

Ezekiel 45:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

Analysis

And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house—The כֹּהֵן (kōhēn, 'priest') takes מִדַּם הַחַטָּאת (middam haḥaṭṭā't, 'from the blood of the sin offering') and applies it to מְזֻזַּת הַבַּיִת (mězûzat habbayit, 'doorposts of the house').

And upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court—Blood on doorposts recalls Passover (Exodus 12:7, 22-23), when blood protected from judgment. Blood on altar corners (קִרְנוֹת, qirnôt—horns) and gates marks boundaries between holy and common. This blood application demonstrates that access to God requires atonement at every threshold. Christ's blood provides ultimate access: through Him we 'enter the holiest' (Hebrews 10:19-22). Blood-marked boundaries testify: only atonement grants entrance.

Historical Context

Blood application to doorposts/thresholds appears in Passover (Exodus 12) and cleansing rituals (Leviticus 14:14, 25). Altar horns received blood in sin offerings (Leviticus 4:7, 18, 25). Ezekiel's vision combines these practices, creating comprehensive blood-marked boundaries. This extensive blood application

underscores that holiness and access both depend on atonement—fulfilled in Christ's blood that cleanses all who enter by faith.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does blood on doorposts/thresholds teach about atonement as entrance requirement?
2. How does blood on altar corners relate to Christ's blood opening access to God?
3. Why does approaching God always require passing blood-marked boundaries?

Interlinear Text

אֶל	וַנִּתֵּן	הַחֹטֵאֵת	מִדַּם	הַכֹּהֵן	וְלָקַח
H413	and put	of the sin offering	of the blood	And the priest	shall take
	H5414	H2403	H1818	H3548	H3947
הַעֲזֹבָה	פְּנֵי	אַרְבַּע	וְעַל	הַבַּיִת	מִזְבְּחֵי
of the settle	corners	and upon the four	H413	of the house	and upon the posts
H5835	H6438	H702		H1004	H4201
הַפְּנִימִית:	הַחֲצֵר	שַׁעַר	מִזְבְּחֵי	וְעַל	לְמִזְבֵּחַ
of the inner	court	of the gate	and upon the posts	H5921	of the altar
H6442	H2691	H8179	H4201		H4196

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 43:20 (Blood): And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

Ezekiel 43:14 (Parallel theme): And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

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