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# Introduction

After the completion of the book on Daniel, I wondered if that would be my last book to write for Yahweh? But, I seem to have a new task and a reason within my very soul. I fully understand that I am not a prophet and I do not receive messages from God concerning what is getting ready to happen. However, I currently have the presence of mind to understand that I am a watchman and part of my task is to warn others of truth and the wrath to come. My inner being tells me that there have been very few sermons preached or few books or booklets written on the subject of blood.

My thinking is telling me that there are four areas that I need to explain so that you understand the subject matter. These four areas are: the life force; the sacrifice laws; judgment or wrath because of blood; and, the atonement of mankind through the shed blood of Yeshua (Jesus). First, please allow me to explain why I perceive that I am a watchman and have a rule over myself. Ezekiel 3:16-21 explains the rule I feel I am presently under, <sup>16</sup> *After seven days the Lord gave me a message. He said,* <sup>17</sup> *“Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for Israel. Whenever you receive a message from me, warn people immediately. <sup>18</sup> If I warn the wicked, saying, ‘You are under the penalty of death,’ but you fail to deliver the warning, they will die in their sins. And I will hold you responsible for their deaths. <sup>19</sup> If you warn them and they refuse to repent and keep on sinning, they will die in their sins. But you will have saved yourself because you obeyed me.*

<sup>20</sup> *“If righteous people turn away from their righteous behavior and ignore the obstacles I put in their way, they will die. And if you do not warn them, they will die in their sins. None of their righteous acts will be remembered, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths. <sup>21</sup> But if you warn righteous people not to sin and they listen to you and do not sin, they will live, and you will have saved yourself, too.”* (NLT) There are three other verses of scripture that I feel I need to add to this watchman statement concerning the watchman from Ezekiel. The first passage comes from 2 Corinthians 5:7, <sup>7</sup> *for we walk by faith, not by sight.* (ESV) The second passage comes from Romans 10:17, <sup>17</sup> *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* (NKJV) The third comes from Matthew 24:14, <sup>14</sup> *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.* (NKJV)

My wife and I have been blessed by our Lord to be able to support some of the earthly organizations that have missions to fulfill around the world. One such organization is *Faith Comes By Hearing*, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They teach that there are over 7,000 languages in the world and that many of these languages are in areas of communal tribes that have a language, however the people are illiterate and cannot read their own language. *Faith Comes By Hearing* has worked many years with Bible Translation firms and organizations to take a translated language and incorporate that language into a solar powered audio device which will speak the Gospels in their native (heart) language so they may hear the story of Jesus and understand that He loves them and gave His life for them. These tribal people form what is called listening groups. In these groups, many people have found Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In the situation with my wife and I, and through the work of *Faith Comes By Hearing*, we have assisted in over one million people being saved. We feel very privileged to be able to fund the adaptation of one language being incorporated into an audio device that will reach two million new people who have never heard of Jesus. *Faith Comes By Hearing* has a goal of reaching all the languages in the world by the year 2033. Now, with that statement, please consider that this would be one of the major objectives for Jesus meeting the requirements of His return to earth. We are possibly that close to the second coming of Christ and the end of the earth as we currently know it. Are you ready for such and do you have any idea of the importance of understanding about the blood? Let's find some answers!

## The Blood

I was brought up in the Baptist denomination's faith and doctrine. Because of their teachings, I had the idea that "once saved, always saved" was a true Gospel teaching. When I married my wife, she informed me that backsliding was a truth and a fact. My wife was taught under Methodist doctrine and she showed me scripture verse after scripture verse that confirmed she knew what she was talking about. I had to amend my thoughts on my earlier training. Another belief has recently come to my attention and I really had to seek scripture to provide me with an answer. There are certain denominations that teach that **the soul of mankind is not immortal**. I'm now well into my seventies and I was taught that the soul and spirit of mankind is immortal and never dies. Therefore, there is a thought that the soul and spirit must go to one of two places at the moment of death. I was taught that the three parts of the human body separated at death and the body goes to the grave, the soul and spirit goes to either heaven or hell. What does it do to your belief if you find out that all three parts of your body goes to the grave and you *sleep*, have no conscience thought, or any reasoning ability, until the resurrection occurs. I believe I can show proof of a portion of my initial statement through one passage of scripture. The passage I care to use is a statement made by Yeshua to His apostles. Matthew 24:3-14, <sup>3</sup>*As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"* <sup>4</sup>*And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.* <sup>5</sup>*For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.* (backsliding) <sup>6</sup>*And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.* <sup>7</sup>*For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.* <sup>8</sup>*All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.*

<sup>9</sup>*"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.* <sup>10</sup>*And then many will fall away and betray one another* (backsliding) *and hate one another.* <sup>11</sup>*And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.* (backsliding) <sup>12</sup>*And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.* (backsliding) <sup>13</sup>***But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*** <sup>14</sup>*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then the end will come.*** (ESV) Please recall that nations are made up of individual people. It is the people that needs to hear the Word of God and not the nation itself. Nations, by and of themselves, are nothing! Verse 14 also states the reason and mission of *Faith Comes By Hearing*, identified in the introduction, and their goal of providing the Gospel to all nations in their heart language by 2033. Praise God for their work in fulfilling this statement made by Yeshua! The second portion of my discussion above pertains to the word *sleep*, meaning death, and I present the following passage as proof that the word *sleep*, used in various verses of scripture, means death. The verses I desire to use are those pertaining to the story of Lazarus in the gospel of John. John 11:1-44, <sup>1</sup>*A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.* <sup>2</sup>*This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick.* <sup>3</sup>*So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."*

<sup>4</sup>*But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."* <sup>5</sup>*So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,* <sup>6</sup>*he stayed where he was for the next two days.* <sup>7</sup>*Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."*

<sup>8</sup>*But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"*

<sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, “There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light.” <sup>11</sup> Then he said, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.”

<sup>12</sup> The disciples said, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!” <sup>13</sup> They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

<sup>14</sup> **So he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> And for your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there, for now you will really believe. Come, let’s go see him.”**

<sup>16</sup> Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go, too—and die with Jesus.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. <sup>20</sup> When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus told her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.** <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.” <sup>28</sup> Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, “The Teacher is here and wants to see you.” <sup>29</sup> So Mary immediately went to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. <sup>31</sup> When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus’s grave to weep. So they followed her there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you put him?” he asked them.

They told him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. <sup>39</sup> “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them.

But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” <sup>41</sup> So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> **Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!”** <sup>44</sup> And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” (NLT)

My wife tells me that when God puts me into a writing mood that I’m like a coon dog that has treed a coon, and I don’t back off or stop until I’ve finished. Sometimes God has had me present something in a book of the Bible order and at other times the work is done in a paragraph style. In both cases, I always place Bible text in blue italicized format.



