

## The Hebrew Bible says that man's sin separates him from a Perfect and Holy God.

**Isaiah 59:2:** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have Hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. **Ecclesiastes 7:20:** For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not. **Ezekiel 18:4:** The soul who sins will die (spiritually). **Daniel 12:2:** And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

## God requires blood sacrifice for the atonement of sin. The sinner avoids penalty when an innocent substitute dies in his place

Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." *In the past*, God atoned for man's sin by implementing the Levitical system of animal blood sacrifices pointing forward to the perfect and final sacrifice for sin made by Messiah Himself.

## In Isaiah we view Messiah's sacrificial death.

**Isaiah 53:5-12**: <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: <sup>6</sup> ...and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> ...he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, <sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he had put him to grief: when He shall make his soul an offering for sin... <sup>12</sup> ...because he had poured out his soul unto death: ...and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Thus we see, it was God's plan all along for Messiah Yeshua-Jesus to suffer and die as the perfect and final blood sacrifice for the remission of sin. He was buried and resurrected to the glory of God providing salvation for both Jews and Gentiles who receive His atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins.

In the New Covenant, ...John sees Jesus, coming unto him, and says, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). 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 (Hebrews 9:12). But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us (Romans 5:8). ... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:9). (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) (New Testament).

We must believe as Abraham did. Genesis 15:6: And he (Abraham) believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. Believe in Messiah Yeshua-Jesus as your Savior and the moment you do, like Abraham, God counts your faith as righteousness and gives you the gift of eternal life and peace with God. Shalom.