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Num 6:1-7:89 - Nazirites and offerings

Ps 49:1-20 - “[God] will snatch me from the power of the grave.”

Pro 10:27-28 - hope in God brings happiness

Mark 12:38-13:13 - End times...“Don’t let anyone mislead you”

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Numbers 6:1-7:89

6 **1** Then the LORD said to Moses, **2** “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. “If any of the people, either men or women, take the special vow of a Nazirite, setting themselves apart to the LORD in a special way, **3** they must give up wine and other alcoholic drinks. They must not use vinegar made from wine or from other alcoholic drinks, they must not drink fresh grape juice, and they must not eat grapes or raisins. **4** As long as they are bound by their Nazirite vow, they are not allowed to eat or drink anything that comes from a grapevine—not even the grape seeds or skins. **5** “They must never cut their hair throughout the time of their vow, for they are holy and set apart to the LORD . Until the time of their vow has been fulfilled, they must let their hair grow long. **6** And they must not go near a dead body during the entire period of their vow to the LORD . **7** Even if the dead person is their own father, mother, brother, or sister, they must not defile themselves, for the hair on their head is the symbol of their separation to God. **8** This requirement applies as long as they are set apart to the LORD . **9** “If someone falls dead beside them, the hair they have dedicated will be defiled. They must wait for seven days and then shave their heads. Then they will be cleansed from their defilement. **10** On the eighth day they must bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the Tabernacle. **11** The priest will offer one of the birds for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. In this way, he will purify them from the guilt they incurred through contact with the dead body. Then they must reaffirm their commitment and let their hair begin to grow again. **12** The days of their vow that were completed before their defilement no longer count. They must rededicate themselves to the LORD as a Nazirite for the full term of their vow, and each must bring a one-year-old male lamb for a guilt offering. **13** “This is the ritual law for Nazirites. At the conclusion of their time of separation as Nazirites, they must each go to the entrance of the Tabernacle **14** and offer their sacrifices to the LORD : a one-year-old male lamb without defect for a burnt offering, a one-year-old female lamb without defect for a sin offering, a ram without defect for a peace offering, **15** a basket of bread made without yeast—cakes of

choice flour mixed with olive oil and wafers spread with olive oil—along with their prescribed grain offerings and liquid offerings. **16** The priest will present these offerings before the LORD : first the sin offering and the burnt offering; **17** then the ram for a peace offering, along with the basket of bread made without yeast. The priest must also present the prescribed grain offering and liquid offering to the LORD . **18** “Then the Nazirites will shave their heads at the entrance of the Tabernacle. They will take the hair that had been dedicated and place it on the fire beneath the peace-offering sacrifice. **19** After the Nazirite’s head has been shaved, the priest will take for each of them the boiled shoulder of the ram, and he will take from the basket a cake and a wafer made without yeast. He will put them all into the Nazirite’s hands. **20** Then the priest will lift them up as a special offering before the LORD . These are holy portions for the priest, along with the breast of the special offering and the thigh of the sacred offering that are lifted up before the LORD . After this ceremony the Nazirites may again drink wine. **21** “This is the ritual law of the Nazirites, who vow to bring these offerings to the LORD . They may also bring additional offerings if they can afford it. And they must be careful to do whatever they vowed when they set themselves apart as Nazirites.” **22** Then the LORD said to Moses, **23** “Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing: **24** ‘May the LORD bless you and protect you. **25** May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. **26** May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.’ **27** Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them.”

7 1 On the day Moses set up the Tabernacle, he anointed it and set it apart as holy. He also anointed and set apart all its furnishings and the altar with its utensils. **2** Then the leaders of Israel—the tribal leaders who had registered the troops—came and brought their offerings. **3** Together they brought six large wagons and twelve oxen. There was a wagon for every two leaders and an ox for each leader. They presented these to the LORD in front of the Tabernacle. **4** Then the LORD said to Moses, **5** “Receive their gifts, and use these oxen and wagons for transporting the Tabernacle. Distribute them among the Levites according to the work they have to do.” **6** So Moses took the wagons and oxen and presented them to the Levites. **7** He gave two wagons and four oxen to the Gershonite division for their work, **8** and he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the Merarite division for their work. All their work was done under the leadership of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. **9** But he gave none of the wagons or oxen to the Kohathite division, since they were required to carry the sacred objects of the Tabernacle on their shoulders. **10** The leaders also presented dedication gifts for the altar at the time it was anointed. They each placed their gifts before the altar. **11** The LORD said to Moses, “Let one leader bring his gift each day for the dedication of the altar.” **12** On the first day Nahshon son of Amminadab, leader of the tribe of Judah, presented his offering. **13** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as

measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **14** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **15** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **16** and a male goat for a sin offering. **17** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Nahshon son of Amminadab. **18** On the second day Nethanel son of Zuar, leader of the tribe of Issachar, presented his offering. **19** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **20** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **21** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **22** and a male goat for a sin offering. **23** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Nethanel son of Zuar. **24** On the third day Eliab son of Helon, leader of the tribe of Zebulun, presented his offering. **25** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **26** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **27** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **28** and a male goat for a sin offering. **29** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Eliab son of Helon. **30** On the fourth day Elizur son of Shedeur, leader of the tribe of Reuben, presented his offering. **31** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **32** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **33** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **34** and a male goat for a sin offering. **35** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Elizur son of Shedeur. **36** On the fifth day Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, leader of the tribe of Simeon, presented his offering. **37** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **38** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **39** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **40** and a male goat for a sin offering. **41** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai. **42** On the sixth day Eliasaph son of Deuel, leader of

the tribe of Gad, presented his offering. **43** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **44** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **45** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **46** and a male goat for a sin offering. **47** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Eliasaph son of Deuel. **48** On the seventh day Elishama son of Ammihud, leader of the tribe of Ephraim, presented his offering. **49** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **50** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **51** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **52** and a male goat for a sin offering. **53** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Elishama son of Ammihud. **54** On the eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, leader of the tribe of Manasseh, presented his offering. **55** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **56** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **57** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **58** and a male goat for a sin offering. **59** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Gamaliel son of Pedahzur. **60** On the ninth day Abidan son of Gideoni, leader of the tribe of Benjamin, presented his offering. **61** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **62** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **63** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **64** and a male goat for a sin offering. **65** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Abidan son of Gideoni. **66** On the tenth day Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, leader of the tribe of Dan, presented his offering. **67** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **68** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **69** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **70** and a male goat for a sin

offering. **71** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai. **72** On the eleventh day Pagiel son of Ocran, leader of the tribe of Asher, presented his offering. **73** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **74** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **75** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **76** and a male goat for a sin offering. **77** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Pagiel son of Ocran. **78** On the twelfth day Ahira son of Enan, leader of the tribe of Naphtali, presented his offering. **79** His offering consisted of a silver platter weighing 3 pounds and a silver basin weighing 1 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). These were both filled with grain offerings of choice flour moistened with olive oil. **80** He also brought a gold container weighing four ounces, which was filled with incense. **81** He brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering, **82** and a male goat for a sin offering. **83** For a peace offering he brought two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old male lambs. This was the offering brought by Ahira son of Enan. **84** So this was the dedication offering brought by the leaders of Israel at the time the altar was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver basins, and twelve gold incense containers. **85** Each silver platter weighed 3 pounds, and each silver basin weighed 1 pounds. The total weight of the silver was 60 pounds (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). **86** Each of the twelve gold containers that was filled with incense weighed four ounces (as measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel). The total weight of the gold was three pounds. **87** Twelve young bulls, twelve rams, and twelve one-year-old male lambs were donated for the burnt offerings, along with their prescribed grain offerings. Twelve male goats were brought for the sin offerings. **88** Twenty-four bulls, sixty rams, sixty male goats, and sixty one-year-old male lambs were donated for the peace offerings. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed. **89** Whenever Moses went into the Tabernacle to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the Ark's cover—the place of atonement—that rests on the Ark of the Covenant. The LORD spoke to him from there.

Psalm 49:1-20

49 **1** Listen to this, all you people! Pay attention, everyone in the world! **2** High and low, rich and poor—listen! **3** For my words are wise, and my thoughts are filled with insight. **4** I listen

carefully to many proverbs and solve riddles with inspiration from a harp. **5** Why should I fear when trouble comes, when enemies surround me? **6** They trust in their wealth and boast of great riches. **7** Yet they cannot redeem themselves from death by paying a ransom to God. **8** Redemption does not come so easily, for no one can ever pay enough **9** to live forever and never see the grave. **10** Those who are wise must finally die, just like the foolish and senseless, leaving all their wealth behind. **11** The grave is their eternal home, where they will stay forever. They may name their estates after themselves, **12** but their fame will not last. They will die, just like animals. **13** This is the fate of fools, though they are remembered as being wise. Interlude **14** Like sheep, they are led to the grave, where death will be their shepherd. In the morning the godly will rule over them. Their bodies will rot in the grave, far from their grand estates. **15** But as for me, God will redeem my life. He will snatch me from the power of the grave. Interlude **16** So don't be dismayed when the wicked grow rich and their homes become ever more splendid. **17** For when they die, they take nothing with them. Their wealth will not follow them into the grave. **18** In this life they consider themselves fortunate and are applauded for their success. **19** But they will die like all before them and never again see the light of day. **20** People who boast of their wealth don't understand; they will die, just like animals.

Proverbs 10:27-28

10 27 Fear of the LORD lengthens one's life, but the years of the wicked are cut short. **28** The hopes of the godly result in happiness, but the expectations of the wicked come to nothing.

Mark 12:38-13:13

12 38 Jesus also taught: "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces. **39** And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets. **40** Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be more severely punished." **41** Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. **42** Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. **43** Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. **44** For

they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

13 **1** As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, “Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls.” **2** Jesus replied, “Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!” **3** Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, **4** “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?” **5** Jesus replied, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, **6** for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many. **7** And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. **8** Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. **9** “When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. **10** For the Good News must first be preached to all nations. **11** But when you are arrested and stand trial, don’t worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit. **12** “A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. **13** And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.