

Animal Blood in the Old Testament

[John 19:28-42](#)

1. There are many passages in the OT on the significance of animal blood. Animal sacrifice, animal blood, could portray salvation, but human sacrifice could not portray salvation and the reason for that is “the animal life is in the blood, while human life resides in the soul (not blood).
2. The blood of Christ in the Bible refers to the total sacrifice of our Savior taking care of the Spiritual problem with a spiritual solution. Animal blood is literal with a figurative connotation while the blood of Christ is figurative with a literal connotation. ANIMAL BLOOD IS SHADOW – THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS THE REALITY! The statement “blood” referring to Christ and His sacrifice for mankind does not refer to the physical blood which flowed from His hands and feet when on the cross. He did not bleed to death.
3. Representative analogy: The literal blood of the animals (a shadow vs. reality) was analogous to the figurative blood of Christ. Two deaths:
 - 1) He died spiritually for our sins. Our sins were imputed to Him on the cross and judged. While they were being judged, our Savior was screaming “*My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?*” ([Matt. 27:46](#)) Then when He had paid the penalty for every sin in the human race (from Adam to the last sin of the last sinner) He was still alive and SPEAKING! When the Bible says Christ died for our sins – it is not speaking primarily of HIS PHYSICAL DEATH – it refers to His Spiritual death when OUR SINS WERE IMPUTED TO HIM AND JUDGED.
 - 2) THEN, we all know, HE DIED PHYSICALLY! HE DIED PHYSICALLY BECAUSE HIS WORK WAS FINISHED. He died physically because 3 days later, He was to have a resurrection body. Remember: The body went into the tomb ([Luke 23:53](#)), the stone was rolled in place and sealed ([Matt. 27:60](#)). In [Matthew 28:2](#), “*And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.*”

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The spirit of our Lord went into the presence of God the Father ([Luke 23:46](#); [Psalm 31:5](#)). The soul of our Lord went into Hades ([Luke 23:43](#)). Hades has 3 compartments: Paradise – Abraham’s bosom, His soul was there. The Great Gulf fixed. Then second, there is Torments where the unbelievers went until the last judgement. Then the third was Tartarus – the place where certain fallen angels had been incarcerated (Biblical passage for this is [Genesis 6](#)).

NOTE: In Tartarus, Jesus Christ made the announcement with regard to the victory of the cross. REMEMBER – at this time, His soul was without body, YET His soul communicated and the fallen angels in Tartarus understood what He said.

Then in resurrection, the Spirit came from the presence of the Father.

The body came up from the grave.

The soul came up, not from Hell, but from Hades. (Hell, the Lake of Fire, has not yet been designed. That is for the end of the millennium.

Then His soul and spirit rejoined His body. It was His body walking through the stone. He did not push the stone away – He walked through the stone. Then later, the angels rolled the stone away, not to let Jesus OUT, but to let the people in to verify the resurrection.

4. The physical death of Christ was not the result of the loss of blood. Jesus Christ did not bleed to death on the cross ([John 19:30](#), [Luke 23: 44-46](#), [Matthew 27:50-54](#); [Mark 15:37](#)). On the cross, Jesus said: “*I thirst.*” He was given the wine which the Roman soldiers had been receiving; those garrisoned in the area. They were garrisoned at the Praetorium ([Mark 15:16](#) describes the court). When Jesus said “*I thirst*” a Roman soldier put a sponge into the bucket of wine and then put it on a reed (a stick) and put it up to His mouth and pressed it. When Jesus had received the wine, HE SAID *tetelestai* – perfect passive indicative of *teleo* – It is finished ([John 19:30](#)).

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IT HAS BEEN FINISHED NOW, WITH THE RESULT THAT SALVATION IS COMPLETED FOREVER!

We must know that salvation was completed forever. Everything necessary for salvation was completed at this moment so there is nothing any person can add to salvation. It is blasphemy to try to add anything to God's Plan. Walking to the altar, falling on your face; THIS DOES NOT SAVE! It makes a display of your PERSON! – [Eph. 2:8, 9](#).

“Therefore when Jesus received the wine, He said ‘it is finished’ and He bowed His head and exhaled His breath.” – [John 19:30](#)

Read now [John 19:34-35](#)

Vs. 34 *“One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side (pleura – πλευρά chest cavity) and immediately (euthus εὐθὺς = adv. – at once, immediately) there came out blood clots and serum.”* Limpid serum (water).

Vs. 35 *“The one having seen (that's John) has witnessed and his testimony is true, that you might believe.”*
[Matt. 27:50](#) He sent away His spirit; [Matt. 27:51](#) Veil torn from above to below – top to bottom.