

## Selected Definitions

Hebrews 9:15-28

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- 9:15 mediator** (*mesitēs*). “one who mediates between two parties to remove a disagreement or reach a common goal, *mediator, arbitrator*, of Christ ... 1 Timothy 2:5 ... Hebrews 8:6; ... 9:15; ... 12:24... Moses calls himself [mediator of the covenant]... of the law ... through angels... The activity of an intermediary implies the existence of more than one party.”
- 9:22 forgiveness** (*aphesis*). “**1** the act of freeing and liberating from something that confines, *release* from captivity... **2** the act of freeing from an obligation, guilt, or punishment, *pardon, cancellation*... Mk 3:29; Hb 9:22; 10:18.”
- 9:26 creation** (*katabolē*). “**1** the act of laying something down, with implication of providing a base for something, *foundation*. Readily connected with the idea of founding is the sense *beginning*.”
- 9:26 end** (*sunteleia*). “In our literature, only in a temporal sense: a point of time marking completion of a duration, *completion, close, end*.”
- 9:26 put away** (*athetēsis*). Noun. “**1** a refusal to recognize the validity of something, annulment, legal technical term ... a former commandment is annulled Hb 7:18. ... **2** generally the process of causing something to be set aside, *removal* ... Hb 9:26.” [In 1 Sam 24:12 David assures Saul that he does not intend to revolt (*athetēsis*) against him.]
- 9:28 bear** (*anapherō*). “**2** to carry and hand over someth. to someone, *deliver*.... **3** to offer as a sacrifice, *offer up*, specifically a cultic technical term. ... Of Jesus’ sacrifice ... when he offered up himself Hb 7:27. **4** take up as a burden, *take up*. ... In a case in which a man takes upon himself the burden that another should have borne, then [*anapherō*]=take upon oneself... Christ was once for all offered up in this respect ... that he assumed the sins of many Hb 9:28.”
- 9:28 second** (*deuteron*). “**1** next to the first in a sequence or series, *second*. In a numerical sequence... **2** neuter ... used as adverb *for the second time*.” [Hb 9:28 = “out of (the) second (tent)”? 8:7=second (covenant), 9:3=second veil, 9:7=second tent, 10:9=second (will). Thus, Christ will return from the Most Holy Place in heaven “to be seen” by those awaiting him, as worshippers awaited the high priest emerging from the tabernacle.]
- 9:28 sin** (*harmatia*). “In Hb sin is atoned for ... by sacrifices ... sin-offering 10:18 (Lev 5:11; 7:37) vss. 6, 8 (both Ps 39:7; cp. 1 Pt 3:18); ... bring a sin-offering Hb 5:3; cp. 10:12; 13:11. Christ has made the perfect sacrifice for sin 9:23ff.” [“For our sake (God) made (Christ) to be sin (a sin offering) who knew no sin, so that in (Christ) we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:21]]