It has arrived at the point where I need to begin our joint task of understanding many things pertaining to blood. Our first study of blood pertains specifically to the human creature. We should all know the story of the creation of Adam in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 2:7 states that man became a living being, <sup>7</sup> *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.* (NKJV). Lets take this one step further with the addition of Leviticus 17:11-16, <sup>11</sup> *For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, **for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.*** <sup>12</sup> *Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.* <sup>13</sup> *“Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.* <sup>14</sup> *For **the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.** Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, **You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood.** Whoever eats it shall be cut off.* <sup>15</sup> *And every person who eats what dies of itself or what is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or a sojourner, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean.* <sup>16</sup> *But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, he shall bear his iniquity.”* (ESV)

There is one other statement I'd like to make in this section of our study. There are those who proclaim that, in the second resurrection, those who have not heard the Word of God and the story of Jesus (Yeshua) will have the opportunity to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. From the text presented, I do not believe that this is possible. Here are my reasons: First, if the text in Genesis 2:7 is correct it is only through God's breath that allowed mankind to become a living being. There is no verse which states that God placed His blood within mankind. There are those verses which state that mankind themselves are of one blood, and that is **human blood**. On the other hand, we can read that it is the blood that holds the life of any created creature of God. Therefore, if we view the story of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37, we see the following in Ezekiel 37:3-8. <sup>3</sup> *And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”* <sup>4</sup> *Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.* <sup>5</sup> *Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.* <sup>6</sup> *And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”*

<sup>7</sup> *So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.* <sup>8</sup> *And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.* (ESV) The remainder of this story is in the next statement of prophecy, verses 9-13, <sup>9</sup> *Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”* <sup>10</sup> *So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.*

<sup>11</sup> *Then he said to me, “Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel.** Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’”* <sup>12</sup> *Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.* <sup>13</sup> *And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.* (ESV) There seems to be a problem with the presentation that the opportunity to accept Yeshua as Lord and Savior is given to all those who have not heard the story of Yeshua prior to the second resurrection from the dead. It is stated that the reason for not eating the blood is because it is the blood that makes the atonement for sin. The blood of an animal is the substitution repayment for committed sin. If there is no blood in the body, the body is

dead because the life force is gone. So, it would seem that in order to repent there must be blood used as the agent factor of atonement. That would most certainly be correct and is the reason that Satan and his demons cannot repent of their sins and be forgiven by God. What you have in the Ezekiel account are spirit bodied beings who have breath but no blood. They can move about but they cannot be forgiven of sin because they have no blood in their regenerated body. With that being said, there is no means for anyone to have an opportunity to accept Christ as Savior at the second resurrection. Another statement can be made that if the goal is met by *Faith Comes By Hearing* and the work of other translators, all the nations on the earth will have heard the story of Christ and had the opportunity to repent and accept Yeshua as Lord and Savior prior to the second coming. Recall that this alone was one of the requirements that had to be met prior to the actual second coming of Christ.

Where do we begin our study of the word blood? We find the first use of this word in Genesis 4:9-11, <sup>9</sup> *Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"* <sup>10</sup> *And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.* <sup>11</sup> *So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.* (NKJV) We see from this that the taking of life causes a curse to be placed upon the guilty party. Let's go a little further and read the following from the story of Noah and the flood, Genesis 6:5-8, <sup>5</sup> *The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.* <sup>6</sup> *And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.* <sup>7</sup> *So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."* <sup>8</sup> *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.* (ESV) We continue with this story in the verses from 12-13, <sup>13</sup> *And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.* (ESV)

We also know from the book of Genesis that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob found favor with God. Also there is the story of Jacob's son Joseph who was placed into slavery by his brothers. When a famine is great upon the land of Israel, the brothers, except Benjamin, go to Egypt to buy grain. They did not know that Joseph, their brother, was now the governor of all Egypt. In this story, we find this word blood once again, but used in a slightly different context. We read in Genesis 42:21-22, <sup>21</sup> *Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us."* <sup>22</sup> *And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. **So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.**"* (ESV) Can we begin to see that a major portion of the reason there is a requirement for blood is the repayment of sin? If life (blood) is taken, there must be a repayment, or in other words, an atonement. We will see that this is different in the case of war.

Just for a moment, I'm going to divert my thoughts. Here we are in 2024 and Senator Chuck Schumer just finished his speech to Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel demanding he must stop the war with Hamas in Gaza and **accept the two state solution that is inevitable**. Really? Surely, Senator Schumer has given up his upbringing as a Jewish child. Either that or Mr. Schumer is not very knowledgeable of the Torah where, in the book of Genesis, God gave to Abraham the land of Israel. God did not present a two-state solution to a future problem. The fact is that Israel is actually to be much larger than it is presently. The real southern border is the Nile River and the real northern border of Israel is the Euphrates River. Genesis 15:18-21, <sup>18</sup> *On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,* <sup>19</sup> *the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,* <sup>20</sup> *the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,* <sup>21</sup> *the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."* (ESV) How dare President Biden and Senator Schumer even think they have the political control over the Prime Minister

of Israel, or can dictate policy to the leader of another nation. They both are part of the problem in the United States today!

Now, what are some of the rules that pertain to blood? Recall that Moses was the leader of the Hebrews as they left Egypt and went into the wilderness on their journey from Egypt to the promised land given to Abraham. Many of these passages are structured in a poetic style and I will divided those areas of text into two columns and leave them in their presentation format from the modern Bibles.

Our first mention of blood pertains to God's Passover. The children of God were in Egypt as slaves to Pharaoh. This was a continuation of the Joseph story that we read about in Genesis chapter 42. Moses has been instructed by God to cause various plagues to come upon Pharaoh and all Egypt. The last plague was to be the taking of life from all first born in Egypt. This horrible event would be in the house of Pharaoh to the least within the kingdom, and also on all first born of the herds and flocks of Egypt. We find the full story of Passover in the verses of Exodus 12:1-17, <sup>1</sup> *Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,* <sup>2</sup> *"This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.* <sup>3</sup> *Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.* <sup>4</sup> *And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.* <sup>5</sup> *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.* <sup>6</sup> *Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.* <sup>7</sup> *And they shall take some of the **blood** and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.* <sup>8</sup> *Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.* <sup>9</sup> *Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.* <sup>10</sup> *You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.* <sup>11</sup> *And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.* <sup>12</sup> *For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.* <sup>13</sup> *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.* <sup>14</sup> *So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.* <sup>15</sup> *Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.* <sup>16</sup> *On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you.* <sup>17</sup> *So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.* (NKJV) How did you get Easter from this story of Passover?

Our next entry for the word blood is Exodus 30:10, <sup>10</sup> *"Once a year Aaron must purify the altar by smearing its horns with blood from the offering made to purify the people from their sin. This will be a regular, annual event from generation to generation, for this is the Lord's most holy altar."* (NLT) This is the Day of Atonement that is part of the fall feasts of God.

It appears that there are seven types of offerings that can be made under the rules in Leviticus. These are: incense offering on the table of incense; burnt offering; grain offering; peace offering; drink offering; sin offering; and guilt offering. Here are some of the verses that contain the word blood. Leviticus 7:26-27, <sup>26</sup> *No matter where you live, you must never consume the blood of any bird or*

animal.<sup>27</sup> *Anyone who consumes blood will be cut off from the community.*” (NLT) Leviticus 20:1-5,<sup>1</sup> *The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,*<sup>2</sup> *“Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.*<sup>3</sup> *I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name.*<sup>4</sup> *And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death,*<sup>5</sup> *then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.* (ESV) If there is anyone in this country who honestly believes that it is okay for a woman to have an abortion, you really, really need to read and understand this passage of Scripture. God detests the taking of an innocent life of a child and actually calls for the stoning of the person who made such a sacrifice. This goes so far that, if someone looks the other way over this practice, that person is also stoned and put to death. America will pay for all the innocent lives of unborn children that have been murdered by, and through, an abortion.

