

Water, Blood, Garments: Biblical Coincidences?

Prophecy Fulfilled by Water and Blood

Do you know what the Bible's all about? Do you have a mind that understands the Scriptures? Before you answer you might first want to hear what its author has to say. ***These are the words that I spoke to you when I was still with you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses (first five books) and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" Luke 24:44***

Did you catch that? The heart and center of the Bible is Jesus. Jesus who is the Christ promised from the Old Testament and who fulfills all the Old Testament promises when He does His Good Friday and Easter Sunday job. In other words the Bible's all about this: Jesus is the Christ who suffered, died and rose to save sinners. Sinners like you and me. When Jesus said all scripture testifies about me He does what He says: ***"Everything God wrote about is finished, complete, done, accomplished in Jesus Christ."***

But where does the Old Testament testify about this? Since it would take a whole library to cover this topic I am only going to focus ever so briefly on just two elements that seem to always be present when God is doing His salvation thing, Water and Blood.

"But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water"
Jn.19:34

What does this mean? Listen to 1 John 5: ***"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by WATER and BLOOD – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by WATER and BLOOD."***

Do you get John's point? John is telling you why WATER and BLOOD flowed from the Savior's Body. Not only does it fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 53:5, The WATER, BLOOD, and HOLY SPIRIT testify – they give witness that Jesus is indeed God's Son. Just like guard dividing the clothing, the earthquakes, the rocks splitting wide open and the temple curtain torn in two from top to bottom -- so too the WATER, BLOOD AND HOLY SPIRIT cry out that Jesus truly is the Savior of the world! The water of Holy Baptism and the Blood of the Sacrament of the Altar together with Christ's Word are the Spirit-filled -- Lord and Giver of Life witness to the Savior who died for you on the day we call "Good." Yes, these two sacraments are the Spirit's own witness that you are forgiven, redeemed, and saved for Christ's sake! In fact, they are the very means by which God grants you His Grace

Christ relation to the church from Old Testament: From the first Adam's side God fashioned a wife. ***"Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,"*** Adam said of Eve. Now from the pierced side of the dead Jesus (the second Adam) God creates a new bride. And she is the church. Created and sustained from the WATER and BLOOD that flow from Christ's side. The church is Christ's holy bride it is the bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh (see **Ephesians 5:25-33**)!

WATER AND BLOOD -- from the side of Jesus. The Holy Spirit uses the two sacraments in the church to wash and cleanse you from all sin. *"He saved us...by the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"* in the baptismal flood (Titus 3). Born from above by water and the Spirit (John 3). Kept with Jesus in the true faith till life everlasting through the cup of the new testament in His blood shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. Life-giving WATER. Life preserving BLOOD! Jesus says so. ***"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,"*** (Mark 16). ***"Given and shed for you. And I promise that you're forgiven,"*** (Matthew 26). These words are Spirit and they are life: FOR YOU!

Other Blood & Water and Life events in Scripture

Event O.T Passage: Water Blood New Testament

Flood: Genesis 7:13-21 8:15-20 1Peter 3:18-22

Passover: Exodus 14, Exodus 12 (note sign John.1:29; Luke 22:7ff; Of cross on door) Heb 11:28-29

Circumcision Genesis 17:10-14 Exodus 4:26; 12:43 Col. 2:9-15; Phil. 3:3

Tabernacle Exodus 30:17-21; 40:6-30, 27:1-8; Hebrews 9& 10:19-22

Purification of Priests Exodus 37-39 1 Peter 2:9

Crossing Jordan Joshua 5:1-12 Circumcision Those who are Baptised are sealed, Promised Land Passover, And will participate in the eternal feast

Other Events:

Nile & all water turned to blood Exodus 7:14; Elijah on Mount Carmel 1 Ki 18:31

Directions concerning burnt offerings Leviticus 1:1-13; Jesus Last Supper John 13:1-10

Jesus washes Disciples feet at Passover; Last supper Blood and water from Jesus side John 19:34

Baptism and Circumcision Acts 10:44-48; Jesus Lamb of God & Baptism John 4 & 1 John 5:5-8

Water flows from the temple: Ezekiel 16 Church washed with blood

Pontius Pilate washes hands of Jesus Blood (death)

Water & Blood: Good Friday Coincidence? Planned!

