

Can the **Ashes of a Red Heifer** sprinkling the unclean **sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh** either now or in the future?

Under the First Covenant's **sacrificial** and ceremonial system, was not the **slaughtering** of the animals and the **sprinkling** of the **blood** and the **ashes of a red heifer** only **temporary**? How then does one take from the following scripture that it will be done again in the future?

Hebrews 9 (13) For if **the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh**: (14) How much more shall the **blood of Messiah, Who** through the **Eternal Spirit** offered **Himself** without spot to **Yahweh**, **purge** your conscience from dead works to serve the **Living Elohim**?

In several ways, **the red heifer and the use of her ashes** very uniquely represented the spotless sinless **Yahshua Messiah** Who was to be **sacrificed without the camp** for the sins of the world.

Numbers 19 (1) And **Yahweh** spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, (2) This *is* the ordinance of the law which **Yahweh** hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they bring thee **a red heifer** without spot, wherein *is* no blemish, *and* upon which never came yoke: (3) And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth **without the camp**, and *one* shall **slay** her before his face: (4) 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:

As stated in verse five, six and nine, **The ashes of the red heifer** (consisting of the **red heifer's skin**, her **flesh**, her **blood**, her **dung**, along with cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet **mixed with running water**) are to be used for **the water of separation: it is a purification for sin**.

Numbers 19 (5) And *one* shall burn the **heifer** in his sight; her **skin**, and her **flesh**, and her **blood**, with her **dung**, shall he burn: (6) And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the **heifer**. (7) Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. (8) And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. (9) And a man *that is* clean shall gather up **the ashes of the heifer**, and lay *them* up **without the camp** in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the Children of Israel for **a water of separation: it is a purification for sin**. (10) And he that gathereth **the ashes of the heifer** shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the Children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

That **water of separation** is to be used on anyone that touches a dead body, anyone who is in or comes into a tent when a man dies, anyone who touches one that is slain in the open fields, a man's bone or a grave.

Numbers 19 (11) **He that toucheth the dead body of any man** shall be unclean seven days. (12) He shall **purify** himself with it on the **third day**, and on the **seventh day** he shall be clean: but if he **purify** not himself **the third day**, then **the seventh day** he shall not be clean. (13) Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and **purifieth** not himself, defileth the tabernacle of **Yahweh**; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the **water of separation** was not **sprinkled** upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him. (14) This *is* the law, **when a man dieth** in a tent: **all that come into the tent**, and **all that is in the tent**, shall be unclean seven days. (15) And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean. (16) And **whosoever toucheth one that is slain** with a sword in the open fields, or **a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave**, shall be unclean seven days. (17) And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the **ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin**, and **running water** shall be put thereto

in a vessel: (18) And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the **water**, and **sprinkle** *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: (19) And the **clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day**: and **on the seventh day** he shall **purify** himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. (20) But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not **purify** himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of **Yahweh**: the **water of separation** hath not been **sprinkled** upon him; he *is* unclean. (21) And it shall be a *perpetual statute unto them, that he that **sprinkleth** the **water of separation** shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the **water of separation** shall be unclean until even. (22) And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

Strong's # 5769.** 'owlam, olawm'; or 'olam, olawm'; from H5956; prop. *concealed**, i.e. the **vanishing point**; gen. time out of mind (past or fut.), i.e. (practically) eternity; freq. adv. (espec. with prep. pref.) always:--always (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+ without end). Comp. H5331, H5703.

****Strong's # 5956.** 'alam, aw-lam'; a prim. root; **to veil from sight**, i.e. **conceal** (lit. or fig.):-- X any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).

(The anti-type of the **sacrificial** system itself was **veiled** or **concealed** from Israel until its **vanishing point** i.e.- when the **Ultimate Supreme Sacrifice** of **Yahshua Messiah** became **Yahweh's Sacrificial Lamb**.)

(Hebrews 10 (8) Above when **He** said, **Sacrifice** and **offering** and burnt **offerings** and **offering** for sin **Thou** wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are **offered** by the law; (9) Then said **He**, Lo, **I** come to do **Thy** will, O **Elohim**. [**Psalm 40:6-8**] **He** taketh away the **first**, that **He** may establish the **second**. (10) By the which will **we** are **sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua Messiah once for all**.)

