

# The Gospel according to

# MOSES

## The Red Heifer Sacrifice and the Passion

### Symbolism and Prophecy, Reality and Fulfillment

(All scriptures are from the NIV)

Red Heifer	Passion
<b>The sacrifice must be perfect.</b>	
<b>Num 19:2a</b> This is a requirement of the law that the LORD has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish....	<b>Heb 4:15</b> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin.
<b>Not under the law.</b>	
<b>Num 19:2b</b> ...and that has never been under a yoke.	<b>Gal 5:1-3</b> It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.
<b>Sacrificed by a priest.</b>	
<b>Num 19:3a</b> Give it to Eleazar the priest...	<b>Matt 26:57</b> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled.
<b>Sacrificed outside the camp, outside the city...</b>	
<b>Num 19:3b</b> ...it is to be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in his presence.	<b>John 19:19-20</b> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.
<b>...instead of the holy place.</b>	
<b>Num 19:4</b> Then Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood on his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting.	<b>Mark 15:37-38</b> With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
<b>With wood, hyssop and scarlet wool.</b>	
<b>Num 19:6</b> The priest is to take some cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool and throw them onto the burning heifer.	<b>John 19:17</b> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <b>John 19:29</b> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <b>Matt 27:28</b> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him
<b>Those who made the sacrifice were left unclean (the reverse of the norm).</b>	
<b>Num 19:7-8</b> After that, the priest must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water. He may then come into the camp, but he will be ceremonially unclean till evening. The man who burns it must also wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he too will be unclean till evening.	<b>John 9:40-41</b> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

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## Sacrificial remains put in a clean place outside the camp (city) by someone who is "clean."

**Num 19:9a** A man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and put them in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp...

**Luke 23:50-53** Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

## Cleanses and purifies all it touches.

**Num 19:9b** ...They [the heifer's ashes] shall be kept by the Israelite community for use in the water of cleansing; it is for purification from sin.

**Heb 10:19-22** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

## Cleanses and purifies Jews and non-Jews alike.

**Num 19:10b** This will be a lasting ordinance both for the Israelites and for the aliens living among them.

**Col 3:11** Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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