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The Offerings at the Dedication of the Tabernacle 7: 1-89



Throughout these early chapters of **Numbers** there is a topical presentation rather than a chronological arrangement of the material. They have been telling us the story of **the Israelite's** preparations to leave Mount Sinai. In the first four chapters of **Numbers**, **they** took a **census** (to see [link click An - The Levitical Census](#)) and assigned **the Levites** to **their** various tasks (see [Ar - The Four Camps of Levites](#)). **Numbers 7-10** is a flashback and relates how **Isra'el** was ready to depart from Mount Sinai. The longest chapter in the Bible is **Psalm 119**, the chapter on **the Word of God**. It is fully devoted to the power of the Scriptures. The next longest chapter is **Deuteronomy 28**, the chapter of the choice between **blessings** and **cursings**. There, **Moshe** gave **the people** a choice. If **they** followed **God** **they** would be **blessed**; otherwise, **they** would be **cursed**. But for those who would obey **Him**, **Numbers 7** is the third longest chapter in the Scriptures. It is a chapter of **blessing**, communion, and dedication. In fact, the word Hanukkah, which means dedication, is mentioned four times in this chapter, and only three times in the rest of the Scriptures. So, from the message of **the Word of God** in **Psalm 119**, to the one who chooses **blessing** in **Deuteronomy 28**, to the one who communes with **God** in **Numbers 7**, the rest of **the blessings** of the Bible are yours to be enjoyed.¹¹⁶