

THE DRAMA OF REDEMPTION

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“Redemption”

- Agorazo – To buy at a marketplace, to purchase (1 Cor. 6:20)
- Exagorazo – To buy out of the market, never to sell them again; for one’s own use. To rescue from loss. Make the most of the present opportunity (recognizing its future gain)
- Apoulutrosis – Buying back from, re-purchasing (winning back) what was previously forfeited.
 - Emphasizes the distance (“safety margin”) that results between the rescued person, and what previously enslaved them. For the Believer, the prefix (Apo | Strong’s #575) looks back to God’s effective work of grace, purchasing them from the debt of sin and bringing them to their new status (in Christ).
 - It speaks of freedom or more precisely being freed or made free by another.

God in His wisdom uses the phrase “as far as the east is from the west.”

- This is different from North and South. You can travel north only so far (to the geographical North Pole) before being forced to travel south; thus, North and South meet at the poles. But East and West never meet.
- Psalm 103:11 –

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy (hesed) toward those who fear Him.”
- *Chesed* – lovingkindness, goodness, favor... A love that cannot be explained (it has to be experienced.)

There were approximately six (6) million slaves in the Roman Empire, bought and sold like chattel. One could, if he chose to, purchase a slave and set him free. (That’s what Jesus did for us!)

- 1 Peter 1:18ff –

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct (hamartia) received by tradition from your fathers,

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot or blemish...”
- Hebrews 9:22 –

“And according to the Law almost all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission.”

(See Heb. 10:6-13)

Tetelestai – Paid in full, it is finished! (Col. 2:14, John 19:30)

(See 1 John 2:1-2)

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****We are all included in that purchase: saved and unsaved! The difference is that the saved are the ones who accepted.**

1 John 4:10 –

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

1 John 2:2 –

“And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

The Importance of the Blood

- 1) The token of the New Covenant (Matt 26:27, 28; 1 Cor. 11:25)
- 2) Gives eternal life (John 6:53,54)
- 3) Brings redemption (Ephesians 1:7)
- 4) Makes atonement (Rom. 3:25; 1 John 2:2, 4:9,10)
- 5) Justifies before God (Rom. 5:9)
- 6) Gives forgiveness (Eph. 2:13; Colossians 1:14; 1 John 1:9)
- 7) Provides reconciliation (Colossians 1:19, 20)
- 8) Provides cleansing (1 John 1:7)
- 9) Enables us to be overcomers (Rev. 12:11)
- 10) We were purchased with blood (Acts 20:28)

Read Exodus 25:16-18

Read Leviticus 16:12-15

The Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur

On the holiest of the year, we have the holiest of man going into the Holiest Place to proclaim the holiest name. Why?

To remove the most unholy thing in existence off of us: sin, transgression and iniquity.

Propitiation – hilasterion → “Mercy Seat” (used only here) Rom. 3:25 ff

“But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.” (John 20:11, 12)

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Tola (the scarlet / crimson worm)

Isaiah 53 / Psalm 22

“But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see me ridicule me; they shout out the lip, they shake the head, saying, “He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him, let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him.” (Psalm 22:6-8)

- *Tola* means “scarlet” (38 times; crimson)
- Scarlet dye was made from a particular worm, *cermes vermilio* (*kermes vermillion*)



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- The *Tola* *’ath*
- The Word usually used for worm in Hebrew is *rammah*, which means maggot. But here, (Psalm 22) we find the word *Tola* *’ath*. (Remez! – we must do a deeper dive to ascertain its full, hidden meaning)
- When the female crimson worm is ready to lay her eggs (which happens only once in its life) it climbs up a tree or fence and attaches itself to it. With its body attached to the wood, a hard, crimson red shell forms—a shell so hard and so secure that to remove it would be to kill it.
- The female worm lays her eggs under her body, under the protective shell. The larvae hatch and remain under the mother’s protective shell. The baby worms feed on the living body of the mother worm for three (3) days; thus, the mother gives her life so that her seed may live.

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- The mother then dies and her body excretes a crimson or scarlet dye that stains the word to which she is attached and her baby worms. The baby worms remain crimson their entire life.
- After the third day, the red stain turns into a snow-white wax, looking like a patch of wool on the tree. It then begins to flake off and drop to the ground looking like snow!
- Isaiah 1:18 -

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Psalm 22 (the Remez)

- Just as the mother worm attaches itself to the tree, Jesus put Himself on the tree, and willingly allowed the nails to be driven into His hands and feet. (1 John 3:16)
 - However, it wasn't the nails that held Him on the cross. It was His desire to fulfil the purpose and plan of God the Father to redeem man from sin. (Gal. 1:4)
 - It was the revelation behind the veil!
- Just as the mother worm, when crushed, excretes a crimson/scarlet dye that covers, stains and marks its young, Jesus was wounded, bruised and crushed for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5)
 - His scourging and death brought forth His crimson/scarlet blood that both washes away our sin (Rev. 1:5) and marks us as His own. (Eph. 2:13)

“For you know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor. 8:9)

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The Drama of Redemption!

Don't just look at what was done, but look intently into the why. What kept Jesus on the cross despite the severe suffering.

You have to see the depth of His love, but to do so, you must experience it.

“Oh taste and see that the Lord is good...” (Psalm 34:8)

His *Chesed* (Gr. *Agape*) – lovingkindness, goodness, favor... A love that cannot be explained, it has to be experienced!