

Exodus 24:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Moses sprinkles the second half of blood 'on the people' (על-הַעַם, al-ha'am)—same blood touching altar and people unites both in covenant. 'Behold the blood of the covenant' (הִנֵּה דָם-הַבְּרִית, hinneh dam-haberit) mirrors Jesus' Last Supper words: 'This is my blood of the covenant' (Matthew 26:28, using identical phrasing). Both covenants require blood; both bind God and people. But Sinai's covenant was temporary, repeatedly violated, requiring continual sacrifices. Christ's covenant is eternal, perfectly kept (by Him), requiring no further sacrifice. Hebrews 9:12 says Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary 'by His own blood...obtaining eternal redemption.'

Historical Context

Blood sprinkling on the people physically marked them as covenant participants. Hebrews 9:19-20 directly references this event, contrasting Moses' sprinkling with Christ's superior blood. Jesus' Last Supper words deliberately echo Exodus 24:8.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' Last Supper language ('blood of the covenant') deliberately recall Exodus 24:8?
2. What's the difference between blood sprinkled at Sinai (animal, temporary) and Christ's blood (human-divine, eternal)?

Interlinear Text

וְיָצַר־קָרְבָּן־לְעֵדָה־מֹשֶׁה־אֶת־זָבֵחַ
took And Moses H853 Behold the blood and sprinkled H5921 it on the people
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אָשֶׁר־יְהִי־אָמֵר־בְּכָרִית־זָבֵחַ
and said H2009 Behold the blood of the covenant H834 hath made
H559 H1818 H1285 H3772

בְּזִכְרָם־יְהִי־זָבֵחַ־עַל־כָּל־עַמֶּךָ־מִיְהָיוּ
which the LORD H5973 H5921 H3605 with you concerning all these words H1697
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 24:6 (Blood): And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

Ezekiel 36:25 (Parallel theme): Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Matthew 26:28 (Covenant): For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Hebrews 13:20 (Covenant): Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Mark 14:24 (Covenant): And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

1 Corinthians 11:25 (Covenant): After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

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.

Zechariah 9:11 (Covenant): As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

Luke 22:20 (Covenant): Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Isaiah 52:15 (Parallel theme): So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.