



## HOW WAS THIS ATONEMENT BY BLOOD HANDLED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Exodus 12:13 *Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

### Let's summarize Event #1 (The Passover)

- a. *Moses asked Pharaoh to let Israel leave Egypt. Pharaoh continued to refuse.*
- b. *God sent 9 plagues to convince Pharaoh to give in. Pharaoh continued to refuse.*
- c. *God warned Moses about the 10<sup>th</sup> plague so that they could prepare for it.*

Exodus 12:21 *Moses said to the elders, - Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the "Passover Lamb".*

Exodus 12:22 *And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and brush the top of the door and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.*

Exodus 12:23 *For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood around the door as instructed, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer (an angel of death) to come into your houses to strike you.*

Exodus 12:28 *Then the elders returned to their families; then Israel did what was told them by Moses; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.*

3. What were the people of Israel to do first? (Two things)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did they use to paint the blood over the doors? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What were in the instructions about leaving the house?

6. If there was no blood over the doors, this was going to be general judgment. Jews and Egyptians would be both be judged with "first-born death". Yes No

7. What would the "angel of death" do if the people of Israel followed the command to paint blood over the doors? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Did Israel obey the command given them? Yes No

### Consider these thoughts:

- *Each family had to pick the perfect lamb; only that lamb would qualify to deliver them from the judgment sent from God.*
- *The same God who was sending the judgment for sin & disobedience - was also the God who was sending them deliverance from death.*
- *The ONLY deliverance was a blood sacrifice; this was all that a Holy God would accept.*
- *When God passed over the homes, He saw the blood; He did not see the sins of the people in the homes; He did not focus on their individual failures. HE SAW THE BLOOD. ("Atonement")*
- *Get this one!! When God passed over the homes, He said, "Blood has already been shed for this home; no more blood needs to be sheds here; My holy requirements have been satisfied ("propitiation"); no judgment will fall on this home."*
- *The doors of the homes were "covered by the blood of the Lamb".*

Romans 4:7 *Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins are COVERED.*

Psalm 32:1 *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is COVERED. (This is quoted in Romans 4:7)*

Psalm 85:2 *You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have COVERED all their sins.*

"Covered" means "atonement".

9. Have you learned something new? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Let's summarize Event #2 (The Day of Atonement - Yon Kippur)

- a. Once a year, the high priest would the Holiest Place in the temple.
- b. He would offer a blood sacrifice to atone for the sins of the people.
- c. The blood of a bull & a goat was sprinkled on the altar.
- d. The life of the animal was poured out on behalf of the people of Israel.

Leviticus 16:33 The high priest shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, for the tabernacle of meetings, for the altar, for the priests, and for all the people in the assembly.

Leviticus 16:34 This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year. And the high priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

"To make atonement" means "to offer a blood sacrifice" for the sins of the people & the purification of the facilities.

"The Holy Sanctuary" = The "Holy of Holies" - where God's presence is in the inner part of the temple.

"The Tabernacle of Meeting" = Outside the "Holy of Holies" where the people waited.

"The Altar" = The place in the "Tabernacle of Meeting" where the sacrifices were offered.

10. Who went into the "Holiest Place" once a year? \_\_\_\_\_
11. He obviously offered sacrifices for every part of the ceremony.      \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
12. When this ceremony was going on, where were the people?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. How often was this ceremony conducted? \_\_\_\_\_
14. How many of the people's sins did the sacrifices "atone" for? \_\_\_\_\_

Consider these thoughts:

- There had to be a "better" sacrifice for sin coming in the future. Why? Because the high priest had to: 1) Offer a sacrifice for himself first; 2) Offer this sacrifice once a year.
- This yearly ceremony was a temporary "atonement" for sin until the Messiah would come and make the FINAL sacrifice for sin (our Lord Jesus Christ).
- The Jews throughout history have & are waiting for the Messiah to set up His kingdom, deliver them from oppression, and take over the world (not atone for sin).
- Unfortunately, they never really understood Isaiah 53:4-6; He would die for our sins first.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we (the Jews) esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 BUT, He was WOUNDED for our transgressions (sins), He was BRUISED for our iniquities; the PUNISHMENT for our peace was upon Him, and by His STRIPES (execution & death) we were healed (from sin).

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all chosen our own sinful ways; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

15. Would you agree that after looking at all the underlined words in the verses above, Someone is going to be a substitute sacrifice for someone else?      \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
16. Answer these questions from the verses above.
  - a. Is. 53:4 "He has borne our \_\_\_\_\_ & our \_\_\_\_\_."
  - b. Is. 53:4 This is a prophecy (prediction) of Jesus' trial & arrest.      \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
  - c. Is. 53:4 The word "yet" is not a good sign here. Read Deuteronomy 21:22-23 and tell me what these Jews were really thinking while Jesus was going through the arrest, abuse, & crucifixion.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 If a man commits a sin which deserves death, put him to death & hang him on a tree..... for he who is hanged on a tree is ACCURSED of God.

