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Leviticus Chapter 17 The Blood Atonement / Covenant

Once again, before we get started, I would like to welcome everybody and thank you so very much for joining us for our study into the 17th chapter of the book of Leviticus which is primarily a chapter that has everything to do with the significance and the importance of blood and exactly what blood actually is, and what it represents in the eyes of our Father in heaven.

We'll find that Leviticus chapter 17 only has 16 verses, but within those 16 verses of Scripture is actually a treasure chest of information that has to do not only with physical blood itself, but also our salvation and the atonement of sin, and not only life, but the extension of life. Leviticus chapter 17 gives us some major insight into how and why our Father in heaven uses blood to help us better understand the grave consequences of sin and how our sin is atoned for and why.

We as modern-day Christians often times throw around the analogy of blood almost carelessly without really thinking about what blood atonement actually means and what blood atonement actually costs the innocent life that that innocent blood came from. We often times use phrases like "*the blood of the covenant*" or "*the blood that covers our heads*", or "*we are washed in the blood*" but rarely do we stop and think about what the blood represents, and why it was that Yehovah chose blood in of itself to represent not only the atonement of sin, but also the initiation, or the beginning of a covenant and even a new life.

The concept of blood and exactly what blood does for today's modern-day Christian is a concept that I fear that most modern-day Christians don't really understand because once again, they do not read their Bibles from the beginning of the book to the end of the book. It is often taught by shameful men who are card-carrying denominational pastors, priests, bishops, and popish leaders... that a Christian only has to read the last half of the book because the first half of the book is all been done away with. All that really matters is found in the back of the book in the New Testament. And once again, the reason that they teach this devilish concept is so that their denominational charter of men can then fill in the blanks that not reading the beginning of the book leaves wide open.

Today as we read through the 17th chapter of the book of Leviticus, we will find exactly how important the first half of the book really is. And I would submit to you that by the end of today's study you will most likely agree with me when I say that the first half of our Bibles are no more done away with than our right hand is done away with. In fact, I would submit to you

that the first half of the Bible is the right hand of Yehovah. The first half of the Bible is where the power, and the authority, of our Father in heaven is introduced to mankind. The first half of the Bible is where our Messiah is first introduced to mankind. The first half of the Bible is where we find the concept and the explanation of sin itself which according to the New Testament in first John chapter 3 verse four is the transgression of the law (found in the Old Testament). The very definition of the word “*sin*” is the transgression of the law according to not just the Old Testament and the prophets, but the New Testament and the apostles as well.

And so, before we dive too much deeper into the concept of “*blood*” and what it means in both the Old Testament and the New, and what it points to, and how would atones for sin, and what it has to do with covenants, and even new life... let’s go read Leviticus chapter 17 so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly what it does not say. **Leviticus chapter 17: E1**

Lev 17:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 17:2 “Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded.

Lev 17:3 If any one of the house of Israel kills an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or kills it outside the camp,

Lev 17:4 and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it as a gift to the LORD in front of the tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

Lev 17:5 This is to the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD, to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.

Lev 17:6 And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

Lev 17:7 So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

Lev 17:8 “And you shall say to them, Any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice

Lev 17:9 and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from his people.

Lev 17:10 “If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people.

Lev 17:11 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.

Lev 17:12 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.

Lev 17:13 “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.

Lev 17:14 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.

Lev 17:15 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.

Lev 17:16 But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, he shall bear his iniquity.”

One of the first things that we see here in Leviticus chapter 17 is that you cannot take an ox or a lamb or goat and just kill it without bringing it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it as a gift to Yehovah in the front of the tabernacle of Yehovah.

We must remember that every animal that was killed whether it was for the purpose of atonement, or whether it was for a burnt offering, or a fellowship offering, or a guilt offering... Every animal that was used for any of these offerings was an animal that Yehovah had created. It was an innocent animal that had nothing to do with sin that Yehovah had created. And whether you were using it for a specific offering, or whether you were using it for food... that animal had to number one, be clean, and in the category of a clean animal as per the instruction of Yehovah himself... and number two, that animal had to be brought back to the temple and given as a gift back to Yehovah who created it in the first place. Why?