Now, let us see what the author of the Book of Hebrews, the Apostle Peter, the Apostle John, and the Apostle Paul says about **sprinkling of blood**, **cleansing**, **purging**, **purifying**, **sanctifying**, **making holy**, and **ven-erating** them that are called.

Hebrews 9 (11) But **Messiah** being come a **High Priest** of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by **His Own blood** **He** entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. (13) For if the **blood** of bulls and of goats, and **the ashes of a heifer sprinkling** the unclean, ***sanctifieth to the **purifying of the flesh**: (14) How much more shall the **blood** of **Messiah**, **Who** through the **Eternal Spirit offered Himself** without spot to **Yahweh**, **purge** your conscience from dead works to serve the **Living Elohim**?

*G37. hagiazo, hag-ee-ad'-zo; from G40; **to make holy**, i.e. (cer.) **purify** or **consecrate**; (mentally) **to ven-erate**:--hallow, be holy, sanctify.

****G2514.** katharotes, kath-ar-ot'-ace; from G2513; **cleanness** (ceremonially.):--purification.

I Peter 1 (I) Peter, an apostle of **Yahshua Messiah**, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, (2) Elect according to the foreknowledge of **Yahweh** the **FATHER**, **through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yahshua Messiah**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

I Corinthians 6 (11) And such were some of you: but ye are **washed**, but ye are **sanctified**, but ye are **justi-fied** in the name of the **Sovereign Yahshua**, and by the **Spirit** of our **Elohim**.

Ephesians 5 (24) Therefore as the Assembly is subject unto **Messiah**, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. (25) Husbands, love your wives, even as **Messiah** also loved the Assembly, and gave **Himself** for it; (26) That **He** might **sanctify** and **cleanse** it with the **washing** of **water** by the word, (27) That **He** might present it to **Himself** a glorious Assembly, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy** and without blemish.

Heb. 10 (19) Having therefore, Brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the **blood** of **Yahshua**, (20) **By a New and Living Way**, which **He** hath **consecrated** for us, through the veil, that is to say, **His** flesh; (21) And *having* a **High Priest** over the House of **Yahweh**; (22) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts **sprinkled** from an evil conscience, and our bodies **washed** with pure water.

Revelation 1 (4) John to the seven Assemblies which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from **Him** which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before **His** throne; (5) And from **Yahshua Messiah**, *Who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the **Prince** of the kings of the earth. Unto **Him** that loved us, and **washed** us from our sins in **His Own blood**, (6) And hath made us kings and priests unto **Yahweh** and **His Father**; to **Him** *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 7 (13) And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? (14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have **washed** their robes, and made them white in the **blood** of the **Lamb**.

Conclusion: Once all the above is understood, why would **Yahshua** and His **Royal Priesthood** who are **Yahweh's Temple and Habitation** through His Spirit want to **serve the tabernacle** in a literal **Temple sacrificing** animals **for either sin or the purifying of the flesh** as was done under the First Covenant? Read what the author of the Book of Hebrews said about **servicing the tabernacle**.

Hebrews 13 (10) We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. (11) For the bodies of those beasts, whose **blood** is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned **without the camp**. (12) Wherefore **Yahshua** also, that **He** might **sanctify** the people with **His Own blood**, suffered **without the gate**. (13) **Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp**, bearing **His** reproach. (14) For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. (15) By **Him** therefore let us offer the **sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually**, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to **His** name. (16) But to do good and to communicate forget not: for **with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased**.

It appears that **Yahshua** was teaching us by example that it was time to leave the Temple and its **sacrificial system** when He made His **supreme sacrifice without the camp**. Therefore, let us follow **Yahshua's** example and take **our sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving without the camp** so we can continue to eat at the proper altar in the **New and Living Way**.

The **slaying** of the unblemished **Red Heifer** represented the **sacrifice** of the sinless **Yahshua Messiah**.

The **ashes of the Red Heifer mixed with water** represented **Yahshua Messiah's broken body and blood mixed with Yahweh's Eternal Spirit**.

Also, the use of the **ashes of the Red Heifer mixed with water** represented the continuing work of **Yahshua Messiah as our Advocate without being sacrificed again and again for sin**.

I John 2 (1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **Advocate** with the **Father**, **Yahshua Messiah** the **Righteous**: (2) And **He** is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world. *[Revised and/or edited in 2026 by T.A.H.]*