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## Acharei

(after)

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 16:1-18:30

הברית החדשה

## HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:11-28

We have chosen this passage because it reminds us of the blood of the atoning sacrifice in this week's Parasha.

## The Perfect Mishkan

*Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:11*

*But Mashiach having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect mishkan, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation,*

The mishkan which Moshe built under the direction of YHWH, was copied according to the mishkan in heaven. YHWH made this quite clear to Moshe.

*Shemot [Exodus] 25:9*

*"According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall you make it."*

YHWH showed Moshe the heavenly mishkan and He wanted Moshe to make a duplicate of what YHWH had shown him in heaven. However, as good and perfect a copy which Moshe and all the nation of Israel made, it was still just that, a copy. We must keep this squarely in our minds to understand this portion of Scripture.

In the verse above, what it states is that Yeshua our Mashiach did not enter into the copy of the mishkan here on earth, rather He entered into the heavenly mishkan. Please consider this passage.

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 8:4***

***Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, seeing there are those who offer the gifts according to Torah;***

The writer here is making a very clear and concise point that Yeshua is not, and would not, be a priest here upon earth. The reason that Yeshua our Mashiach is not a priest according to the Torah, is that He is not a direct (paternal) descendant of the house of Levi and, in particular, of Aharon.

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 7:14***

***For it is evident that Adonenu has sprung out of Yehudah; as to which tribe Moshe spoke nothing concerning priests.***

There are some today who put forth the notion that the Blood of Mashiach dripped down through a crack in the ground and fell on the copy of the Ark of the Covenant hidden deep in the earth. There are several problems with this scenario. First, it contradicts Scripture, which teaches us that Yeshua applied His Blood to the altar in heaven. Second, Yeshua is not a priest on earth and has no right to enter into the Mishkan according to Torah. Third, the Ark was not located in the mishkan when this supposed incident occurred. Fourth, the Blood would not have been applied, but rather dripped. Fifth, it would no longer have been pure blood having filtered through the ground.

It is a nice story and evokes some very strong emotions, but the story is not based on fact, history, or Scripture! Thus, it should be rejected!

## **Blood**

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:12***

***nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own Blood, entered in once for all into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption.***

If you read very many of the teachings, studies, and writings of this present author, you will notice that when speaking of the Blood of Mashiach Yeshua, the word "Blood" is always capitalized. There is a very good and specific reason for this. We will explain it now in detail.

***Yeshayah [Isaiah] 43:11***

***"I, even I, am YHWH; and besides Me there is no Savior."***

There are many such passages that state or intimate the above truth, that YHWH is the Savior of Israel. Furthermore, there is no other Savior of Israel, only YHWH, which is one of the very strong indicators that Yeshua was YHWH in the flesh; or Yeshua was a manifestation of Elohim.

We are aware of many different manifestations of Elohim in the Tanak. He has revealed Himself to us in many ways and by many names. He has manifested Himself in a burning bush. He has manifested Himself in a pillar of fire. He has manifested Himself in a pillar of cloud. He has manifested Himself as the angel of death. He has manifested Himself as Satan. (Please don't stone me on that one until you read and study Numbers 22:32.) He has manifested Himself as El Shaddai. He has manifested Himself as El Chay. He has manifested Himself as El Gibbor. He has manifested Himself as YHWH Yireh.

There are many more that we could list, but this should be sufficient to show that Elohim has manifested Himself to us in many and various ways. These different ways do not reduce or change the reality that each one is a manifestation of Elohim. There is one manifestation that is spoken of very little and thus is little understood. This manifestation is the Blood of Mashiach. Mashiach Yeshua was, and is, a manifestation of Elohim. However, His Blood was also a manifestation as well. Why?

Let us prayerfully consider the following passages. Each one of these passages speak of the Blood of Mashiach.

***Kepha Aleph [1<sup>st</sup> Peter] 1:18-19***

***18 knowing that you were redeemed, not with perishable things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers;***

***19 but with precious Blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the Blood of Mashiach;***

In this passage, we are told that we are redeemed by the Blood of Mashiach. Furthermore, this passage strongly intimates that His Blood is not perishable; i.e., it is eternal. It does this by telling us that we were not redeemed with something that was perishable. Rather, we were redeemed by His Blood, which is not perishable. This aspect of His Blood is extremely critical, because if His Blood were not eternal, then neither would be one's salvation. Salvation can be, and is, eternal by virtue of the Blood of Mashiach which never perishes!

Let us observe, that with this redemption comes a cleansing from sin.

***Yochanan Aleph [1<sup>st</sup> John] 1:7***

***but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

Notice the correlation of the previous passage in Yochanan with the following passage.

***Yermeyah [Jeremiah] 33:8***

***“And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and whereby they have transgressed against me.”***

Notice, that it is YHWH speaking in this passage. He will be the One who cleanses Israel. However, Yochanan states that it is the Blood of Mashiach which cleanses us from sin. This shows us that the Blood of Mashiach is actually a manifestation of Elohim.

Please note in this passage how we are justified.

