

Numbers 25: 1-15. "The Biblical Precedent of Human Antoinement"

"Atonement of Phineas"

God has set up a Biblical precedent for human sacrifice. The Rabbinical Jewish leaders state that all atonement sacrifices of the Torah were animals. They state that, Yeshua could never have been an acceptable atonement. First of all God forbade human sacrifice they claim and secondly they claim that there are no Old Covenant exceptions to this rule. They conclude that since this is the case Yeshua's sacrifice was not vicarious, substitutionary or redeeming in its totality, but merely a murder of a Rabbi.

Messianic believers claim that Numbers 25 is a biblical precedent for a righteous man of Israel, making substitutionary atonement for ~~the~~ the entire nation.

v. 1-2 Israel practiced idolatry, fornication and intermarriage all strictly forbidden by Torah. Adopted the God of the Moabites. (Satan). (Exodus 34:15). (Exodus 20:5). (Hosea 9:10). God made examples of the people, v. 3-4, but this failed to bring redemption + forgiveness. (1 Cor 5:7).

Phineas was righteous, holy + set apart to God. He killed both the temple prostitute + the man who brought her to the Tabernacle. He was obeying Torah. 24,000 died in God's judgement before Phineas brought a cessation to God's wrath. We see a righteous man holding back the continuation of God's Wrath.

Close - v. 10-13. God made a covenant with Phineas a priest. This covenant was eternal establishing his priesthood. (v. 13). God called it a covenant of peace. Here Phineas becomes a type of Yeshua.

v. 13- God calls Phineas's action an atonement, for Israel. We see 2 human beings, being killed + their death enacted by Phineas the priest. (Zimri, Cozbi). This human sacrifice accepted as an atonement by YHWH for Israel.