

“SHED”

Word study on “SHED”

The New Testament Greek word, EKCHEO, is translated “shed”. Note that each time the term “shed” is used there is a literal or figurative meaning in its context and there is always a lesson behind it.

1. Literal Meaning– to pour out liquids as water (Didache writings). No Biblical references.
2. Literal Meaning – to shed blood means to commit murder, Acts 22:20; Romans 3:15. We could say “to commit murder” instead of shed blood and be accurate.

What it says:
“shed blood”

What it means:
commit murder

Lesson from context: Paul stood by while Stephen’s blood was being shed for teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ indicating his former religious unsaved self-righteous condition.

3. Literal – to shed blood for forgiveness of sin. (EIS + accusative means for the purpose of the forgiveness of sins. Expresses aim or purpose, (A.T. Robertson Greek Grammer page 595) present tense of anticipation means to expect this to occur.

Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, for the Jewish and Roman audiences.

What it says:
“shed blood”

What it means:
“Jesus will bleed a lot the next day for a reason”

Lesson from context: Jesus is foretelling of His sufferings on the cross to His disciples to prepare them for the next day and make them aware of the purpose of His sufferings. His shed blood will be due to the horrible suffering He will be subjected to the next day. **THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF IT ALL WILL BE THAT MAN’S SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN.** He is speaking of the outcome or the result of His sufferings.

4. Literal – to pour out animal blood in sacrifice.

What it says:
“shedding of blood”

What it means:
Animal sacrifice in Old Testament

Lesson from context: Animal blood provided atonement for the Old Testament saints, but was a symbol of Christ's work on the cross which would be the one and final sacrifice for sins. Therefore, there is no reason to return to the Old Testament sacrifice system in the temple.

5. Literal – to pour out wine, Matthew 9:17.

What it says:
“shed wine”

What it means:
“new wine bursts
old wineskins”

Lesson from context: The old Law and the gospel of Christ cannot be combined, therefore do not try to mix grace and legalism.

6. Literal – to pour contents out from a bowl, Revelation 16ff.

What it says:
“shed 7 bowls”

What it means:
God's judgment has come

Lesson from context: God's anger is being poured out upon the earth during the Tribulation upon all unbelievers as judgment for their unbelief.

7. Literal – to pour out intestines of Judas, Acts 1:18.

What it says:
“bowels shed out”

What it means:
the rope broke and he fell
upon the rocks below

Lesson from context: Judas did not repent, but rather choose suicide in reaction to his rejection of Christ and his crimes against Him. Judas was like Israel for they both committed spiritual suicide.

8. Literal – to spill coins on the ground John 2:15

What it says
“shed coins”

What it means
coins spilled out on floor

Lesson from context: Jesus' great anger is displayed as He dumps over the money changers tables and drives all of the out of the temple for religion and profit making have no place in the Lord's temple.

9. Figurative – To pour out the Holy Spirit upon men like rain, Acts 2:33; 2:17f, 10:45; Titus 3:6.

Lesson from context: The miracle of tongues on the Day of Pentecost was a parallel to that which will occur in the Millennium when the Holy Spirit pours out His Spirit upon all saved Jews of the earth. There is no indication in the passage Gentiles will speak in tongues or see visions in the Millennium. Peter's purpose is to show the Jews the tongues phenomena is in the Old Testament, so it is not some new thing that Christians were doing.

10. Figurative – To pour out love into our hearts, Romans 5:5.

Lesson from context: Only God the Holy Spirit can produce God's type of love in our souls. In the Church Age we must rely solely upon Him.

Summation:

1. In every case there is a literal or figurative meaning of the term "shed" but in context it relates to some spiritual truth that is being taught.
2. The term "shed" when used literally means literally pouring out or shedding.
3. The term "shed" when used figuratively means figuratively pouring out or shedding.
4. However, the context of each verse indicates a different spiritual truth taught that we are supposed to learn.
5. We must understand the meaning of the words and phrases, in their contexts, to learn what the Lord wants us to know from that context.

The symbolical importance of the shedding of blood in sacrificial worship is seen in Leviticus 17:11 for the life of the animal was in its blood. (Milton Terry, *Hermeneutics*, p. 358-359) In the Mosaic Law system there was no atonement for the sinner apart from the shedding of animal blood.

Hebrews 9:22 says: "Without blood-shedding there is no forgiveness"
HAIMATEKUCHIAS pouring out animal blood in context.

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