
Lamb of God: Jesus Is Our Sin-Bearing Payment

Throughout history, as detailed in God's Word, God has clearly indicated that our sins can only be addressed through the shedding of blood. All of history points to Jesus, the One who would come and shed His blood for our sins.

1. The Garden of Eden

Gen 3:21 for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

2. The Offerings of Cain and Abel

Gen 4:4-5a Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering.

3. Abraham's Offering of Isaac

Gen 22:8-13 ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." ¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

4. The Passover

Ex 12:3-7 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. ... ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷ And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

5. The Law of Moses

- **Daily offerings (morning & evening)**

Ex 29:38-42 ³⁸ Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually. ³⁹ One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. (cf. Num 28:1-15)

- **Day of Atonement**

Lev 16:11-19 ¹⁴ He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat ... ¹⁵ Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. ...¹⁷ ... that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

- **Individual Offerings (not a complete list)**

- Peace offering (Lev 3:7-11)
- Sin offering (Lev 4:32-35)
- Trespass offering (Lev 5:1-6)

- **Requirements for Offerings of Cattle, Sheep, & Goats**

Lev 22:18-25 ¹⁹ you shall offer of your own free will a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats. ²⁰ Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it shall not be acceptable on your behalf. ...²² Those that are blind or broken or maimed, or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, ... ²⁴ You shall not offer to the LORD what is bruised or crushed, or torn or cut; nor shall you make any offering of them in your land.

6. The Proclamation of John the Baptist

John 1:29, 35-36 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ... Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

7. Crucifixion – The Slaying of THE Lamb

Heb 9:24-28 ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another -- ²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1 Pet 1:17-21 ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (c.f. Col 1:12-14)

8. Propitiation ("mercy seat" – God is satisfied)

1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Rom 3:21-26 ²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.