***Romans 5:9***

***Much more then, being now justified by His Blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of Elohim through Him.***

Shaul teaches us that we are justified by His Blood. Now notice this next passage.

***Yeshayah [Isaiah] 45:25***

***In YHWH shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.***

The prophet Yeshayah tells us that it is in YHWH and through YHWH and by YHWH that Israel is justified. When we understand this truth in light of what Shaul teaches us, we see that the Blood of Mashiach must be a manifestation of Elohim, because it is by the Blood of Mashiach that we are justified and saved.

And in what way do we receive our redemption? How is it that we receive forgiveness of our sins? It is through His Blood.

***Ephesians 1:7***

***in whom we have our redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,***

And again we see this here in this passage.

***Colossians 1:14***

***in whom we have the redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of the sins,***

Now notice what YHWH says through Yeshayah the prophet concerning who it is that is the Redeemer of Israel.

***Yeshayah [Isaiah] 44:24***

***Thus says YHWH, your Redeemer, and He that formed you from the womb; “I am YHWH, that makes all things; that stretches forth the heavens alone; that spreads abroad the earth;”***

And who is it that forgives sin? It is YHWH.

***Tehillim [Psalm] 103:3***

***Who forgives all your iniquities;***

***Who heals all your diseases;***

The psalmist teaches us that it is YHWH who forgives us of all our sins. When we put this truth together with what Shaul teaches us, we see that both YHWH and the Blood of Mashiach do pretty much the same thing. We could make more comparisons, but this should be sufficient to demonstrate the strong parallel between YHWH as our Savior, Redeemer and Justifier, with the Blood of Mashiach Yeshua doing these same things. The conclusion which one arrives at, is that the Blood of Mashiach is, in fact, just another manifestation of Elohim. This is why, as a writer, I capitalize the word “Blood” when referring to the Blood of Mashiach.

## **How Much More**

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:13-14***

***13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify unto the cleanness of the flesh;***

***14 how much more shall the Blood of Mashiach, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to the Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?***

One of the seven principles of Hillel in interpreting and understanding Scripture is found in this passage. That principle is called Kal V'khomer. This principle is often found in the format of “if this is true” then “how much more” it is true of this. In the passage above we find this very concept. The writer is saying that if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of the red heifer can sanctify a person, then how much more this is true of the Blood of Mashiach, who is the perfect sacrifice.

Again, notice that it is the Blood of Mashiach that cleanses us.

## **For this Cause**

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:15-16***

***15 And for this cause He is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.***

***16 For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him that made it.***

Because Yeshua our Mashiach's Blood is able to cleanse us and set us apart for service to YHWH in the fashion that it can, it is for this reason that this truth makes Yeshua our Mashiach the mediator of the new covenant. Lest we misunderstand what this new covenant is, let us briefly examine this from the Tanak.

***Yermeyah [Jeremiah] 31:31-33***

***31 "Behold, the days come," says YHWH, "that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah;***

***32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they broke, although I was a husband to them," says YHWH.***

***33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says YHWH; "I will put My Torah in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people;"***

We need to recognize several things from this passage. First, that the covenant that YHWH made with Israel when He brought us out of Egypt was a marriage covenant. YHWH states that both the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken this covenant.

Next, YHWH states that He is going to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah and it will be different from the first covenant that He made with them. How? The difference is that YHWH is going to write the Torah in our hearts. In the first covenant, the Torah was written on stone tablets and in a scroll placed in the Ark of the Covenant. However, in this new covenant He will take that same Torah and write it upon our hearts.

Here is the difficulty that Christianity faces in this new covenant. They teach that the Torah has been done away with. If this is true, then YHWH has nothing to write on their hearts. And if YHWH is not writing anything on their hearts, then we should seriously consider this passage.

***Matithyah [Matthew] 12:44-45***

***44 "Then it says to itself, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house standing empty, swept clean and put in order.***

***45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they come and live there -- so that in the end, the person is worse off than he was before. This is how it will be for this wicked generation."***

Is any generation more wicked than one that rejects the commandments of YHWH and lives only unto itself?

How is Mashiach the mediator of this new covenant? It is by His Spirit.

***Yochanan [John] 14:17***

***“even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive; for it beholds her not, neither knows her; you know her; for she abides with you, and shall be in you.”***

It is by the Spirit of Mashiach that His Blood is applied to us in a saving manner. It is when the Spirit comes and abides in us that His Torah is written on our hearts. It is by the Spirit that we are commanded to walk and to live and to have our existence.

***Galatians 4:6***

***And because you are sons, Elohim sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father.”***

It is the Spirit of Mashiach in us that manifests these things and brings them into reality in the individual’s life. Some refer to the Spirit of Mashiach as the “Holy Spirit.” In Hebrew this would be the Ruach Qodesh, literally in English, “the Spirit of the Holy One.”

As we can see from this passage the Ruach Qodesh is not something different or separate from the Spirit of Mashiach. Furthermore, the Spirit of Mashiach is also referred to as the Spirit of Elohim.