The reason why it had to be brought back to the temple and offered as a gift to Yehovah is so that Yehovah could see that you as a believer understood where that animal came from and that you appreciated that animal, and the food that you were about to receive. Obedience... is the biblical definition of the love of God not says just the Old Testament... but also the New Testament in 1st John chapter 4 verse three.

As we read through the first half of our Bibles also known as “*the Old Testament*” we’re going to find that our Father in heaven not only loved mankind, but that our Father in heaven loves all of his creation including but not limited to the animals that he created. It is written that not even a sparrow falls from heaven to the ground without our Father in heaven knowing about it. And it is also written in Matthew chapter 10, that you are of more value than many sparrows according to our Messiah. But this does not negate the fact that even the smallest of life means something to our Father in heaven. And one thing that we have in common with all living creatures upon the face of the earth is that we all have been given life-giving blood that flows through our veins by our Father in heaven.

Leviticus chapter 17 verse 11 tells us that the life of the flesh is in the blood. The flesh is nothing more than a bag of bones without life-giving blood that flows through the flesh. And it is also written in Leviticus chapter 17 verse 11 that the blood makes atonement by the life. And

I want us to stop and think about that for just a moment. Let's turn very quickly to **Genesis 4:8-10 (scrn 1)**

Your Brother's Blood Cries Out From The Ground!

Gen 4:8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Gen 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Gen 4:10 And the LORD said, "What have you done? **The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.**



It's important that we understand that the blood that Yehovah has created is indeed what gives us life, and without that blood, once that blood has been taken away from the flesh, the flesh can no longer live because the life is gone.

There are all kinds of things that science is now doing to catch up with the truth of Yehovah's word that he spoke thousands of years ago. And one of the things that science has found is that blood cells when introduced to light actually produce a high-frequency sound wave that contains all kinds of information. With that being said, I'd like us to visit ScienceDaily.com, and I'd like us to read an article from back in July 2nd 2013. (**Go To Website**)

Listening To Blood Cells:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/07/130702123348.htm>

"New research reveals that when red blood cells are hit with laser light, they produce high frequency sound waves that contain a great deal of information. Similar to the way one can hear the voices of different people and identify who they are, investigators reporting in the July 2 issue of Biophysical Journal, published by Cell Press, could analyze the sound waves produced by red blood cells and recognize their shape and size. The information may aid in the development of simple tests for blood-related diseases."

Keeping this in mind, I want us to remember that when Cain had murdered his brother Abel,

Yehovah said and I quote, “*The voice of your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground*”. Does blood have a voice? According to both Yehovah, and today’s scientists the answer to that question is indeed a resounding “yes”!

Blood is what causes the flesh to live. Blood is what causes the flesh to grow and to thrive. Blood is indeed what gives life, and this is exactly what blood does when it atones for someone’s sin. If we transgress the law... (the spoken word of Yehovah)... then we have committed “*sin*”. (scrn 2)

The Wages of Sin Is DEATH!

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**

Rom 6:23 For **the wages of sin is death,** but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Knowing and understanding the biblical definition of sin and what sin leads to should help us to better understand why innocent blood and only innocent blood which is life-giving... can atone for sin.

Once we sin which is the transgression of the law... the wages for transgressing the spoken word of Yehovah is death. We immediately upon transgressing the law... (which is committing sin)... have a debt to pay... and that debt is the forfeiture of our lives. This is what Paul referred to as the “*curse of the law*”. The apostle Paul never called the law itself a curse. The apostle Paul called the penalty for transgressing the law a curse because it was the penalty of the law which was the ordinance that was written against us as natural born sinners. **Galatians 3:13** (scrn 3)

The Curse of The Law!

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from **the curse of the law** by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

Gal 3:14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.



