

Exodus 12:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Analysis

The 'hyssop' (ezov, חִיטָּה) was a common plant with absorbent properties, perfect for sprinkling blood. Its use in cleansing ceremonies (Leviticus 14:4, Numbers 19:6, Psalm 51:7) made it associated with purification. The 'basin' (saf, סֹפֶר) held the lamb's blood. The three-fold application (two side posts, upper lintel) and the prohibition to leave the house 'until morning' created a blood-sealed refuge where judgment could not enter.

Historical Context

Hyssop (possibly marjoram) grew abundantly and had bushy branches ideal for applying liquids. Its later use at Christ's crucifixion (John 19:29) creates typological connection.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the hyssop branch, a humble plant, teach that God uses simple means to apply saving grace?
2. What does remaining inside the blood-marked house teach about abiding in Christ for safety from judgment?

Interlinear Text

וּלְקַחְתֶּם	אֶגֶדְתַּ	אֵז וּבֹ	וּטְבַלְתֶּם	הַדָּם	אֲשֶׁר
And ye shall take	a bunch	of hyssop	and dip	it in the blood	H834
H3947	H92	H231	H2881	H1818	
בַּסֵּף	וְהִגַּעְתֶּם	אֵל	הַמַּשְׁקוּף	וְאֵל	שְׁתֵּי י
that is in the bason	and strike	H413	the lintel	H413	and the two
H5592	H5060		H4947		H8147
הַמְּזוּזֹת	מִן	הַדָּם	אֲשֶׁר	בַּסֵּף	וְאֵת הַ
side posts	H4480	it in the blood	H834	that is in the bason	H859 H3808
H4201		H1818		H5592	
תֵּצֵא וְ	אֵין יֵשׁ	מִפֶּתַח	בֵּית וְ	עַד	בֹּקֶר:
of you shall go out	and none	at the door	of his house	H5704	until the morning
H3318	H376	H6607	H1004		H1242

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 11:28 (Blood): Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Psalms 51:7 (Parallel theme): Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Numbers 19:18 (Parallel theme): And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

Hebrews 9:19 (Blood): For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

Hebrews 9:1 (Parallel theme): Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Exodus 12:7 (Blood): And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

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