They thought He was an enemy of the state who deserved death. SICK!

d. Is. 53:5 Notice the CAPITALIZED words in the verse. What do they tell you?

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e. Is. 53:6 What does sinful man do? \_\_\_\_\_

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f. Is. 53:6 What does God do? \_\_\_\_\_

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***This was all done as He shed His blood for my sins.***

**Let's summarize Event #3 (The Mosaic Covenant)**

- a. ***God wanted to make an agreement (covenant) with Israel that would benefit both parties.***
  - (1) ***God agreed to bless them with forgiveness (through the blood) & protection.***
  - (2) ***Israel would agree to obey God, demonstrate godliness to the world, & avoid evil.***

Exodus 24:6 ...Moses took the blood from the sacrifices and sprinkled half on the altar & half on the people.

Exodus 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read from it in the hearing of the people. And the people said, "All that the LORD has said WE WILL DO and be obedient."

Exodus 24:8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

- b. ***This agreement is only possible to accomplish because of the shed blood of the sacrifices.***
- c. ***God's part = He will look down on mankind but only see the blood. (They are forgiven.)***
- d. ***Man's part = They will obey God, live holy lives, & avoid evil. (They are to worship God)***

17. Answer these questions from the verses.

a. Ex. 24:6 What was necessary to have a covenant (agreement)?

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b. Ex. 24:7 What did Moses do to make sure the people understood their part?

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The "Book of the Covenant" would have been all the rules to live by in Exodus 20:22 - 23:33.

c. Ex. 24:7 After hearing the reading, how did the people respond?

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Unfortunately, they lied. Read from Exodus 24:7 (from Moses) to 2 Samuel 6:23 (to David). They sinned & disobeyed all through this period of history. **GOD KEPT HIS AGREEMENT - BLESSING; MAN DID NOT KEEP HIS AGREEMENT - SIN & DISOBEDIENCE.**

**DOES THIS ALL SOUND FAMILIAR?**

***YES, IT DOES!! LISTEN TO THIS.***

**Before the Covenant with Moses**

- ***God made a covenant with Adam*** (For Adam's descendants) - ***In a HUMAN RACE***
- ***God made a covenant with Noah.*** (For Noah's descendants (all mankind) - ***ON THE EARTH***
- ***God made a covenant with Abraham.*** (For Abraham's descendants) - ***IN A FAMILY***
- ***God made a covenant with Moses*** (For the descendants of Israel) - ***IN A NATION***

**After the Covenant with Moses**

- ***God made a covenant with David*** (For the descendants of Israel) - ***IN A KINGDOM***

For every covenant, God looked down on Israel & saw the blood; He blessed & forgave.

For every covenant, man disobeyed (spit on the blood); He was judged with mercy.

**Psalm 85:2      LORD, You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have COVERED all their sins.**

## HOW WAS THIS ATONEMENT BY BLOOD HANDLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

- ***The Final Covenant was made with Mankind Through Jesus Christ.***

Hebrews 9:11 *But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.*

Hebrews 9:12 *Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*

Hebrews 9:13 *For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of the heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh ...*

Hebrews 9:14 *...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*

18. Remember when the High Priest entered the "Holy of Holies" in the Tabernacle to offer a sacrifice for the sins of Israel once a year?  Yes  No

19. On that cross, Christ entered the "Presence of God" ("Holy of Holies") to offer Himself (His own blood) as the sacrifice (payment) for our sins.  Yes  No

20. How often does Christ have to shed His blood for us?  Once a Year  Once Forever

21. Does a believer still have to offer animals as sacrifices for sin?  Yes  No

22. Jesus obtained for us \_\_\_\_\_.

23. Sacrificing animals was a temporary payment for the sins of Israel (mankind) as they waited for the Messiah to come as a sacrifice once last time.  Yes  No

24. How did Jesus qualify to be the sacrifice for our sins?

"Jesus, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself \_\_\_\_\_."

25. What did Jesus' sacrifice accomplish?

"To \_\_\_\_\_ our conscience from \_\_\_\_\_ works to serve the \_\_\_\_\_ God."