There is also the instructions pertaining to the cities of refuge, the manslayer and the avenger of blood. Numbers 35:11-15 establishes this rule,<sup>11</sup> *then you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally may flee there.*<sup>12</sup> *They shall be cities of refuge for you from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment.*<sup>13</sup> *And of the cities which you give, you shall have six cities of refuge.*<sup>14</sup> *You shall appoint three cities on this side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall appoint in the land of Canaan, which will be cities of refuge.*<sup>15</sup> *These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there.* (NKJV)

What are the rules for times of war? Deuteronomy 20:10-18,<sup>10</sup> *“When you draw near to a city to fight against it, offer terms of peace to it.*<sup>11</sup> *And if it responds to you peaceably and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do forced labor for you and shall serve you.*<sup>12</sup> *But if it makes no peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.*<sup>13</sup> *And when the Lord your God gives it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword,*<sup>14</sup> *but the women and the little ones, the livestock, and everything else in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as plunder for yourselves. And you shall enjoy the spoil of your enemies, which the Lord your God has given you.*<sup>15</sup> *Thus you shall do to all the cities that are very far from you, which are not cities of the nations here.*<sup>16</sup> ***But in the cities of these peoples that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes,***<sup>17</sup> ***but you shall devote them to complete destruction, the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, as the Lord your God has commanded,***<sup>18</sup> ***that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices that they have done for their gods, and so you sin against the Lord your God.*** (ESV) Okay, so they went to war, what was the rule concerning marrying a female captive? Deuteronomy 21:10-14,<sup>10</sup> *“Suppose you go out to war against your enemies and the Lord your God hands them over to you, and you take some of them as captives.*<sup>11</sup> *And suppose you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you are attracted to her and want to marry her.*<sup>12</sup> *If this happens, you may take her to your home, where she must shave her head, cut her nails,*<sup>13</sup> *and change the clothes she was wearing when she was captured. She will stay in your home, but let her mourn for her father and mother for a full month. Then you may marry her, and you will be her husband and she will be your wife.*<sup>14</sup> *But if you marry her and she does not please you, you must let her go free. You may not sell her or treat her as a slave, for you have humiliated her.* (NLT)

We found one particular passage of scripture that tells us how war is dealt with and the situation of blood being spilled. In the first chapter of 2nd Samuel, we find another situation of war, blood and death. King Saul and his son Jonathan were killed at the end of 1st Samuel, and in this first chapter of

2nd Samuel, we find David being told the situation of King Saul's death. It is interesting how David learns of their death. Saul and Jonathan were fighting the Amalekites and David asked the person who brought him the news how he knew of their death. He tells David that he was an Amalekite. 2nd Samuel chapter 1, verses 15 and 16 tells us that David had the young man killed with the following statement made in verse 16, <sup>16</sup> *So David said to him, "Your blood is on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the Lord's anointed.' "* (NKJV)

We find David lamenting over the death of Saul and Jonathan in the verses from 17 through 27. This is the first passage of Scripture that is recorded in a poetic style and will be presented in that manner. Verses 17 and 18 are the introduction to this lament. <sup>17</sup> *And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son,* <sup>18</sup> *and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:*

19 *"Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!*

20 *Tell it not in Gath,  
publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,  
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,  
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.*

21 *"You mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor fields of offerings!  
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.*

22 *"From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan turned not back,  
and the sword of Saul returned not empty.*

23 *"Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles;  
they were stronger than lions.*

24 *"You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.*

25 *"How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!  
"Jonathan lies slain on your high places.*

26 *I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
very pleasant have you been to me;  
your love to me was extraordinary,  
surpassing the love of women.*

27 *"How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!"* (ESV)

Let's make the statement in verse 26 clear. David IS NOT MAKING AN LBGTO STATEMENT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND JONATHAN. There is far too much foolishness going on around the earth concerning this group of people. God defines homosexual activity as an abomination and immoral! We are also informed that Satan is the god over the earth and the force that corrupts mankind into pagan practices of immoral sex. Here is what this verse is actually describing. David spoke of Jonathan's special friendship in terms of their deep devotion, loyalty and shared purpose. "Love" in this sense is non-sexual, describing the deepest and most selfless friendship possible. Even though Jonathan would have been next in line to receive the throne of his father, Saul, he accepted God's choice of David as the next king of Israel without jealousy or bitterness. Refer back to 1 Sam 20:13-16.

There are two things I need you to think about at this junction in our study of the word blood. First, to me there seems to be a twofold nature with blood as there is with prophecy. Prophecy may have a meaning toward something at the time stated, but also, at some point in a future time period. I thought, when God gave me this task, that there would be four sections of passage from the Bible that would cover the facts pertaining to blood. The further I get into this, there seems to be a combining of the situation between the manslayer and the avenger. Spilling blood in one regard causes another

reaction where blood must be spilled to atone for the first spilled blood. The second thing I need to mention is some information on the book of Jasher (also spelled Jashar). The book of Jasher is mentioned twice in the Old Testament. There is the record of this book in the verses above from 2nd Samuel. The other place where the Book of Jashar is mentioned is in Joshua, chapter 10, verse 13. Instead of placing just this reference verse, I'm inserting the entire chapter 10. I feel that the situation of manslayer and the avenger can be seen in that chapter. I'm also going to insert a passage from 1st Thessalonians, and will most likely use these verses again in our study. Here is the entire chapter 10 of Joshua:

*<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it—as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king—and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, <sup>2</sup> that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. <sup>3</sup> Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, <sup>4</sup> "Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." <sup>5</sup> Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it.*

*<sup>6</sup> And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us." <sup>7</sup> So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Joshua, "**Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you.**" <sup>9</sup> Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal. <sup>10</sup> So the Lord routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. <sup>11</sup> And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. **There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.***

*<sup>12</sup> Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:  
"Sun, stand still over Gibeon;  
And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."*

*<sup>13</sup> So the sun stood still,  
And the moon stopped,  
Till the people had revenge  
Upon their enemies.*

*Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. <sup>14</sup> And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for **the Lord fought for Israel.** <sup>15</sup> Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.*

*<sup>16</sup> But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah. <sup>17</sup> And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah." <sup>18</sup> So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them. <sup>19</sup> And do not stay there yourselves, but pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the Lord your God has delivered them into your hand." <sup>20</sup> Then it happened, while Joshua and the children of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they had*

finished, that those who escaped entered fortified cities. <sup>21</sup> And all the people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace. No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

<sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave." <sup>23</sup> And they did so, and brought out those five kings to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. <sup>24</sup> So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." And they drew near and put their feet on their necks. <sup>25</sup> Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." <sup>26</sup> And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging on the trees until evening. <sup>27</sup> So it was at the time of the going down of the sun that Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, cast them into the cave where they had been hidden, and laid large stones against the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

<sup>28</sup> On that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them—all the people who were in it. He let none remain. He also did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

<sup>29</sup> Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah; and they fought against Libnah. <sup>30</sup> And the Lord also delivered it and its king into the hand of Israel; he struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword. He let none remain in it, but did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

<sup>31</sup> Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish; and they encamped against it and fought against it. <sup>32</sup> And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah. <sup>33</sup> Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he left him none remaining.

<sup>34</sup> From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it and fought against it. <sup>35</sup> They took it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword; all the people who were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

<sup>36</sup> So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. <sup>37</sup> And they took it and struck it with the edge of the sword--its king, all its cities, and all the people who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but utterly destroyed it and all the people who were in it.

<sup>38</sup> Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and they fought against it. <sup>39</sup> And he took it and its king and all its cities; they struck them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the people who were in it. He left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had done also to Libnah and its king.

<sup>40</sup> So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded. <sup>41</sup> And Joshua conquered them from Kadesh Barnea as far as **Gaza**, and all the country of Goshen, even as far as Gibeon. <sup>42</sup> All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because **the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel**. <sup>43</sup> Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. (NKJV)

The verses from 1 Thessalonians 4:4-8, follow. <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor; <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because **the Lord is an avenger in all these things**, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> **For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.** <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives

*his Holy Spirit to you.* (ESV) I really do not have a desire to offend God while on my journey through life. However, I am no fool because I know that I have sinned and fallen short of God's directions, rules and commandments. I can only pray that I have repented of those sins and that God has forgiven me through the blood of Christ, which is the only recourse for all of mankind to understand as we journey together in this study of the word blood. Let us now return to our journey through the text of the Bible.