Once again, listen carefully to what the apostle Paul tells us about the law; (**scrn 4**)

Rom 2:13 *For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.***

Rom 3:31 *Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.***

Rom 6:1 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?*

Rom 6:2 ***By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

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Rom 7:12 *So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.*

Rom 8:7 *For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.*

Rom 8:8 *Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Rom 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.***

Clearly, the apostle Paul was not teaching and preaching against the law of Yehovah. In fact,

we are even told in the book of Acts chapter 21 verse 24 that the apostle Paul himself always lived-in observance of the law. Therefore... we as modern-day Christians must understand the significance of Leviticus chapter 17 and why it is that innocent blood is to be treated with great care according to our Father in heaven. And I want us to also notice in Leviticus chapter 17 verse 13 that anyone who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. In other words, if you were out hunting and killed an animal for food, you were to drain out its blood right there and then cover it with the earth not leaving it exposed to the light of day. And just as we have seen already through what science tells us... when blood is introduced to light, it does indeed cry out, and our Father in heaven does indeed hear that blood crying out from the ground.

And so, when we begin to examine the idea of life-giving blood atoning for sin... we should be able to see why it is that innocent life-giving blood atones for sin which leads to death.

Once we sin, our bodies, our flesh, and the blood that is within our flesh becomes tainted and is now destined for death. The only thing that can possibly once again give us life is new blood that is not tainted or marred with sin. Only innocent blood.... please understand that my friends... only "*innocent blood*" can atone for sin because blood that has already sinned no longer has the ability to give life. At least not life beyond the veil.

When we understand the spiritual concept of "*innocent blood*" and what "*innocent blood*" represents, and what it stands for in the eyes of our Father in heaven, then and only then can we possibly understand what it was that our Messiah actually did for us. **Second Corinthians 5:20-21 (scrn 5)**

He Who Knew No Sin... Became Sin

2Co 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.**

2Co 5:21 For our sake **he made him to be sin who knew no sin**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Just like the innocent blood of innocent animals gave life back to those with tainted blood who had committed sin in Moses day... the innocent blood of our Passover lamb who is our Messiah gave life back to us who had tainted blood who had committed sin. **Isaiah 53:10-12 (scrn 6)**

It Was The Will of Yehovah To Crush Him

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.



The only thing that can ever atone for sin is innocent blood that is not under the death penalty for transgressing the spoken word of our Father in heaven. If our Messiah had sinned and was guilty of sin, then his blood would be disqualified from being able to give life. But because our Messiah did not sin, his blood did indeed qualify to be able to give life. But in order for that innocent blood to be able to give life, just like on the day of atonement, when the high priest laid his hands upon the innocent goat and professed all of the sins of the house of Israel and laid all of the sins of the house of Israel upon that goat... it is the innocent blood that washes away sin much like water washes away dirt and filth.

Think of it this way... only clean water can truly wash away dirt and filth and germs. Dirty water that is contaminated has no way of washing away dirt and filth and germs. If water is already contaminated, and you wash your hands with contaminated water, you're just making things worse. But... if you wash your dirty hands with clean water... then and only then can your hands truly be clean. And this is exactly the same way that it works with blood. Only innocent blood that is clean blood and free from sin can wash away sin.

Which leads us into better understanding why it is that no one was permitted to drink blood. My friends, drinking blood was demonic back in the days of Moses, just like drinking blood is demonic today in our time.

There is no doubt that we have all heard of witchcraft. We have all heard of devil worship. And time, and time, and time again movies are being put out in abundance from the demonically inspired pit of Hollywood that have everything to do with blood and murder, and

witchcraft and devil worship, and things that were done clear back even before the days of Moses and are still being done today through the evil auspices of mankind.

It is written back in the sixth chapter of the book of Genesis that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continuously, and that Yehovah regretted that he had even made man upon the earth and it grieved him to his heart. Listen closely to what our Messiah tells us about the human heart in **Matthew 15:18-19 (scrn 7)**

The Wickedness of The Human Heart!

