

# Numbers 19:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

## Analysis

Eleazar the priest took blood and sprinkled it 'directly before the tabernacle' seven times. Though slaughtered outside the camp, the blood was presented toward God's dwelling—connecting purification to divine presence. Seven sprinklings symbolized completeness. This ritual taught that cleansing from death required blood applied in God's sight, anticipating Christ's blood presented in heaven's true sanctuary.

## Historical Context

Eleazar (Aaron's son) performed this instead of Aaron himself, perhaps because the ritual's unique combination of holiness and uncleanness made it especially suitable for the one who would succeed Aaron. This secondary priest conducting the ceremony may foreshadow Christ as priest of a better order (Hebrews 7).

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's blood 'sprinkled' in heaven's sanctuary secure your eternal cleansing?
2. What does the completeness (seven) of Christ's work mean for your daily confidence before God?

## Interlinear Text

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shall take And Eleazar the priest of her blood with his finger and sprinkle H5137  
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שְׁבַע מִזְבֵּחַ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בְּאַפְלָל פְּנֵי נְכָחַ H7651  
directly before the tabernacle of the congregation of her blood seven  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 4:17** (Blood): And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the veil.

**Leviticus 16:14** (Blood): And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

**Leviticus 4:6** (Blood): And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary.

**Leviticus 16:19** (Blood): And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

