

Blotting Out Names

Blot, in most cases in the Old Testament, means: *to stroke or rub; to erase; also to abolish, blot out, destroy, put out, blot utterly, wipe (away, out)*. You can tell for sure by the context of the scripture it is used in in each case.

Blot, in the other few case in the Old Testament, means: *meaning to stain; a blemish (physically or morally): blemish, blot, spot*.

Blot in the New Testament, means: *to smear out, obliterate, pardon sin, blot out, wipe away*.

De 29:12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: 13 That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; 15 But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day: 16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; 17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:) 18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; 19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: 20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

In this text we have the use of the 1st definition given for blot. As we consider this text, and its meaning, we need to understand, and notice one phrase in particular: "***from under heaven***." This phrase puts us in the realm of earth and this world. We will see this from a couple of other texts to support this point.

Notice in this text; God says of those, who reject him from ruling over them, who will not enter into covenant with him, or enters in covenant by pretext, and turns to idolatry; there is an awful sentence of judgment already passed upon them. This is applicable to an individual, a family, or a nation.

Prophetically, there is the inference of being lost eternally. Let's look at some other texts to get a better understanding of blotted out "***under heaven***."

De 9:14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

We see here that God is telling Moses; quit interceding on behalf of these rebellious people, of the nation Israel. As long as you are interceding for them; I will not pour out my judicial wrath and vengeance upon them, which would destroy them from the face of the earth. I will give you seed and raise up a nation of people from thy seed in their stead.

What a great prophetic portrait of the intercessory work of Jesus Christ. Christ is our intercessor and stands between us, offending man, and God, the offended one.

De 25:19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

Here, God directs Israel; completely destroy the nation of Amalek from the face of the earth, so that they exist as a nation no more.

Thus, we see and understand in Deuteronomy 29; God is saying that those who reject me will be rejected by me, and will suffer my judicial wrath. This is a prophetic picture of the time to come when time is no more, God will send all who have rejected him, from being king over them, to be eternally tormented and banished from before his face.

It is the prophetic picture; of the obliteration of sin from before the face of God forever.

Blotting Out Sin

To continue our study of "**blotting out**" and an application to us today, we will now look at sin.

Ps 51:1 <<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Being confronted with the knowledge that God knows of King David's sins; King David is pleading to God; blot out, of your remembrance, my sins, that I may appear to you as clean and undefiled. God used Nathan the prophet to confront King David for his sin with Bathsheba. What did King David do? Being convicted in his conscience, when confronted with his sins, King David immediately turned to God with a repentant heart.

God uses the bible, his word of truth, to rebuke us and give us knowledge of our own sins. God uses the pure, sinless, life of Christ to rebuke us in our sins. Being born again (with eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that understand) when convicted in our conscience; we recognize our sins and that we have nowhere to turn, except to Jesus. What can we do? We can come to Christ, with a repentant heart, and find knowledge of the forgiveness of our sins. We can know that our sins have been blotted out before God, by our intercessor Jesus Christ, who gave his life, and shed his blood for the remission of sins.

Isa 44:21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. 23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye

mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

God is telling Israel, who has been in captivity for their transgressions against God, I have blotted out your sins. Your sins were as a cloud that blocked you from my presence. However, repent and return to me with your whole heart. Serve me faithfully, and I will remove that cloud from between us, and look upon you with favor again. After all; it was I that made thee, and chose thee, of all the nations of the world, to bear my name on earth.

This is what Christ did for us. He removed the whole of our sins from blocking us out of the sight of God, and thus the light of God shines brightly upon us, even today. After all; we were called, chosen, and sanctified in Christ before the world began, to bear the name of the Lord upon the earth.

Re 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Aren't you glad that God sent Christ into the world to clear us of our sin debt? Because of the finished work of Jesus Christ; our names are not hidden from God. Because of the remission of sins given to us by Christ's blood on the cross, we will not be in that number that hear God say to them "***And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.***" Oh, how great the mercy of God toward his people.

Jesus Christ says to us; because I gave my life, and shed my blood for remission of your sins, I will confess your sins "forgiven" before God the Father, and you will be received into the eternal glory.
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
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