Hebrews 10:19 *Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the "Holiest" (the presence of a holy God) by the blood of Jesus...*

1 Peter 1:18-19 *...knowing that you were not redeemed (penalty paid) with silver & gold, nor from the traditions from your ancestors, BUT with the priceless blood of Christ - the Lamb without blemish nor spot.*

Mark 14:24 *(As Jesus & His disciples observed the Lord's Supper) Jesus said, "This is My blood of the "new covenant" (new agreement), which is shed for many.*

Romans 3:24-25 *...being justified (declared not guilty) freely by His grace (favor) through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God set forth as a propitiation (satisfies God) by His blood ...*

Acts 20:28 *(Paul told the Ephesian Church's elders) "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the congregation, among whom the Holy Spirit has made you leaders, to lead & teach the church which Jesus' blood paid for."*

26. Answer the questions from the verses above.

a. Heb 10 What is the only way into the presence of God? \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 Pet 1 What two things did not pay for our salvation?

1)

2)

c. 1 Pet 1 What did pay for our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

d. Mk. 14 The "New Covenant" is the last agreement between a Holy God and a sinful humanity. (God provides payment; man accepts it.)  Yes  No

***The blood of Christ was shed for "many". Let's clarify here:***

- ***The blood of Jesus was shed for the sins of all mankind.***

- ***The blood of Jesus' payment for sin will be received & accepted by "many".***

d. Rom. 3:24 The blood of Christ allows us to be "justified". What does that mean?

Choose one:  We are now perfect.  We will never satisfy God's standards.

We are declared not guilty.  We now become a god like God.

- e. Rom. 3:24 We receive salvation through God's "grace". What does that mean?  
Choose one:  We deserved salvation.  We have worked very hard for it.  
 God just ignores sin.  God accepts us & favors us.
- f. Rom. 3:24 God planned for Christ to be the "propitiation" for our sins.  
Choose one:  Propitiation is the leader of a special religious club.  
 Propitiation is a way to shed blood religiously.  
 Propitiation is satisfying God's holy requirements.  
 Propitiation is only a Jewish thing.
- g. Acts 20:28 The church exists only because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

27. What else does the "Blood of Christ" accomplish for us? Match the columns.

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| a. Romans 5:9       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cleanses us from all sin            |
| b. Ephesians 1:7    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sanctifies (sets apart from sin) us |
| c. Ephesians 2:13   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Peace                               |
| d. Colossians 1:19  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Saves us from God's wrath           |
| e. 1 John 1:7       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Redemption                          |
| f. Hebrews 13:12    | <input type="checkbox"/> | We overcame the power of the devil  |
| g. Revelation 1:5   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Washed us from our sins             |
| h. Revelation 12:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Brought us near to God              |

**Now, Let's discuss the reason for "blood".**

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| A. Do you think wanted God us to be disgusted about our salvation?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| B. Do you think He wanted us to be disgusted about our sin?         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C. Do you think God wanted us to know how much sin grieves Him?     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| D. Do you think God is personally hurt by the rebellion of mankind? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

*Notice that references to the "blood" are personal to God. Follow this thinking.*

<i>Genesis 1:3</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let there be light".</i>
<i>Genesis 1:6</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let there be a firmament".</i>
<i>Genesis 1:9</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together ...."</i>
<i>Genesis 1:9</i>	<i>...and let the dry land appear."</i>
<i>Genesis 1:11</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass and the fruit trees yield fruit..."</i>
<i>Genesis 1:14</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let there be lights in the heavens to divide day &amp; night..."</i>
<i>Genesis 1:20</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let the waters abound with living creatures &amp; let birds fly above the earth ...."</i>
<i>Genesis 1:24</i>	<i>Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures ...."</i>
<i>Genesis 1:26</i>	<i>Then God said, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, ACCORDING TO OUR LIKENESS</i>

E. How do all the verses above start? (What phrase?)

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| F. God is referred to in these verses as "God". Do you agree?        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| G. God is talking creation into existence. He spoke and it happened. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| H. There does not appear to be a conversation with anyone, right?    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

**We know God was present the creation. Duh! However, which persons of the Godhead were there? Remember, the "Godhead" is also referred to as the "Trinity" or "Father-Son-Holy Spirit."**

Genesis 1:1            God the Father was there.  
 Genesis 1:3            The Spirit of God was there.  
 Colossians 1:16        Jesus, the Son was there.

"Eloah" = One God (Singular)  
 "Elohim" = One God (Plural)  
 Elohim is the word throughout Genesis.

