

Exodus 12:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The blood application 'on the two side posts and on the upper door post' created a three-sided frame through which the household entered and exited—a blood-marked portal of salvation. The Hebrew 'mashach' (מִשְׁחָה) means to smear or anoint, requiring visible application. No blood on the threshold, as it must not be trampled (Hebrews 10:29). This anticipates Christ's blood applied for our protection.

Historical Context

Egyptian doorways were stone or mud-brick frames. The blood would have been highly visible, marking Israelite homes distinctly from Egyptian dwellings.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the public application of blood challenge modern privatized faith that avoids open identification with Christ?
2. What does passing through a blood-marked doorway teach about entering salvation through Christ alone?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא תִּנְשַׁחַט	מִן	בְּכֶבֶשׂ	וְנִתְחַטֵּא	עַל	שְׁתֵי	בְּמִזְבֵּחַ תְּ
And they shall take	H4480	of the blood	and strike	H5921	it on the two	side posts
	H3947		H5414		H8147	H4201
וְעַל	וְמִשְׁקָה וְ	עַל	אֲשֶׁר	בְּתִים	בְּבֵית	
H5921	and on the upper door post	H4947	H5921	H1004	H834	
וְאָכַל אֶת	בְּהָמָם					
wherein they shall eat	H853	H0				
	H398					

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.

Hebrews 9:22 (Blood): And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Ephesians 1:7 (Blood): In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Hebrews 10:14 (Parallel theme): For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

1 Peter 1:2 (Blood): Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