***Romans 8:9***

***But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you. But if any man does not have the Spirit of Mashiach, he is none of His.***

In this passage we see that the Spirit of Elohim and the Spirit of Mashiach are referring to the same Spirit.

## **First Covenant**

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:17-20***

***17 For a testament is of force where there has been death; for it is not enforceable while he that made it lives.***

***18 Wherefore even the first covenant has not been inaugurated without blood.***

***19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moshe to all the people according to the Torah, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,***

***20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded you.”***

The first covenant was brought into being by the shedding of blood. In this case, it was by the shedding of the blood of calves and goats. This blood was then applied to the people as well as to the covenant, the written Torah.

The application of the blood of the calves and goats to the people and to the written Torah set both the people and the written Torah apart unto YHWH. On a side note: the blood could not be applied to an oral Torah (even if one existed at that time) because it was not written down and therefore nothing existed to sprinkle the blood of the calves and goats upon. Thereby, the oral Torah (if it even existed at that time) was not set apart in the same fashion as the people and the written Torah having the blood applied directly to each one.

## **Mishkan and Vessels Sprinkled**

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:21***

***Moreover the mishkan and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood.***

Not only were the people and the written Torah sprinkled with the blood of calves and goats, but the mishkan and all the vessels used in the daily ministry of the mishkan also sprinkled with this blood to set them apart unto YHWH.

## **But Not Everything**

***Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:22***

***And almost all things according to the Torah are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.***

Everything that was set-apart to YHWH was sprinkled with the blood of the covenant. But not all things can be cleansed and set-apart to YHWH. Some things can only be devoted to destruction. These types of things cannot be cleansed and set-apart.

***Devarim [Deuteronomy] 7:25-26***

***25 "The graven images of their gods shall you burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared with it; for it is an abomination to YHWH your Elohim.***

***26 And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a banned thing like it; you shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is something banned."***

There are some things that YHWH has banned. He does not want us to have them, period! There is nothing that we can do to remove this ban which YHWH has placed upon these things. We are not to have them, covet them, or bring them into our homes. If we do, He tells us that we may end up being banned ourselves, which could then cause one to come under the sentence of being destroyed.

What YHWH has banned we are to abhor and detest.

## **Mashiach's Place of Ministry**

*Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:23-26*

**23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

**24 For Mashiach entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of the Elohim for us;**

**25 nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with blood not his own;**

**26 else must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once at the end of the ages has He been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

As we briefly discussed above, the mishkan which the nation of Israel built under Moshe's direction was a copy of the mishkan that YHWH showed Moshe in heaven. The mishkan that was built upon earth was not the mishkan that Yeshua our Mashiach entered into. Yeshua our Mashiach entered into the heavenly mishkan and applied the Blood to that altar.

As the earthly kohen gadol went into the inner sanctuary once a year, this is a foreshadowing of the truth that Mashiach would take His Blood into the inner sanctuary of heaven one time. Because His Blood does not perish; i.e., it is eternal, it was only necessary for Him to do this one time. Furthermore, because His Blood never perishes, it is also available to each person, thus it is more than sufficient for all of each person's sins.

## **Death and Judgment**

*Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:27*

**And inasmuch as it is appointed to men once to die, and after this comes judgment;**

This passage shows us the folly of such doctrines as reincarnation. Each person gets one chance in this world to go through probation and show YHWH our Elohim that he is worthy of eternal life because He accepts the finished work of Yeshua our Mashiach and is willing to live His life, rather than living unto himself.

## **Second Appearance**

*Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:28*

***so Mashiach also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for Him, to salvation.***

When Yeshua departed this world and went into the next, He left His talmidim with the promise that He would one day come again. However, the Second Advent will be different than the first. When Mashiach came the first time it was to deliver salvation from sin to His people. When He comes again into this world it will not be in reference to this.

When Yeshua our Mashiach returns, it will be for judgment.

***Philippians 2:9-11***

***9 Wherefore also the Elohim highly exalted Him, and gave to Him the name which is above every name;***

***10 that in the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, of things in the heavens and things in the earth and things on the earth,***

***11 and that every tongue should confess that Yeshua the Mashiach is YHWH, to the glory of the Elohim the Father.***

Shaul teaches us that every person will one day bow their knee before Yeshua our Mashiach and confess that Yeshua our Mashiach is YHWH. He takes this from Yeshayah.

***Yeshayah [Isaiah] 45:23-24***

***23 "By Myself have I sworn, the word is gone forth from My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.***

***24 Only in YHWH, it is said of Me, is righteousness and strength; even to Him shall men come; and all they that were incensed against Him shall be put to shame."***

There have been in the past, and there still are those today, who are incensed against Yeshua our Mashiach, and claim that He is not YHWH. However, there is a day coming, when every knee will bow in His presence, and every tongue will confess His true identity. Some will confess this to eternal life, while others will confess this to eternal damnation. But all will confess it one way or another.

ABBA YHWH, we confess with our mouth now that Yeshua is our Mashiach, and He is YHWH in the flesh, who came to pay the price of redemption that we could not afford to pay for ourselves; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach we pray. Amein.

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