

Numbers 7:84-88

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Numbers 7:84-88 provides a summary of the gifts that were given during the twelve days of celebrating the dedication of the tabernacle and the brazen altar.

Now that the 12-day dedication ceremony was finished, it was time get the total of the *dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel* (v. 84). These offerings for the altar were given *when it was anointed* (see Leviticus 8:11).

The totals of the offerings were as follows:

- *Twelve silver dishes*
- *Twelve silver bowls*
- *Twelve gold pans*
- The total amount of silver used for the dishes and bowls was based on *each silver dish weighing one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy* (v. 85). Given these numbers, *all the silver of the utensils was 2,400 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.*
- *Twelve gold pans* (v. 86). All of them were *full of incense*, and each one weighed *ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary*. Thus, the total of *all the gold of the pans* was *120 shekels*, or a total of around 3 pounds (1.36 kilograms) of gold.
- *All the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls* (v. 87)
- *All the rams twelve*
- *The male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve*
- *The male goats for a sin offering twelve*
- *All the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls* (v. 88)
- *All the rams 60*
- *Male goats 60*
- *Male lambs one year old 60*

It is probable that the source of this large amount of silver and gold was the plundering of the Egyptians that had occurred just prior to Israel leaving Egypt (Exodus 12:35-36).

Biblical Text

⁸⁴ **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,** 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;** 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;** 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; 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.