

## WHY BLOOD IS SO PREDOMINATE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

**But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him (Jesus) and cause him grief.**  
**Isaiah 53:10a**

**How did God crush Jesus?**

**He allowed all sin of Humanity to be laid upon Jesus and sin caused the death of a sinless human. Sin was allowed to kill Jesus and sin condemned itself for the atrocious act of killing the physical body of the very Son of God.**

**For what the Law could not do [that is, overcome sin and remove its penalty, its power] being weakened by the flesh [man's nature without the Holy Spirit], God did: He sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin. And He condemned sin in the flesh [subdued it and overcame it in the person of His own Son], Romans 8:3**

**For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Hebrews 2:14b**

**18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was known before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in the last times for your sake.**

**1 Peter 1:18-20**

**1 For the law is only a shadow of the good things to come, not the realities themselves. It can never, by the same sacrifices offered year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2 If it could, would not the offerings have ceased? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt the guilt of their sins. 3 Instead, those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, 4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10: 1-4**

## **Life**

**Blood in the Scriptures represents life according to Leviticus 17:11.**

## **Sacrifice**

**Blood sacrifices were a significant part of the Old Testament's ceremonial and ritual worship system.**

## **Covenant**

**Blood sacrifices could also create a covenant, or relationship, between two persons.**      **Genesis 15:9-21**

## **Ratification**

**Blood was used to make official God's covenants both Old and New.**  
**Hebrews 8,9,10**

**Blood represents life. The seriousness of sin is proclaimed by the shedding of blood. God instituted blood sacrifices to make humanity aware of the seriousness of sin.**