Mat 15:18 **But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.**

Mat 15:19 **For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.**

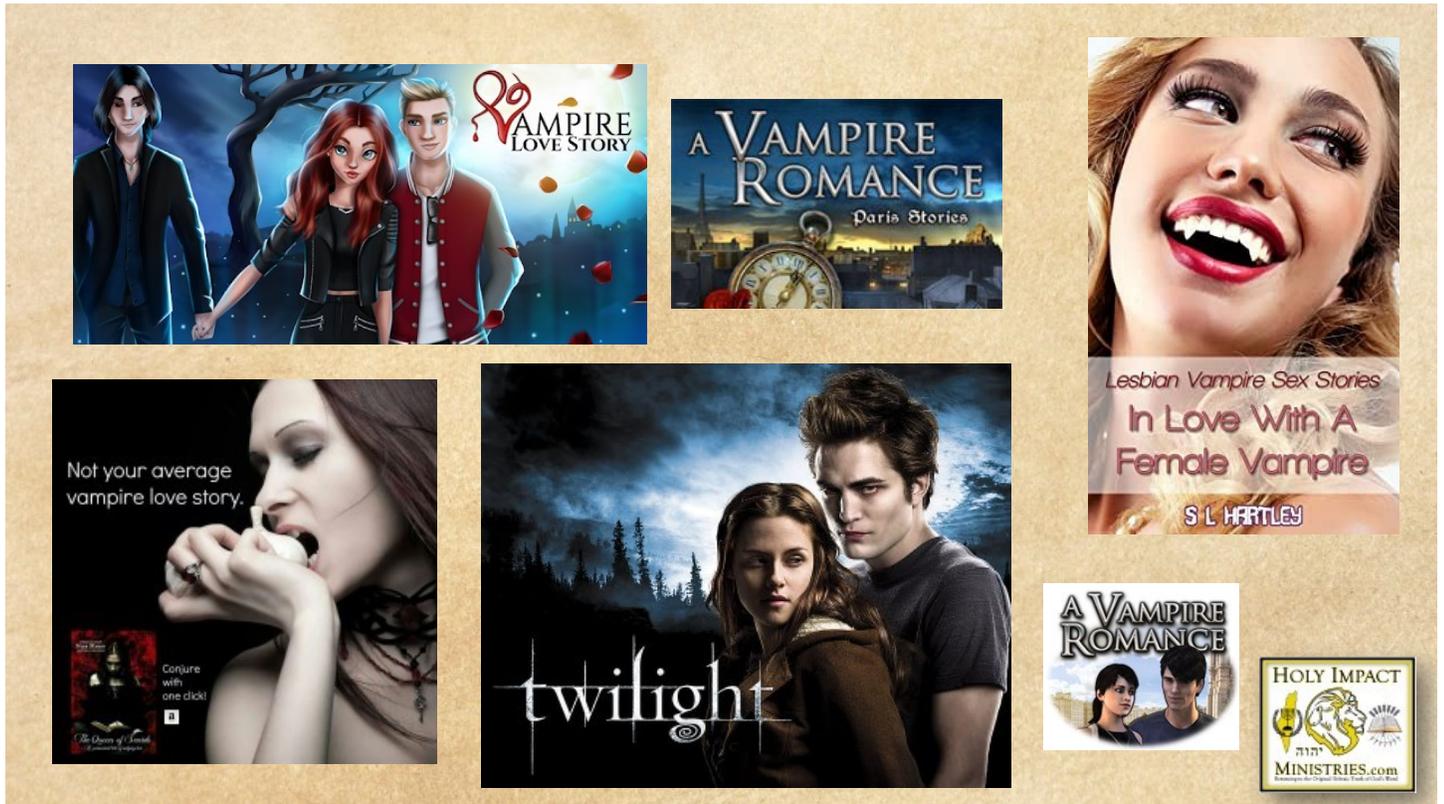


Innocent blood that is capable of atoning for sin is not easy to come by when it comes to human beings. When man decided to bow his knee to the creature by taking what did not belong to him from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil back in the garden of Eden, man became the children of the devil himself. And the flesh represents the chains that we are bound by. It is because we as a people decided to serve the creature rather than our creator, that the creature has taken us captive.