In 1st Kings, chapter 2 we see David preparing to die and giving instructions to Solomon. Read verse 5, <sup>5</sup> *"And there is something else. You know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me when he murdered my two army commanders, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He pretended that it was an act of war, but it was done in a time of peace, staining his belt and sandals with innocent blood.* (NLT) Just for the sake of clarity, I'm also including the same verse from the ESV Bible. <sup>5</sup> *"Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet.* (ESV) It also seems that there is a mixture of actions between acts of war and the taking of innocent blood. During times of war, the spilling of an enemies' blood does not constitute the taking of innocent blood! Therefore, there is no reason to avenge such actions, especially if commanded by God to attack and kill certain persons or peoples. With this particular story from David to Solomon, we know that Joab killed two men in a time of peace and not war, and claimed that it was innocent blood. It would seem that God, David and Solomon had a different perspective on Joab's actions. We see the conclusion of this in the verses between 31-33 of this same chapter, <sup>31</sup> *Then the king said to him, "Do as he has said, and strike him down and bury him, that you may take away from me and from the house of my father the innocent blood which Joab shed.* <sup>32</sup> *So the Lord will return his blood on his head, because he struck down two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword—Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah—though my father David did not know it.* <sup>33</sup> *Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne, there shall be peace forever from the Lord."* (NKJV)

We find in 1st Chronicles, chapter 22 that David was denied the task of building a house for the Lord in Jerusalem. We can also see that David had a great desire to build the house of God. We read these two facts in verses 7 and 8 of chapter 22, <sup>7</sup> *David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God.* <sup>8</sup> *But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth.* (ESV) After reading chapter 10 of the book of Joshua, I wonder who shed more blood, Joshua or David? We, of course, know that Joshua did not have the desire to build a house of God in Jerusalem, his task was bringing the Israelites into the promised land.

Between 1 Chronicles, chapter 22 and Job 16:18 I did not select any verses containing the word blood. There are only two places we find blood recorded in Job, they are: first, the passage in 16:16-22.

*16 My face is flushed from weeping,  
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death;*

*17 Although no violence is in my hands,  
And my prayer is pure.*

*18 "O earth, do not cover my blood,  
And let my cry have no resting place!*

*19 Surely even now my witness is in heaven,  
And my evidence is on high.*

*20 My friends scorn me;  
My eyes pour out tears to God.*

*21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with God,  
As a man pleads for his neighbor!*

*22 For when a few years are finished,  
I shall go the way of no return.* (NKJV)



There are two verses in this passage that are very encouraging to every person. In verse 19, Job states, "my witness is in heaven." In verse 21, Job says, "Oh, that one might plead for a man with God." In both verses, the answer is the same. There is a witness in heaven and that witness does plead with God on our behalf. The person who does both is our Lord and Savior, Jesus (Yeshua) the Christ. Job did not know about Jesus from his view during Old Testament times, however, he did know God Himself! The second use of the term blood, in the book of Job, is in chapter 39:30, <sup>30</sup> *Its young ones suck up blood; And where the slain are, there it is.*" (NKJV) This was a simple statement made by Job that pertained to the young of eagles.

We have arrived at the book of Psalms. My list of references that contain the word blood indicates that there are three verses in Psalms I selected that contain our studyword, blood. I always thought the Psalms were passages of praise and songs. Let's examine what we have in the Psalms. Chapter 9 has the word in verse 12. I'm placing verses 9-14 for a better understanding of the praise in this passage.

<sup>9</sup> *The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,  
A refuge in times of trouble.*

<sup>12</sup> *When He avenges blood, He remembers them;  
He does not forget the cry of the humble.*

<sup>10</sup> *And those who know Your name  
will put their trust in You;  
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those  
who seek You.*

<sup>13</sup> *Have mercy on me, O Lord!  
Consider my trouble from those who hate me,  
You who lift me up from the gates of death,*

<sup>11</sup> *Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!  
Declare His deeds among the people.*

<sup>14</sup> *That I may tell of all Your praise  
In the gates of the daughter of Zion.  
I will rejoice in Your salvation. (NKJV)*

The next use of the word blood from Psalms is in chapter 16, verse 4. I'm inserting the full 11 verses of chapter 16.

<sup>1</sup> *Keep me safe, O God,  
for I have come to you for refuge.*

<sup>7</sup> *I will bless the Lord who guides me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.*

<sup>2</sup> *I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!  
Every good thing I have comes from you."*

<sup>8</sup> *I know the Lord is always with me.  
I will not be shaken,  
for he is right beside me.*

<sup>3</sup> *The godly people in the land  
are my true heroes!  
I take pleasure in them!*

<sup>9</sup> *No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.  
My body rests in safety.*

<sup>4</sup> *Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.  
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood  
or even speak the names of their gods.*

<sup>10</sup> *For you will not leave my soul among the  
dead or allow your holy one to rot in the  
grave.*

<sup>5</sup> *Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.  
You guard all that is mine.*

<sup>11</sup> *You will show me the way of life,  
granting me the joy of your presence  
and the pleasures of living with you forever.  
(NLT)*

<sup>6</sup> *The land you have given me is a pleasant land.  
What a wonderful inheritance!*

Notice, in verse 10, the term “your holy one,” understand this to be a foresight of Yeshua, our Lord and Savior. The third selection from the book of Psalms is in chapter 106 verse 38. I’m inserting verses 34-39.

*<sup>34</sup> They did not destroy the peoples,  
Concerning whom the Lord  
had commanded them,*

*<sup>35</sup> But they mingled with the Gentiles  
And learned their works;*

*<sup>36</sup> They served their idols,  
Which became a snare to them.*

*<sup>37</sup> They even sacrificed their sons  
And their daughters to demons,*

*<sup>38</sup> And shed innocent blood,  
The blood of their sons and daughters,  
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;  
And the land was polluted with blood.*

*<sup>39</sup> Thus they were defiled by their own works,  
And played the harlot by their own deeds. (NKJV)*

So it is, that we move forward to the book of Proverbs. The first selection of verses from Proverbs is chapter 1, verses 8-19.

*<sup>8</sup> Hear, my son, your father’s instruction,  
and forsake not your mother’s teaching,*

*<sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head  
and pendants for your neck.*

*<sup>10</sup> My son, if sinners entice you,  
do not consent.*

*<sup>11</sup> If they say, “Come with us,  
let us lie in wait for blood;  
let us ambush the innocent without reason;*

*<sup>12</sup> like Sheol let us swallow them alive,  
and whole, like those who go down to the pit;*

*<sup>13</sup> we shall find all precious goods,  
we shall fill our houses with plunder;*

*<sup>14</sup> throw in your lot among us;  
we will all have one purse”—*

*<sup>15</sup> my son, do not walk in the way with them;  
hold back your foot from their paths,*

*<sup>16</sup> for their feet run to evil,  
and they make haste to shed blood.*

*<sup>17</sup> For in vain is a net spread  
in the sight of any bird,*

*<sup>18</sup> but these men lie in wait for their own blood;  
they set an ambush for their own lives.*

*<sup>19</sup> Such are the ways of everyone  
who is greedy for unjust gain;  
it takes away the life of its possessors. (ESV)*

My other selection in Proverbs is found in chapter 12, verses 5-8.

*<sup>5</sup> The thoughts of the righteous are just;  
the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.*

*<sup>6</sup> The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,  
but the mouth of the upright delivers them.*

*<sup>7</sup> The wicked are overthrown and are no more,  
but the house of the righteous will stand.*

*<sup>8</sup> A man is commended according to his good sense,  
but one of twisted mind is despised. (ESV)*

I now turn over to the book of Isaiah and use four passages for your review. The first of these is found in chapter 26, verses 19-21.

