

But his greatest accomplishment was his godly and reverent attitude upon the event of his death. He said, “*Lord, lay not this sin to their charge*” (Acts 7:60). May the shedding of Stephen’s blood be an inspiration to us to remain faithful until death (Rev. 2:10).

3) BLOOD OF HIS CROSS. The His here is, of course, Jesus, the Son of God. His blood is the most precious and valuable of all! It is described as “*precious*” (I Pet. 1:19), yet “*innocent*” (Matt. 27:4).

We often sing songs about the blood of Jesus. Songs such as “Power in the Blood” and “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.” Contemplate what the Bible says about the blood of Jesus.

“*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*” (Acts 20:28).

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

“*In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*” (Eph. 1:7).

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

“*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*” (Col. 1:20).

“*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. 9:12).

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

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“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...” (Matt. 3:3)

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“NEW TESTAMENT BLOOD” by Larry R. Ping II

The New Testament talks often about blood. Based upon Leviticus 17:11, which declares, “*life of the flesh is in the blood,*” blood is vitally important and meaningful. Consider.

1) BLOOD OF THE PROPHETS. Jesus said, “*If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets*” (Matt. 23:30). The prophets of the Old Testament were often cruelly treated. They were ridiculed (II Kgs. 2:23). They were told to be quiet (Amos 7:13). They were rejected (Jer. 5:3). They were placed in stocks (Jer. 20:2). They were bound in chains (Jer. 40:1). They were slapped in the face (I Kgs. 22:24). They were placed in dungeons and cisterns (Jer. 37:16; Jer. 38:6). They were put on food restrictions (I Kgs. 22:27). They were threatened with death (I Kgs. 19:1). They were put to death (II Chron. 24:21; Jer. 26:20-23). Other unnamed prophets were assassinated as well (Lk. 11:50-51). Who would like the job of prophet?

2) BLOOD OF STEPHEN. Paul, in defending his conversion, said, “*And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him*” (Acts 22:20). This man was selected as one of the seven to help the Grecian widows who had been neglected (Acts 6:5). He clearly had a superior knowledge of the events of the Old Testament evidenced by his brilliant sermon in Acts 7. *(continued on back)*

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

The Bible reading for January 29-February 4 spans John 19:1-John 21:25 and Ezra 1:1-Ezra 3:13. Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) What four statements of Jesus on the cross are recorded in John 19? _____

- 2) What day of the week did Mary Magdalene come to Jesus' sepulchre (Jn. 20:1)? _____
- 3) What command did Jesus issue thrice in John 21:15-17?

- 4) "The LORD God of heaven hath...charged me to _____ him an _____ at Jerusalem, which is in Judah" (Ezra 1:2).
- 5) How many exiles returned with the families of Bigvai (Ezra 2:14) and the families of Nebo (Ezra 2:29)? _____

- 6) What happened to those who could not prove their lineage in the tribe of Aaron (Ezra 2:62)? _____

- 7) "...many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were _____ men, that had seen the _____ house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, _____ with a _____ voice" (Ezra 3:12).

READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF JAN. 29-FEB. 4, 2023.

January 29, 2023: John 19:1-John 19:37

January 30, 2023: John 19:38-John 20:18

January 31 2023: John 20:19-John 21:25

February 1, 2023: Ezra 1:1-Ezra 2:14

February 2, 2023: Ezra 2:15-Ezra 2:39

February 3, 2023: Ezra 2:40-Ezra 2:63

February 4, 2023: Ezra 2:64-Ezra 3:13

"Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven..." (Ezra 7:23).

"Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die" (Eze. 18:4).

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