**All the persons of the Godhead were at the creation. They all participated in the creation but the Genesis text does not show them talking to each other until we reach Genesis 1:26 when man is to be created.**

Consider these thoughts:

- This was a special part of the creation for God. ("Let Us") Gen. 1:26
- Man was given the same special image & likeness that God had. Gen. 1:26
- God & man had an intimate connection (spirit) from the beginning. Gen. 2:7
- God gave man dominion (authority & control) over the created living creatures. Gen. 1:26
- No other created creatures were given dominion over anything. Gen. 1:24
- No other created creatures were instructed to be fruitful on the earth. Gen. 1:25
- Man was told specifically to be fruitful & replenish the earth. Gen. 1:28
- God said that all the creation was good, but He never "blessed" creation. Gen. 1:31
- God did not specifically say that the creation of man was "good" even though we know that it was; He said all the creation was "good". Gen. 1:31
- God specifically "blessed" man. The word "blessed" = "God delighted in what He had made (man)"; "God's smile of pleasure & warmth" was on man. Gen. 1:28
  
- **MAN WAS THE BEST CREATION, GOD'S PERSONAL CONNECTION TO CREATION.**

I. What is your thinking after reading these considerations? Is not man the very special & intimate creation of God? \_\_\_\_\_

**More verses:**

Genesis 1:29        God said to man, "See, I have given you EVERY herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and EVERY tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.  
 Genesis 1:30        Also, to EVERY beast of the earth, to EVERY bird of the air, and to EVERYTHING that creeps on the earth, in which there is life; I have given EVERY green herb for food; and it was so.  
 Genesis 1:31        Then God saw EVERYTHING that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

- J. Answer these questions from the verses above.
- a. From the CAPITALIZED words, it appears God wanted the best for man in EVERY possible way. \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - b. The food sources that are listed WERE GIVEN to man, right? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - c. Who do you think God made all of the creation for? \_\_\_\_\_

Consider these thoughts:

- God did not create the "heavens & the earth" for Himself; He created it all for man.
- God already existed in the universe; He did not need the "heavens & earth".
- God is a Spirit; He did not need a physical place to exist in; Man did.
- God did not need light, water, plants & animals for food; God needed nothing; Man did.
- God wanted to enjoy man, fellowship with man, provide everything man would need to live a God-approved life with all the descendants for all eternity.
- God created the "heavens & the earth" so He could spend quality time blessing mankind.
- **FROM THE MAN WAS CREATED, HE WAS GOD'S SON, GOD'S CREATION, GOD'S IMAGE & REFLEXION, GOD FOCUS, GOD'S OCCUPANT OF THIS INCREDIBLE & ETERNAL CREATION**

- K. God's whole plan (will) was to enjoy & fellowship with man. Match the columns.
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| a. Gen. 1:29 | ___ | God brought the creatures to Adam.           |
| b. Gen. 2:7  | ___ | God put Adam in the garden.                  |
| c. Gen. 2:8  | ___ | God walked in the garden.                    |
| d. Gen. 2:15 | ___ | God gave man His very own breath.            |
| e. Gen. 2:16 | ___ | God showed Adam what He gave him.            |
| f. Gen. 2:17 | ___ | Adam spoke to God about his helper wife.     |
| g. Gen. 2:19 | ___ | God showed Adam how to care for the garden.  |
| h. Gen. 2:21 | ___ | Adam knew God's voice.                       |
| i. Gen. 2:23 | ___ | God told Adam what things to avoid.          |
| j. Gen. 3:8  | ___ | God gave Adam a helper (a wife).             |
| k. Gen. 3:10 | ___ | God warned Adam about something new (death). |

***The purpose of this matching question is to show that God had a close relationship with Adam.***

- L. Could God be thinking any of these things?
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| a. "I want to have a close fellowship with man for all eternity."  | ___Yes ___No |
| b. "I will do whatever it takes to bring blessing into man's life."  | ___Yes ___No |
| c. "Man is formed with my image & personality likeness."   | ___Yes ___No |
| d. "I understand the depths of man's thinking & weaknesses."   | ___Yes ___No |
| e. "I am not willing that any man should perish (be apart from Me)."   | ___Yes ___No |
| f. "I am disappointed that man would trust someone else & not Me."   | ___Yes ___No |
| g. "Although man has disobeyed, I choose a relationship with him."   | ___Yes ___No |
| h. "I am holy and so I see sin when I look at man; we are apart."  | ___Yes ___No |
| i. "I do not want to be separated from man; I love him."   | ___Yes ___No |
| j. "I have a future plan for man; he & I will be partners forever."  | ___Yes ___No |
| k. "My future plan for man was shown by my many covenants."  | ___Yes ___No |
| l. "Man, I God, will not let you go; you are wonderfully made."  | ___Yes ___No |
| m. The only way for Me to keep an intimate bond between man & Myself is to give the most valuable thing I have." | ___Yes ___No |
| n. The most valuable thing I have is the "blood of Jesus" (My Son)."   | ___Yes ___No |

*May your heart be warmed as you think about what God gave up for mankind so that we could have our sins forgiven, access to a Holy God, and life eternal. Amen!*