*<sup>19</sup> Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!  
For your dew is a dew of light,  
and the earth will give birth to the dead.*

*<sup>20</sup> Come, my people, enter your chambers,  
and shut your doors behind you;  
hide yourselves for a little while  
until the fury has passed by.*

*<sup>21</sup> For behold, the Lord is coming out from his  
place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for  
their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood  
shed on it, and will no more cover its slain. (ESV)*

The second selection in the book of Isaiah is in chapter 34, verses 3, 6 and 7. *<sup>3</sup> Also their slain shall be thrown out; their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood. . . . <sup>6</sup> The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, It is made overflowing with fatness, With the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom. <sup>7</sup> The wild oxen shall come down with them, And the young bulls with the mighty bulls; Their land shall be soaked with blood, And their dust saturated with fatness." (NKJV)*

My next selection is in chapter 59, verses 3 and 7. *<sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. . . . <sup>7</sup> Their feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their highways. (ESV)*

My final selection from the book of Isaiah is in chapter 66, verses 3-4. *<sup>3</sup> "He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations; <sup>4</sup> I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them, because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight." (ESV)*

After going through the book of Isaiah I turned to the book of Jeremiah to see what verses I could find there. I found five verses I want to use. The first is in Jeremiah chapter 7, verses 5-7. *<sup>5</sup> For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, <sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, <sup>7</sup> then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. (NKJV)* My second selection is Jeremiah 19:4-5. *<sup>4</sup> Because the people have forsaken me and have profaned this place by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents, <sup>5</sup> and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into my mind— (ESV)* Turn with me to Jeremiah 22, and read verse 3 and verse 17 as my third selection. *<sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord: "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. . . . <sup>17</sup> "Yet your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent blood, And practicing oppression and violence." (NKJV)*

Only two more selections from the book of Jeremiah to find the word blood. Surely you have seen text of praise and text of impending judgment from what we have viewed together, even in the books of Psalms and Proverbs. For the fourth selection turn to Jeremiah 26, verses 13-15. <sup>13</sup> *Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you.* <sup>14</sup> *But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.* <sup>15</sup> *Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”* (ESV) The last verse selection in the book of Jeremiah is in chapter 51, verses 35-37. <sup>35</sup> *Let the violence done to me and my flesh be upon Babylon,” The inhabitant of Zion will say; “And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea!” Jerusalem will say.* <sup>36</sup> *Therefore thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will plead your case and take vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry.* <sup>37</sup> *Babylon shall become a heap, A dwelling place for jackals, An astonishment and a hissing, Without an inhabitant.* (NKJV)

The book of Lamentations is another book that, to me, you wouldn’t expect to find a verse that contained the word blood, however there are two verses that contain our search word of blood. We find these verses in chapter 4, verses 13 and 14. <sup>13</sup> *Because of the sins of her prophets And the iniquities of her priests, Who shed in her midst The blood of the just.* <sup>14</sup> *They wandered blind in the streets; They have defiled themselves with blood, So that no one would touch their garments.* (NKJV)

Our next major prophet is Ezekiel and we find a number of verses to use in our search. The first passage selected for our study is chapter 3, verses 17-21, this was our watchman statement used at the beginning of this book. <sup>17</sup> *“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: <sup>18</sup> When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup> Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. <sup>20</sup> Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”* (NKJV) This next passage in Ezekiel has a very important statement made within it and everyone needs to read and understand clearly what this passage really says. The verses come from chapter 14, verses 19-23. <sup>19</sup> *“Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out my wrath upon it with blood, to cut off from it man and beast, <sup>20</sup> **even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, declares the Lord God, they would deliver neither son nor daughter. They would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness.***

<sup>21</sup> *“For thus says the Lord God: How much more when I send upon Jerusalem my four disastrous acts of judgment, **sword, famine, wild beasts, and pestilence**, to cut off from it man and beast! <sup>22</sup> But behold, some survivors will be left in it, sons and daughters who will be brought out; behold, when they come out to you, and you see their ways and their deeds, you will be consoled for the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, for all that I have brought upon it. <sup>23</sup> They will console you, when you see their ways and their deeds, and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, declares the Lord God.”* (ESV) The commentary portion of the ESV Bible, for this passage, reads as follows: God’s people must be very careful about the social, cultural and educational environment in which they place their children. While we aim to impact our world for Christ, we must also teach and inspire the next generation to stand out for God in a society that rejects His standards. If we fail to do so, they may become so influenced by the things that are not of God that neither our good example nor

our prayers will be enough to lead them to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, the forgiver of their sins and the Leader of their lives.

After reading that passage, it came to me that Woke ideology falls within the spectrum of what these verses are saying. Under the Woke rules, incorporated into the laws of our far western states, we are under attack of Satan on the west coast, and the people of California, Oregon and Washington appear to have bought into the Woke agenda. Look at the statements being made pertaining to gender. God's Word says that God only formed two genders, male and female. However, the left leaning population believes that the pronouns to define gender have to be changed! There is to be no such thing as male/female, he/she, or him/her. I guess all pronouns should be person, individual or a plural of people. Allow me to make a statement, God is the Master Creator of all, and His Divine Word clearly says that He only made two genders male and female to whom marriage is given, and the husband and wife are to be the parents of children in a Godly home. Satan is the master liar, so stated by Christ. As the father of all lies, there is no truth in him who creates counterfeit thoughts and impressions. If there is any such statement pertaining to gender, other than male and female, then it is a counterfeit thought or creation from Satan. People do have a choice, they can either be righteous or wicked. Each individual makes their own choice on how they are going to live their life. You can either accept the forgiveness of sin, through the blood of Christ, or you accept Satan's rebellion against God and do as he says. That is exactly what this study, of the word blood, is attempting to get you to understand. Are you for God, or, are you against God? It is that simple! God does love you and wants you to spend eternity with all the righteous in a sinless realm. He only asks for you to repent of sin and accept that He sent His only Son to repay the debt of sin by His own blood to heal the breach between God and mankind! There is more to see in our journey as we study the word blood.

Moving forward, we find the next passage from Ezekiel in chapter 16, verse 6. Actually, there are several uses of the word blood in chapter 16. I will show those verses individually, but every person who reads this book should take the time to read in entirety chapter 16, which mankind has given the title, *"The Lord's Faithless Bride."*<sup>6</sup> *"And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' (ESV);* verse 9,<sup>9</sup> *Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. (ESV);* verses 20-22,<sup>20</sup> *And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter<sup>21</sup> that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?<sup>22</sup> And in all your abominations and your whorings you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, wallowing in your blood. (ESV);* verses 36-38,<sup>36</sup> *Thus says the Lord God, Because your lust was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of the blood of your children that you gave to them,<sup>37</sup> therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved and all those you hated. I will gather them against you from every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness.<sup>38</sup> And I will judge you as women who commit adultery and shed blood are judged, and bring upon you the blood of wrath and jealousy. (ESV)*

Our next selection from Ezekiel is almost as full of verses containing blood as chapter 16. Please turn to chapter 33 and we will look at several verses as we did in chapter 16. First, let's review verses 4-6. <sup>4</sup> *then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head.* <sup>5</sup> *He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.* <sup>6</sup> *But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his*

*blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'* (NKJV) The other verse in chapter 33 is verse 25, actually, I'm inserting verses 24-27. <sup>24</sup> *"Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, 'Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we are many; the land has been given to us as a possession.'* <sup>25</sup> *Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?"* <sup>26</sup> *You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another's wives. Should you then possess the land?"* <sup>27</sup> *Say thus to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "As I live, surely those who are in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and the one who is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and caves shall die of the pestilence.* (NKJV) Onward, we now go to chapter 35, verses 5-6. <sup>5</sup> *"Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end, <sup>6</sup> therefore, as I live," says the Lord God, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.* (NKJV) In chapters 38-39, we find the story of Gog and Magog. In verse 38:22, we find our study word, blood (this time in the form of bloodshed). <sup>22</sup> *With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur.* (ESV) From chapter 39, we find these three verses, 17-19. <sup>17</sup> *"As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field, 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood.* <sup>18</sup> *You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth—of rams, of lambs, and of he-goats, of bulls, all of them fat beasts of Bashan.* <sup>19</sup> *And you shall eat fat till you are filled, and drink blood till you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you.* (ESV) One more verse from Ezekiel. That verse would be chapter 45, verse 19. <sup>19</sup> *The priest will take blood from this sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the Temple, the four corners of the upper ledge of the altar, and the gateposts at the entrance to the inner courtyard.* (NLT)

We are still going through the Old Testament looking for verses that contain the word blood. We now turn to the minor prophets, there was no mention of blood in the book of Daniel. Thus we turn to Hosea, chapter 1, verse 4, <sup>4</sup> *And the Lord said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.* (ESV) Next, we turn to chapter 4, verse 2. <sup>2</sup> *By swearing and lying, Killing and stealing and committing adultery, They break all restraint, With bloodshed upon bloodshed.* (NKJV) The third verse in Hosea is chapter 6, verse 8. <sup>8</sup> *"Gilead is a city of sinners, tracked with footprints of blood.* (NLT) Our last verse from Hosea is chapter 12, verse 14. <sup>14</sup> *Ephraim has given bitter provocation; so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.* (ESV)

That concludes Hosea and we now look at Joel. There are three verses I desire to use from Joel. They are Joel 2:30-32.

<sup>30</sup> *And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and columns of smoke.*

<sup>31</sup> *The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives.*

<sup>32</sup> *But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, just as the Lord has said. These will be among the survivors whom the Lord has called.* (NLT)

Now for the prophet Jonah, there is one passage I used, chapter 1, verses 14-15. <sup>14</sup> *Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you."* <sup>15</sup> *So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. (ESV)*

That was easy. Now for Micah, chapter 3, verse 10. <sup>10</sup> *You are building Jerusalem on a foundation of murder (blood in other translations) and corruption. (NLT)* The other verse in Micah is in chapter 7, verse 2. <sup>2</sup> *The faithful man has perished from the earth, And there is no one upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; Every man hunts his brother with a net. (NKJV)* There is only one chapter in Habakkuk that contains our study word, chapter 2, verses 8, 12 and 17. Verse 8. <sup>8</sup> *Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. (ESV);* verse 12. <sup>12</sup> *"Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! (ESV);* verse 17. <sup>17</sup> *The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. (ESV)*

We only have two more books from the Old Testament remaining. In Zephaniah, chapter 1, verse 17, we find the following. <sup>17</sup> *"I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the Lord; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse."* (NKJV) Our last book to deal with in the Old Testament is Zechariah. We need to look at chapter 9. Because of the current situation in Israel and Gaza, I'm including the verses from 5-13. In this passage you will find blood in verses 7 and 11.

<sup>5</sup> *The city of Ashkelon will see Tyre fall and will be filled with fear. Gaza will shake with terror, as will Ekron, for their hopes will be dashed. Gaza's king will be killed, and Ashkelon will be deserted.*

<sup>6</sup> *Foreigners will occupy the city of Ashdod. I will destroy the pride of the Philistines.*

<sup>7</sup> *I will grab the bloody meat from their mouths and snatch the detestable sacrifices from their teeth. Then the surviving Philistines will worship our God and become like a clan in Judah. The Philistines of Ekron will join my people, as the ancient Jebusites once did.*

<sup>8</sup> *I will guard my Temple and protect it from invading armies. I am watching closely to ensure that no more foreign oppressors overrun my people's land.*

<sup>9</sup> *Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious,*

*yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.*

<sup>10</sup> *I will remove the battle chariots from Israel and the warhorses from Jerusalem. I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your king will bring peace to the nations. His realm will stretch from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.*

<sup>11</sup> *Because of the covenant I made with you, sealed with blood, I will free your prisoners from death in a waterless dungeon.*

<sup>12</sup> *Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners who still have hope! I promise this very day that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.*

<sup>13</sup> *Judah is my bow, and Israel is my arrow. Jerusalem is my sword, and like a warrior, I will brandish it against the Greeks. (NLT)*

## Blood As Recorded In The New Testament

We now turn to the New Testament to see what is recorded concerning the word blood. As with the books, chapters and verses in the Old Testament, the format will be the same. We are going to see the viewpoint of many answers to statements of both praise and judgment made in the Old Testament. Of course, we must begin with the book of Matthew. Along with the word blood, we begin to find many answers to some of the wrath and judgment that God dealt out over the shedding of innocent blood. Please turn to Matthew, chapter 16, verses 17-19. <sup>17</sup> *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* (NKJV) In chapter 23, we find two verses that contain the word blood. These verses are 30 and 35. I am inserting verses 29-36 together. <sup>29</sup> *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, <sup>30</sup> and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' <sup>31</sup> Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. <sup>32</sup> Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. <sup>33</sup> Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? <sup>34</sup> Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, <sup>35</sup> that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. <sup>36</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.* (NKJV)

In chapter 26, we find the initiation of the Lord's Supper and, of course, those famous words of blessing over the cup apply. The passage we need is verses 27-29. <sup>27</sup> *And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> **for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.** <sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."* (ESV) Yeshua was explaining to His Apostles what must happen to Him in the following few days. We should understand that the bread represents His body, given to mankind as the vessel carrying His blood. The wine in the cup represents His blood that must be shed in order to atone for mankind's sins over all ages of time. God loves all of His creation and does not want to have anyone to perish because of their sins. By the sacrifice of Christ, as the Son of God, a perfect, sinless offering was made to heal the breach that was caused in the Garden of Eden when Adam disobeyed the rule God gave him. It was at that point that Satan achieved a second kingdom to be formed, the kingdom of hell. It is only by the blood of Christ that there is a means given to mankind to resolve the disobedience, and the ability to switch from the kingdom of hell to the Kingdom of God. The choice is not difficult. All mankind has to do is be honest with God, repent of your sins, believe in Yeshua as the Son of God and be obedient to His Father's commandments and feast days.

There is one more passage that needs to be recorded from Matthew, that would be chapter 27, verses 3-10. <sup>3</sup> *When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver back to the leading priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> "I have sinned," he declared, "for I have betrayed an innocent man." (other translations say innocent blood) "What do we care?" they retorted. "That's your problem." <sup>5</sup> Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> The leading priests picked up the coins. "It wouldn't be right to put this money in the Temple treasury," they said, "since it was payment for*



*murder.” (blood money) <sup>7</sup> After some discussion they finally decided to buy the potter’s field, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. <sup>8</sup> That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood. <sup>9</sup> This fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah that says, “They took the thirty pieces of silver—the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and purchased the potter’s field, as the Lord directed.” (NLT)*

We now turn to the Gospel of Mark to see what is recorded there. Actually, there is only the repeat of the Lord’s Supper event that I used as a verse that contains the word blood. The full text is Mark 14:22-26, <sup>22</sup> *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” <sup>23</sup> Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. <sup>25</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.* (NKJV) I always thought it funny when I would ask people what was the third thing done at the initiation of the Lord’s Supper. Normally, I would get a blank stare, and if there was a question it would be, “What third thing, there was only the bread and the cup?” Take a look at verse 26 in this passage, or go back to Matthew 26 and look at verse 30. Both of these verses say that they sang a hymn and then went to the Mount of Olives. The third item was the singing of a hymn.