We are born into darkness, and our flesh seeks darkness. Our flesh wants darkness. Our flesh wants to follow after the darkness of the world. And just as the apostle James tells us in the book of James chapter 4 verse four... *“Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

Those who drink life-giving blood, destroy that life-giving blood. The devil and those who follow after him drink blood not in order to have everlasting life... the reason that they drink

innocent blood is to mock the creator of that innocent blood. It is a mockery. It is an abomination. It is the essence of evil in of itself to drink blood. And this is exactly why Hollywood created vampires. (scrn 8)



Isn't it interesting how many love stories that Hollywood has put out about falling in love with vampires who drink blood? Is it any wonder why the apostle James tells us that whoever makes himself a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God?

It is written that David protected his eyes from anything that was evil. Why is this important today? Once again, the knowledge of the Old Testament is found to be extremely valuable today in our time. (Go To website)

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20151021-the-people-who-drink-human-blood>

Have you ever heard the term “*monkey see monkey do*” my friends? What Hollywood does... people will often times do. I'd like to read a little bit of this article from the BBC back on October 21st of 2015; the title reads;

In most major cities around the world, communities of ordinary people – nurses, bar staff, secretaries – are drinking human blood on a regular basis. The question is, why?

And the article goes on to say this;

“In the French quarter of New Orleans, John Edgar Browning is about to take part in a “feeding”. It begins as clinically as a medical procedure. His acquaintance first swabs a small patch on Browning’s upper back with alcohol. He then punctures it with a disposable hobby scalpel, and squeezes until the blood starts flowing. Lowering his lips to the wound, Browning’s associate now starts lapping up the wine-dark liquid. “He drank it a few times, then cleaned and bandaged me,” Browning says today.

To Browning’s bemusement, he was not quite to his host’s taste. “He said my blood was not as metallic as it should have been – so he was a little disappointed,” he recalls; apparently, diet, hydration and blood group can all make a subtle difference to the flavour. After they had cleaned up, the pair went to a charity dinner in aid of the homeless.

A self-confessed “needle-phobe”, Browning had not been looking forward to the feeding. “I’m actually pretty fearful of anything sharp approaching my skin,” he says. But as a researcher at Louisiana State University, he was willing to go through with it for his latest project: an ethnographic study of the New Orleans “real vampire” community.

There are thousands of people drinking blood in the US alone”

Hollywood is indeed the devil’s playground. And it is from the devil’s playground that movies and sitcoms and yes even soap operas spawn from. The more homosexual movies that are produced, the more homosexuality we can expect within your culture and society. The more blood drinking movies that are produced, the more blood drinking we can expect within our culture and societies. *“Monkey see monkey do”*. My great grandfather used to warn me about doing something just because I saw someone else doing it. And to this very day through the spoken word of Yehovah I now know exactly why he warned me about these kinds of things.

And just how many modern-day professing Christians do you suppose have ever walked into a movie theater to watch such a demonically inspired abomination as this? How many modern-day professing Christians do you suppose have these books on their bookshelves and these movies laying around their homes. All the while claiming to be a Christian... they dance with the devil in the pale moonlight because they don’t have the eyes to see nor do they have the ears to hear. And for those of you who think that this is acceptable... it is important for you to understand that not everyone who calls our Messiah *“Lord”* will enter his Father’s kingdom just because they call him Lord. **(scrn 9)**

Not Everyone Who Calls Me Lord...

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’



With that being said, I would like us to once again pay close attention to **Leviticus chapter 17 verse seven. E2**

Lev 17:7 So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

Here clear back in Leviticus chapter 17 during the days of Moses we find that there were those within the house of Israel who were sacrificing to... goat demons. This once again had to do with the drinking, and shedding of innocent blood. And as we read through Leviticus chapter 17, it should be clear to us that shedding blood was just as much an abomination as drinking blood. If you shed the blood of an animal and did not bring it to the temple, you were guilty of shedding innocent blood, and that man was to be cut off from among his people. And believe it or not, even after our Father in heaven instructed the house of Israel through Moses not to do these things, we continuously find them doing these exact same things just a few chapters up in Leviticus chapter 20. **Leviticus 20:4-6 (scrn 10)**

Mediums and Necromancers...

