of 1st month
   3 – Feast of Weeks (Day of the First Fruits) 50 Days From Morrow After Sabbath, The Morrow After The 7th Completed Sabbath
   4 – Day of Shouting on 1st of 7th month
   5 – Day of Atonement on 10th of 7th month
   6 – 1st Day of Feast of Tabernacles on 15th of 7th month
   7 – 8th Last Great Day after 7 Days of Feast of Tabernacles on 22nd of 7th month (Numbers 28-29)

3. A Miqra Qodesh – A Set-Apart Gathering (Numbers 28-29)

4. We are to afflict our being (Numbers 29:7).

5. What are the number of bulls offered during the 7 Days of the Feast of Tabernacles? (Numbers 29:12-34)

6. He does not break his word. He does according to all that comes out of his mouth. (Numbers 30:2)

7. Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron, Tin, and Lead. In general, it seems to be metals and similar material that can withstand fire. (Numbers 31:22-23)

Reading Notes

- One thought: Perhaps we should be praying and/or praising יהוה in the morning and the evening at the 3rd and 9th hours of the daylight? If these are "Appointed Times" for offerings, perhaps that would make sense for us to get in the habit of doing this at the Appointed Times as well as part of us serving יהוה. In addition, this would make sense as to why it is good to praise יהוה even especially on Sabbaths and New Moons. Even if we aren't commanded to take off work on all the New Moon days, perhaps we can at least praise יהוה in the morning for a little bit, pray as a family, praise Him in the evening as a family, and sit down to a good meal together to start off the new month.

- We should keep in mind that offerings are done daily when reading about feast offerings, Passover, etc.. Any other offerings are *in addition* to the daily offerings or otherwise required offerings on a given day such as Sabbath or New Moon offerings.

- Some people believe the offerings change in the Millennial Kingdom based upon Ezekiel 46. I am not certain myself if those offerings are a change or just in addition to the ones already required in Numbers 28. I do not know for certain. I tend to lean towards thinking that Ezekiel 46 offerings are in addition to the Numbers 28 offerings, but I consider the possibility that I am wrong also.

- In Numbers 30:15 it says that "he bears her crookedness." Perhaps this is related to her ending a serious vow to יהוה that she should have kept. Since he is nullifying it later than the time he initially hears about it, he bears the crookedness of that vow not being kept, instead of her, since he is the one nullifying it.

- Widows and divorced women are covered in Numbers 30:9. For any woman who is not a widow or a divorced woman, Numbers 30 makes it clear that a Father has authority to forbid any agreements (vows, oaths, or other general agreements of any kind) that an unmarried daughter of his enters into. For a married woman, the husband then has this authority. This would also show that women who are not married need to get their Father's approval before they marry.

Related Verses

Passover Laws: Exodus 12
Appointed Times of יהוה: Leviticus 23

Passover Offerings?: Deuteronomy 16
Laws of Zevach: Exodus 12:27, Leviticus 17:5-6, Deuteronomy 12:5-6, 11, 12:27, 18:3
Millennial Kingdom Offerings: Ezekiel 46
Father's Right of Refusal: Exodus 22:16-17
Let Your Yes Be Yes And Your No, No: Matthew 5:34-37, James 5:12
Whoring With Daughters of Mo'av & Joined At Ba'al Pe'or: Numbers 25:1-3
Water For Uncleanness: Leviticus 19