Now for the Gospel of Luke and find that there are only two passages selected in Luke. The first is in chapter 11, verses 50-51. I am placing verses 49-52 here. <sup>49</sup> *Therefore the wisdom of God also said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,’ <sup>50</sup> that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, <sup>51</sup> from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup> Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”* (NKJV) The second passage is in Luke 22:20. This is the Luke statement pertaining to the Lord’s Supper. <sup>20</sup> *And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”* (ESV)

Only one more Gospel to view, the last of the four Gospels, that of John. We turn to chapter 1, verses 11-14. <sup>11</sup> *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* (NKJV) In verses 11 and 12, we need to identify two different groups of people. In verse 11, His own are the Jews who did not, nor do not, accept Yeshua as their Messiah. Even so, there are a few Jews who have understood the Gospels and accepted Yeshua as their Messiah. Verse 12 identifies both Jew and Gentile who have accepted Yeshua as their Lord and Savior and have become the spiritual children of God.

Ah! The book of Acts, actually entitled, *The Acts of the Apostles*. There are several things we need to look at in this book. Not only do we have verses that contain our study word of blood, but also the beginning of the church age at Pentecost. We begin in chapter 1, and find the account of the ascension of Yeshua being told in verses 7-11, <sup>7</sup> *He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”* (ESV) We know that Yeshua instructed the Apostles to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit

baptized them. We find the coming of the Holy Spirit in chapter 2, 1-13, but first I need to insert verse 15 from chapter 1. I need to show you the number and the size of the group who believed in Yeshua at that particular time. Here is that verse. <sup>15</sup> *In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, (ESV) We see from this verse that the core group of believers was about 120 people.*

Now let's look at the verses in chapter 2:1-13. <sup>1</sup> *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

<sup>5</sup> *Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." (ESV)*

All who read these verses should understand that, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit, people from many different locations in the Middle East were hearing those of the core group speak to them in their native language. In some small way isn't this what the people who work at **Faith Comes By Hearing** are attempting to do in an audio device, as led by the Holy Spirit? The objective remains the same: To have all the people on the Earth to hear the Gospels in their native tongue telling them about Yeshua (Jesus).

We continue with Peter standing and explaining what is happening. This is recorded in chapter 2, verses 14-41. I know that seems to be a lot of verses, however, being honest, there is our study word in this passage. Here is Peter's statement back to those who are there witnessing this event.

<sup>14</sup> *But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> " 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

<sup>22</sup> *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, " 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'*

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.’ <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (ESV) That’s a good size change in just one day.

Our next passage shows the reaction of the priests and elders in Jerusalem concerning the growth of this group, they were called a sect and we would now call these believers Christians. We find this in chapter 5, verses 28-32. <sup>28</sup> saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. <sup>31</sup> Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” (NKJV) There is an amazing statement that is made in chapter 9, verse 22. This verse pertains to Saul of Tarsus who became Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Here is that verse. <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ. (NKJV) This begins the journey, and teachings, of Paul as the Apostle to the Gentiles. After his three year stay in the desert, we find Paul ministering throughout the area of Asia Minor and Greece. Asia Minor, of the Bible, is modern day Turkey. We turn over to chapter 15 of Acts and find our next verse containing our study word. The verses we need to view are 19-20 and 28-29. <sup>19</sup> Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, <sup>20</sup> but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. . . . <sup>28</sup> For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: <sup>29</sup> that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. (NKJV)

Turning to chapter 17, we find the following in verse 26. <sup>26</sup> And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, (NKJV) Notice that all the nations of the Earth are created from one blood, that is human blood. There is no such thing as a different blood for each race, mankind is of one blood, period! Our last selected verse in Acts is in chapter 20, verses 26-28, <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. (ESV)

We are beginning the epistles written by Paul and have turned to Romans, chapter 3, verses 23-25. <sup>23</sup> *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,* <sup>24</sup> *being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,* <sup>25</sup> *whom God set forth as a propitiation (the act of gaining or regaining the favor or goodwill of someone or something) by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,* (NKJV) My next selection is Romans 5, verses 8-11. <sup>8</sup> *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* <sup>9</sup> **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.** <sup>10</sup> *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.* <sup>11</sup> *More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.* (ESV)

Turning to 1st Corinthians, chapter 11, verses 25-29, we find a restatement from Paul concerning the Lord's Supper. Here are those verses. <sup>25</sup> *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* <sup>26</sup> *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.* <sup>27</sup> *Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.* <sup>28</sup> *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* <sup>29</sup> *For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.* (NKJV) There is another segment of text that needs to be added from 1st Corinthians. It is recorded in chapter 15 and this chapter has 58 verses in it. I have taken three passages from chapter 15 and believe they are meaningful to all who may read them. Here is the first segment in verses 20-26, <sup>20</sup> *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (died).* <sup>21</sup> *For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.* <sup>22</sup> *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.* <sup>23</sup> *But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.* <sup>24</sup> *Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.* <sup>25</sup> *For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.* <sup>26</sup> *The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.* The second segment is verses 35-45. <sup>35</sup> *But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?"* <sup>36</sup> *Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.* <sup>37</sup> *And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain.* <sup>38</sup> *But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.* <sup>39</sup> *All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.* <sup>40</sup> **There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies;** *but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.* <sup>41</sup> *There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.* <sup>42</sup> *So also is the resurrection of the dead.* **The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.** <sup>43</sup> *It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.* <sup>44</sup> **It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.** *There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.* <sup>45</sup> *And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.* Our third segment is verses 50-57. <sup>50</sup> *Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*** <sup>51</sup> *Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—*** <sup>52</sup> *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* <sup>53</sup> *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal must put on immortality.*** <sup>54</sup> *So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" <sup>56</sup> **The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.** <sup>57</sup> **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** (NKJV)*

There are so many wonderful statements made to every human being in these verses. If anyone is looking for meaningful verses that gives meaning to the word “Rapture”, surely you can find the pretribulation escape from God’s wrath in these verses. What makes this all possible is the blood of Christ. Without Christ being the firstfruit of the resurrection, there is no hope for all of mankind. Stop and think about it for a moment. Contained in the food laws of the Jews is the rule that the first fruits of the barley harvest must be marked with a scarlet ribbon and when tall enough to make a sheath, it is taken to the temple and the priest performs a wave offering before the Lord. Then, the barley harvest can begin. In similar fashion, Christ is the firstfruit of the resurrection and what He told Mary at the grave was “Don’t touch me, I have not gone to my Father yet.” Yeshua had to present Himself to the High Priest of Heaven, God, before the harvest of the dead could begin.

We now turn to Galatians, chapter 1, verses 15-19. <sup>15</sup> *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,* <sup>16</sup> *to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,* <sup>17</sup> *nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.* <sup>18</sup> *Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.* <sup>19</sup> *But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. (NKJV)*

Onward to Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 6-11. <sup>6</sup> *So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.* <sup>7</sup> *He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.* <sup>8</sup> *He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.*

<sup>9</sup> *God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure.* <sup>10</sup> *And **this is the plan:** At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.* <sup>11</sup> *Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. (NLT)* Follow these verses with chapter 2, verse 13. <sup>13</sup> *But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. (NLT)* Finally, we arrive at Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 11-13. <sup>11</sup> *Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.* <sup>12</sup> *For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.* <sup>13</sup> *Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. (NLT)*

Colossians only has one passage that I selected. The verses are located in chapter 1, verses 14 and 20. I’m combining verses and inserting verses 13-23. <sup>13</sup> *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,* <sup>14</sup> *in whom **we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*** <sup>15</sup> *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* <sup>16</sup> *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.* <sup>17</sup> *And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.* <sup>18</sup> *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

<sup>19</sup> *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,* <sup>20</sup> *and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.* <sup>21</sup> *And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled* <sup>22</sup> *in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—* <sup>23</sup> *if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. (NKJV)*