"Instead one of the soldiers pierced Jesus side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water"
John 19:34

The fact that water and blood were the two elements that flowed from our Savior's side that Good Friday would not surprise most doctors. It is simply understood that the spear pierced the pericardium (a sack of water like fluid surrounding the heart) along with the heart full of blood, bringing the sudden flow. A condition caused by the crucifixion. It should not surprise a student of God's Word either. The Lord's been saving people with blood and water since the beginning of man's fall.

Consider the following; The blood of animals shed to make clothes for Adam and Eve. (**Gen 3:21**) The water of the flood which wiped out the world and saved Noah and his family in the ark. (See also **1 Peter 3:20-21**) The covenant God made with Abraham in which He promised to pay the price of blood (death) if ever the covenant was broken by God or Abraham. (**Gen 15:17**) Think also of the blood and water of the first plague, warning Pharaoh to let God's people go. Then the blood of the lambs painted on the doorposts (the sign of the cross) as God passed over them. (**Ex. 12 & 1 Peter 1:19**) Then passing through the waters of the Red Sea, Israel was saved while the Egyptian army was destroyed in the flood. (**1 Cor. 10:1-3**) The water from the rock that preserved Israel in the desert. (**1 Cor 10:4**) Consider the blood which flowed freely on the altar of sacrifice and the water of the basin, both preconditions to one entering into the presence of God. Once a year blood and water was mixed and sprinkled on the people and on the mercy seat of the Ark of the covenant to make atonement for the sins of the people. (**Heb. 9:5 ff**). The same ritual was held at the Temple as over and over again the priests washed in water and sacrificed animals, shedding their blood. This event, done over and over, always pointing ahead to the time where through the blood of Jesus and the water of baptism God would save all mankind from their sin and reunite us with Him in eternity.

Jesus was born in the flesh. Born of the water in His mothers womb and shedding blood in His circumcision. Baptized in the water of the Jordan as the ;*"Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."* The night before His death we are told that Jesus washed His disciples feet and made a new testament of blood with them and His church. Taking the sins of the world upon himself and becoming sin for us He then took the punishment we deserved. He was whipped, crowned and beaten. Then was nailed to the cross and pierced for our transgressions. (Isa.53) Finally, there, on the cross, once and for all blood and water flowed from the side of God's Son. IT IS FINISHED! There is nothing more to add to the blood and water that flowed from Jesus side. Not our good works. Not our faith. Not the giving of our hearts to Jesus. Not our good intentions, nor our decision to be saved. By God's grace Jesus blood and water flows freely to all. It alone covers, washes, paid and forgives the multitude sins of the world.

Thanks be to God that this blood and water did not stop flowing at the crucifixion. It flows today in our baptism as we die with Christ and are raised with Him, reborn, recreated and clothed in Jesus' blood and righteousness. It flows at the Lord's Supper as you receive Christ's blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. So at your baptism and in communion, water and blood flows on you and into you, saving you.

That exchange of death for life fought on the cross comes down to this: Fallen short of the glory of God? Jesus blood and water. Sin scarlet as wool? Jesus blood and water. Your wages of sin is death? Jesus blood and water.

"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only but by water and blood...for there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement" 1John 5:6-7

The soldiers pierced Jesus to make sure He was dead. Blood and water flowed so that you can be sure that you have life. Your Baptism and His supper are given to you for that purpose: That you may never doubt God's mercy and forgiveness, but in faith cling to them and live by the blood and water of Jesus.

That is why we call this Friday **Good**. In Our Savior Jesus Christ,

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For more coincidences see also the following Scripture: Hebrews9:19-28 & Exodus24:6-8; Exodus 12:43 & John 13:1-10, Joshua 5:1-12, John1;29-34, 1Kings 18;30-39; Matthew 27:24