Lev 20:4 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,

Lev 20:5 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.**

Lev 20:6 “If a person turns to **mediums and necromancers,** whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and **will cut him off from among his people.**



So much for Harry Potter.

Once again, the children of the house of Israel were not only commanded and instructed in how to properly deal with the issue of innocent blood, but they were also commanded and instructed in how to deal with the sin that caused them to need innocent blood to cover their heads. And much of this once again has everything to do with “*monkey see monkey do*”. When we see others doing something, this is when we also by human nature want to do the same thing. And this is why it is important for us to teach our children to be careful who they associate with. As human beings we tend to become what we associate with. And this is exactly why our Father in heaven commands the house of Israel not to marry outside of the house of Israel. He warns us not to be yoked together with unbelievers. He consistently warns us over, and over, and over again not to do things that are going to require us to turn to and to count on innocent blood to cover our sins.

It’s important to understand that when the house of Israel left Egypt, they did not leave Egypt alone. **Exodus 12:37-38 (scrn 11)**

A Mixed Multitude!

Exo 12:37 And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

Exo 12:38 A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.



The shedding of innocent blood once again did not only cover those born by blood into the house of Israel. The shedding of innocent blood that we are reading about here in the 17th chapter of the book of Leviticus also atoned for the sins of many Gentiles who were also traveling with the house of Israel, and I know that we have talked about this repeatedly throughout our studies into the Torah, but I do not ever want to neglect someone who is tuning in for the first time, and so therefore I would like to very quickly reintroduce these well-known Scripture so that we can all be on the same page concerning the biblical fact that the Gentiles were already being grafted into the house of Israel clear back in the beginning of the book. **(SCRN 12)**

The Grafting In of Gentiles! ONE LAW FOR ALL!

Exo 12:48 If a stranger (gentile) shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; **he shall be as a native of the land.** But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Exo 12:49 **There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger (gentile) who sojourns among you."**

Num 15:14 And if a stranger (gentile) is sojourning with you, or any one is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.

Num 15:15 For the assembly, **there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger (gentile) who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner (gentile) shall be alike before the LORD.**

Num 15:16 **One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger (gentile) who sojourns with you."**



And so, when we read about the things that the house of Israel was doing concerning Molech, and the worship of these goat demons, and all the rest of the iniquities that they were doing, I want us to always remember exactly who the house of Israel was. The house of Israel was not only those who were born by blood into the house of Israel. The house of Israel also consisted of many Gentiles who had been circumcised and grafted into the house of Israel through the covenant of Abraham. And so, the ignorant and the unstudied who say that the Jews were all to blame for this are indeed ignorant and unstudied, and we should not listen to another word that they speak.

When we look at the house of Israel and what they have done, we are simply looking into a mirror. Our Messiah said that if a man looks upon a woman with sexual intent, he has done it in his heart and is therefore guilty of it. How many of us have looked upon the shedding of innocent blood? How many of us have enjoyed the love story of vampires, or the magical underpinnings of Harry Potter? If you've done it in your heart, then you've done it and you're guilty of it, and you my friend are desperately in need of innocent blood. **Judges 2:16-17 (scrn 13)**

The Judges

Jdg 2:16 Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them.

Jdg 2:17 Yet **they did not listen to their judges**, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so.



I would submit to my friends that the exact same thing that was going on back in those days is indeed still going on today in our time. What we see in the New Testament in the back of the book is nothing short of the prophecy of the Old Testament being fulfilled. When we read Leviticus chapter 17 and we hear about the importance of innocent blood being shed and the fact that we are not to eat anything with its blood still in it, and that even if we hunt an animal in the field, we are to pour its blood out upon the earth and cover it with the earth we need to understand that these things are still true in the New Testament. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. **Acts 15:19-21 (scrn 14)**

Abstain From Blood!