The study word blood does not appear in 1st Thessalonians, however, I am inserting one passage from chapter 5, verses 9-10. <sup>9</sup> *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us* (shed His blood to pay for our sins) *so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.* (ESV)

The book of Hebrews contains several verses that have the study word, blood, recorded in these various verses. The first use of the term blood is in chapter 2, verse 14-16. <sup>14</sup> *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.* (ESV) I'm going to make a statement based upon these verses. If Satan had known God's plan and intent to heal the breach between God and mankind, he would have done everything in his power to make sure the priests and Pharisees did not, nor could not, crucify Christ. Without the shedding of Christ's blood there would have been no atonement to pay for the disobedience and sin of the people between the time of Adam to the day that Christ was crucified. Jesus (Yeshua), in the form of man had a body under the condemnation of death. Through the virgin birth, there was no introduction of blood from a human male. The blood of the Christ child was introduced through the Holy Spirit to Mary. It was pure and not tainted with the sinfulness of mankind's heart. The Son of God could not have been sent to Earth in the form of a spirit (a portion of the Trinity) because spirits cannot die, they live forever. Satan could not read the mind of God, and God did not announce His plan of Salvation. Salvation for mankind was strictly a fact within God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, and no other! Even the angels did not know or understand God's plan. It is only by, through and under the Blood of Christ that mankind has salvation. This gift is freely given to mankind in all our generations since the death of Christ! Do you understand this statement? Are you a believer of Christ? Have you repented of your sins and been baptized? Are you in obedience to God's commandments, and is the Lord Jesus Christ (Yeshua) Lord of your life?

The next verse selection I made from Hebrews is in chapter 9, verses 11-26. <sup>11</sup> *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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> 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? <sup>15</sup> And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

<sup>16</sup> *For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. <sup>17</sup> For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. <sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup> saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." <sup>21</sup> Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. <sup>22</sup> And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*

<sup>23</sup> *Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup> For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; <sup>25</sup> not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—<sup>26</sup> He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the*

*sacrifice of Himself.* (NKJV) In chapter 10 of Hebrews, I selected verses 4 and 29. Here is verse 4, <sup>4</sup> *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.* (NKJV) Here are verses 28-31. <sup>28</sup> *Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.* <sup>29</sup> *Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?* <sup>30</sup> *For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."* <sup>31</sup> *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* (NKJV)

There is also a passage in 1st Peter that I selected and it is contained in chapter 1, verses 18-21. <sup>18</sup> *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,* <sup>19</sup> *but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.* <sup>20</sup> *He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you* <sup>21</sup> *who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.* (ESV) I have also selected a passage from 1st John, chapter 5, verses 1-12. <sup>1</sup> *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.* <sup>2</sup> *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.* <sup>3</sup> *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.* <sup>4</sup> *For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.* <sup>5</sup> *Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

<sup>6</sup> *This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.* <sup>7</sup> *For there are three that testify:* <sup>8</sup> *the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.* <sup>9</sup> *If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.* <sup>10</sup> *Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.* <sup>11</sup> *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.* <sup>12</sup> *Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.* (ESV)

It is now the time for the verses selected from the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ as told to John, the Apostle. My first selection was in chapter 1, verses 4-6. <sup>4</sup> *John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:*

*Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,* <sup>5</sup> *and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,* <sup>6</sup> *and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.* (NKJV) The next selection is in chapter 5, verses 9-10. <sup>9</sup> *And they sang a new song, saying:*

*"You are worthy to take the scroll,  
And to open its seals; For You were slain,  
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood  
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God;  
And we shall reign on the earth."* (NKJV)

The next passage is in chapter 6, verses 9-11. <sup>9</sup> *When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.* <sup>10</sup> *They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and*

avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. (ESV) Turn with me to chapter 7, verses 13-14 for the next selection. <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (ESV) We move forward and find our next selection in chapter 12, verses 7-12. <sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." (NKJV) We see some of the judgment and wrath of God in our next selection in chapter 16, verses 2-7. <sup>2</sup> So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. <sup>3</sup> Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died. <sup>4</sup> Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

<sup>5</sup> And I heard the angel of the waters saying:  
"You are righteous, O Lord,  
The One who is and who was and who is to be,  
Because You have judged these things.

<sup>6</sup> For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,  
And You have given them blood to drink.  
For it is their just due."

<sup>7</sup> And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." (NKJV) Chapter 19 contains two passages which will bring our study to a close. The first verse from chapter 19 is verse 2. <sup>2</sup> For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." (NKJV) The final verse containing the word blood is in verse 13. This verse is the beginning of Christ's return to earth as he mounts His white horse and begins to leave heaven to return to earth with His Saints behind Him. Here is verses 13-16. <sup>13</sup> He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

**KING OF KINGS**

**AND LORD OF LORDS.**

(NKJV)



That may complete our word study of the word blood. However, there are a couple of other passages that I'd like to add to this study.

In Deuteronomy, chapter 19, verses 4-13, we find the rules for a manslayer and an avenger. Here are those verses. <sup>4</sup> *“This is the provision for the manslayer, who by fleeing there may save his life. If anyone kills his neighbor unintentionally without having hated him in the past—<sup>5</sup> as when someone goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down a tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live,<sup>6</sup> lest the avenger of blood in hot anger pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike him fatally, though the man did not deserve to die, since he had not hated his neighbor in the past.<sup>7</sup> Therefore I command you, You shall set apart three cities.<sup>8</sup> And if the Lord your God enlarges your territory, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land that he promised to give to your fathers—<sup>9</sup> provided you are careful to keep all this commandment, which I command you today, by loving the Lord your God and by walking ever in his ways— then you shall add three other cities to these three,<sup>10</sup> lest innocent blood be shed in your land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance, and so the guilt of bloodshed be upon you.*

<sup>11</sup> *“But if anyone hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and attacks him and strikes him fatally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities,<sup>12</sup> then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there, and hand him over to the avenger of blood, so that he may die.<sup>13</sup> Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, so that it may be well with you.* (ESV)

I indicated earlier that I would most likely use 1st Thessalonians 4:3-8 again. I am and here is that passage. <sup>3</sup> *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;<sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,<sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;<sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because **the Lord is an avenger in all these things**, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.<sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.<sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.* (ESV)

I can only pray that this study was of some use to you in providing more knowledge so that you grow in understanding the power of the shed blood of Christ and the multitude of sins for which Christ's blood has provided atonement. I fully believe that we are in the End Times and must be prepared for the return of Christ at any moment. Have you prepared? Are you a child of God? Jesus (Yeshua) is the life, the truth and the way and no other is acceptable. John 14:6, <sup>6</sup> *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* (ESV)

Maranatha

## Justified by the Blood of Christ

Perry Stone gave a sermon on being justified by the blood of Christ on a Manna-fest broadcast and I felt that the verses he used to support his sermon also fit well with what is written in this book. Therefore, I have included the verses that he used. All verses are from the ESV Bible.

Rom 5:9, <sup>9</sup> *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

Rom 1:18, <sup>18</sup> *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*

Eph 5:5-6, <sup>5</sup> *For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

1 Thes 5:9-10, <sup>9</sup> *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.*

Luke 17:34-37, <sup>34</sup> *I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” <sup>36</sup> Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”*

Matt 24:42, <sup>42</sup> *Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*

Luke 21:35-36, <sup>35</sup> *For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”*

1 Thes 4:15-17, <sup>15</sup> *For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

Isaiah 57:1-2, <sup>1</sup> *The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from calamity; <sup>2</sup> he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness.*

John 14:1-3, <sup>1</sup> *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”*

Matt 24:36-42, <sup>36</sup> *“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”*

Rev 12:10-12, <sup>10</sup> *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> And **they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony**, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"*