

Rev 13:8

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Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (KJV)

The interpretation of Rev 13:8 is ambiguous and there are two different ways that one can look at the “sacrifice of the lamb”, first occurring at the beginning before the foundation of the world, or second at the cross. There are those adhering to each side of the interpretation. Nowhere else in the Bible does a verse exist that might suggest an interpretation supported of the lamb being slain at the foundation of the world.

There is no question that names were written in the book of life before the foundation of the world, which contains all that lived and died from the foundation of the world. This is verified in a number of other scriptures. There is no doubt or question that it says the book of life of the Lamb. For it is to the Lamb, that all judgement is given. Jesus is referred to as the lamb.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

It is known that Jesus existed before the foundation of the world in spirit form, he was the Word, the Rock and the Cloud.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

1Co 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

An argument is made by some that the cross does not meet the requirements for a sin offering. According to Leviticus a sin offering can be made using a number of different animals. It is made in the temple and made by the high priest. Blood being spilled is that of taking the life of some sacrificial animal. It is a flesh and blood animal. Those that are in spirit such as the angels are not in the flesh. Jesus did not become flesh until He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, here on earth. Logic tells us His blood could not be spilled unless He was flesh. Recognize that even though Jesus is called the Lamb, He was in fact a human being during His time on earth. So that when His blood was spilled, it was that of a human being. Jesus life being sacrificed or laid down was in fact for all mankind's life.

Since Jesus is the Son of God and was destined to be the High Priest when He rose from the dead, there was no need for a worldly priest to carry out the sacrifice of Himself. Jesus and the Father had already established when and how the sacrifice was to be carried out, it was in fact told to us in the Old testament by the prophets.

A question might arise as to whether Jesus blood was spilled here on earth? There are four separate instances where Jesus blood dropped onto the earth. First when He prayed before being arrested.

Luk 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Second when Jesus was lashed or whipped and was hit on the head with the crown of thorns, His blood would have fallen to the ground.

Mat 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Mat 27:30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

Mar 15:15 And *so* Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified.

Jesus bled from being smote on the head with the crown of thorns and also from being scourged with a whip.

Third when Jesus was nailed to the cross, having his hands and feet pierced.

Fourth when Jesus was on the cross and a soldier pierced His side with a spear, both water and blood came out, again falling onto the ground.

Joh 19:33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

Joh 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

There is absolutely no question that Jesus blood was spilled and fell onto the earth.

Next consider what Jesus said about having His blood spilled. His blood was about to be shed for the remission of sins of many, it was His blood of the New Testament. Those statements are very clear and there is no disputing what is being said. Jesus was killed as the Lamb of God, spilling His blood while he was in the flesh as a sacrifice of Himself for our sins.

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, *This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

Mat 26:28 *For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

Mar 14:24 And he said unto them, *This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.*

Luk 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, *This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

There are many scripture in the New Testament that tell us of our redemption by Jesus Christ, by His death and blood. We have forgiveness of sins by Jesus sacrifice.

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Heb 9:12 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*.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb 9:16 For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

Heb 9:17 For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Heb 9:18 Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood.

Heb 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

Heb 10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Heb 10:18 Now where remission of these *is*, *there is* no more offering for sin.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

1Jn 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 Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *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,

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 7:14 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.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and

strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Rev 19:13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

There is no question that the cross or stake was the time and the place where Jesus shed His blood for our sins.

The cross also has another extremely important action; it is where death is defeated. The timing of Jesus death and resurrection occurred in the Holy Days of Passover, through the period of Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits. In the past it was the time at which the Israelites were freed or saved and taken away from the Egyptians. The Egyptians representing sin, the Israelites were given a new start in being God's people, they were taken out of sin. In keeping the commandments of the Holy Days, Jesus when raised from the dead, presented Himself as the first fruit of the resurrected, before the Father by Himself now being the Chief Priest. He did this in the day portion of First Fruits as required by the Father, which occurs in the daylight portion of the first day of the week that occurs within the portion of time, within the 7 days of unleavened bread. Therefore we see that a duality occurs with Jesus death and resurrection. It now gives additional meaning and further fulfilment of prophecy to the Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread and First Fruits. The Holy Days of God are tied directly to prophecy. These days are tied to sin, death and thanksgiving of the spring harvest in the waving the first fruits of the harvest.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life

Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

1Co 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Rev 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Those suggesting that the Jesus was slain at the foundation of the world for the sins of the world, does not follow in logic in not accepting what scripture tells us about Christ's blood being spilt on the cross for our sins. Also it does not follow prophecy in fulfilling the Holy Days of Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits. The cross has a dual purpose in covering our sins and in the defeat of death.
