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The Blood Covenant

15. Eleven — The One Sacrifice

This short chapter contrasts the old sacrificial system with the single sacrifice of Jesus. It explains that His one offering ended the animal slaughter and the annual Day of Atonement ritual, opening a New Covenant in His blood.

Key takeaways

- The change of Covenant and priesthood left Israel almost homeless — the temple worship gave way to street and cottage preaching.
- Jesus' one sacrifice ended the killing of animals, the blood carried into the Holy of Holies, and the scapegoat that bore away sin.
- The old Day of Atonement (two goats: one slain, one sent into the wilderness) foreshadowed what Christ finished 'once for all.'
- At His death the veil was torn — the end of the earthly Holy of Holies and the start of the New Covenant in His blood, carried into the heavenly Tabernacle.

Passages worth keeping

“After he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.”

The finished, once-for-all work of Christ.

Scripture referenced

- **Hebrews 10:10-12** -- the 'once for all' offering
- **Leviticus 16:1-22** -- Day of Atonement and the scapegoat
- **Mark 15:38** -- the veil torn at Jesus' death
- **Hebrews 9:12** -- His blood carried into the heavenly Tabernacle