New Testament

Act 15:19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God,

Act 15:20 but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

Act 15:21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”



In Acts chapter 15 we see an argument going on between a group of Pharisees who were following around the apostle Paul trying to force his new converts to be circumcised. The Pharisees believed that it was circumcision that saved them, and therefore the new converts of the apostle Paul must be forced to be circumcised immediately in order to be saved.

The apostle Paul knew full well that circumcision if not done for the right reason would not be of any effect. If you were being circumcised just in order to be saved so that you could claim your ticket into heaven, you were being circumcised for the wrong reason.

Paul understood that circumcision is much like baptism. Both need to be done because they are commanded by Yahovah. But... they must be done with a circumcised heart. Both circumcision and baptism are like wedding vows. They must be done for the right reason. If I as a pastor forced someone down to the river and dunked them under the water and said that they were baptized... this does not make them baptized. Why? Because they were not moved to go down to the water by their own heart. Therefore, their baptism is of no effect. If you parents force you to be baptized and you do it because mommy and daddy said so... you're not baptized. They did not make the willful and intentional decision to go down to the water for themselves because of their love for our Father and his only begotten Son.

Circumcision works the exact same way. You cannot force someone to be circumcised and then say that they are included in the covenant of Abraham. Why? Because their heart was not in it. They were not moved through a circumcised heart to be circumcised because of their love for Yahovah. Therefore, their circumcision is of no effect. And this is what the Apostle Paul was so

desperately trying to explain to the Pharisees of his time.

And right here in the 15th chapter of the book of Acts we find James who was the head of the Jerusalem Council not telling anyone not to be circumcised. James simply makes the proclamation that they should do what the Torah says! Abstain from things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. All 4 of these things that James commands the new converts to do come directly from the Torah. And by the way does James tell the new converts not to be circumcised anywhere in Acts chapter 15? The answer that question is a resounding no! He does not tell any of the new converts not to be circumcised. He simply tells the leadership to begin teaching them the Torah and he says in Acts chapter 15 verse 21 and I quote, “*for from ancient generations Moses has in every city those who proclaim him for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues*”. In other words, let’s get these new converts to do the simple things first in honor of Yahovah, because they will hear the law of Moses being proclaimed every Sabbath in the synagogues and it will be at that time when their hearts move them to do so... that they will be properly circumcised because of their own willful intent. Not because someone force them to do it, but because their heart was in it. And of course, in the first few verses of the very next chapter the apostle Paul himself circumcised Timothy as they continued on to deliver the decree of James to the rest of the assemblies in Jerusalem.

The point I’m trying to make in all of this is that once again the blood is mentioned here by James in the 15th chapter of the book of Acts in the New Testament and so too are the rest of the laws of the Torah that the new converts were to indeed do and observe just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 23 verse three.

In closing I would like us to take a close look at **Matthew 23:37 (scrn 15)**

And You Were Not Willing!

Mat 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, **and you were not willing!**”



How many of us today have the opportunity to come and partake of the innocent blood that has been shed for us and for our children and for our children’s children and yet... are not willing? How many of us today proclaim that we are “*Christians*”... and yet continue to make ourselves friends of the world and thereby enemies of God because... we are not willing? How many modern-day professing Christians today will only sit in a church pew on the wrong day of the week listening to some huckster that they barely know preach out of the back half of the book while proclaiming to them that the first half of the book is nothing but blank white pages because they simply are not willing... to take the time and to sit down and read it for themselves?

There is nothing new under the sun. What will be, has already been done. And the best that we can hope for is that the seed that we plant in the hearing of the unbeliever today will be watered and grown by our Father in heaven who does the choosing.

My hope and my prayer is that we will continue to plant the seed of truth in the hearing of everyone who has the ears to hear in the eyes to see. And my hope and my prayer is that the work that we are doing here today will indeed assist in the expansion of his soon coming kingdom.

Next week we will pick up where we left off in Leviticus chapter 17 and move into Leviticus chapter 18. That’s next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard Time right here on Holy Impact Ministries Bible study night.

Until then I will as I always do ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.