

# **SHEDDING INNOCENT BLOOD BRINGS IRREVOCABLE JUDGMENT OF GOD**

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The unchanging standard of the Law of God regarding the intentional shedding of innocent blood is life for life. Male and female are created “in the image of God,” and every life is precious to Him (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16; Ecclesiastes 11:5). Taking innocent human life brings a curse (Genesis 4:8-12; Leviticus 20:1-5). There are only two means of atonement, to remove the curse, when someone has intentionally and unjustly taken a life:

1. Justice, through due process, by taking the lifeblood of the person who committed an intentional murder (Genesis 9:5-6; Exodus 20:13; 21:12; Numbers 35:30).
2. Forgiveness by substitutionary lifeblood. Jesus Christ gave Himself as “a propitiation in His blood” for the atonement of sins, including murder, but His atonement is only applied to those who genuinely repent and accept His payment on their behalf, receiving His forgiveness (Romans 3:23-26; I John 1:9; 2:2, 4:10). Repentance and forgiveness do not preclude the necessity for some measure of justice. Yet repenting and accepting Christ’s atonement guarantees eternal life.

The animal sacrifices which the LORD God instituted under the Old Covenant – as a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of His Son as the Lamb of God – provided temporal atonement for sins, but not justice for innocent human bloodshed.

Any individual, family, community, military, or government guilty of shedding innocent human blood (or complicit, or who made policies, laws, or judgments approving the same) is under the judgment of God. That bloodguiltiness can be removed only through the first and/or second (under the New Covenant in Christ’s blood) means stated above. This includes for the lives taken of all:

- preborn children (via abortion, including chemical/medical abortion),
- newly born children (exposure, infanticide, or child sacrifice), and
- other children or adults murdered.

Abortion and infanticide are actually offering children to demons (Leviticus 18:21; Deuteronomy 12:31; Psalm 106:37-38). The shedding of innocent blood of children is the only sin that God Himself said: “never ... did it ever enter My mind that” My people “should do this abomination” (Jeremiah 19:5; 32:35). Further, He told Israel that He would not forgive (II Kings 24:4). God would not relinquish full judgment, though He delayed it because of King Manasseh’s repentance (II Kings 21:1-6, 9, 16; 23:26; 24:1-4; II Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-13, 15-16, 23). A few decades later, Judah was conquered and taken captive.

For the United States, this means that apart from repentance and a complete cessation of all abortions, at least 59 million people will die through catastrophes, attacks by enemies, wars, or disasters. Only God knows the timing of this destruction. It may not come fully until His final judgment of the nations (Revelation 6; 8; 9; 16; 18).