APPENDIX 2

GENERAL REFERENCES TO BLOOD
IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (NRSV)

2.1. Mortal Flesh and Blood

Matt 16:17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.”

John 1:12–13 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

1 Cor 15:50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Gal 1:16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with an human being [σαρκὶ καὶ αἷματι]

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

2.2. Blood and Health-Related Concerns

Mark 5:25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages [αἷματος] for twelve years.

Mark 5:29 Immediately her hemorrhage [αἷματος] stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Luke 8:43–44 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages [αἷματος] for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage [αἷματος] stopped.
2.3. Abstaining from Blood

Acts 15:20 but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood.

Acts 15:29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

Acts 21:25 But as for the Gentiles who have become believers, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.

2.4. Blood, Animal Sacrifice, and Covenant

Luke 13:1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Heb 9:7 but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

Heb 9:11 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified

Heb 9:18–22 Hence not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you.” And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Heb 9:25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own

Heb 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Heb 11:28 By faith [Moses] kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.