

# The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

## The Day of Covering and Reconciling

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**Summary: Note – this was originally given in 2012. I’ve updated some of the notes (dates, etc) that are more applicable to 2013. The main points are timeless. So mostly – the changes are for the dates given on the first page of notes.**

Learn all about Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement from the perspective of a believer in Yeshua, or Jesus Christ. We’ll distinguish between what the Word of God actually says about this day from the traditions associated with this day but which are not mentioned in scripture. You’ll hear the shofar blown. We cover: why we fast on Yom Kippur (don’t just fast, but fast for a reason), the 2 goats of Lev. 16, the year of Jubilee, why Jonah is read on this day, strange anomalies between 30 AD- 70 AD and the prophetic events tied to this awesome day and more!

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Shalom and welcome, brothers and sisters to Light on the Rock, as we have already begun the final four feasts of 2012, the divine appointments with Abba our father and with our beloved Yeshua. Welcome also to our family also in Nyamboga, Kenya. Shalom to so many of you from 45 countries around the world who come to this website. May Yehoweh bring you to a deep and meaningful Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement – today’s topic. **Today is all focused on our high priest Yeshua. It is not about Satan. Let’s start with that.**

Many of you come to this site around the world. Please get in touch with me. I’d love to hear from you. Tell me if there are topics you’d like me to cover. I’m just one man trying to get the Word of Yehoweh out – with the help of a wonderful webmaster named Scott who is contributing many hours to this website. May Yehoweh bless him and his wife mightily.

[This next paragraph was based on 2012. But in 2013, here are the dates for Atonement.

- For those keeping the Rabbinic moved-“postponed” dates, Atonement is from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday 9/14/2013.
- For those going by local sighting of the new moon’s first crescent, it will be from sundown Sunday night Sept 15 through Monday sundown, Sept 16.
- For those who go by Jerusalem new-moon sighting, it will be Monday sundown through Tuesday sundown Sept 17. ]

[Then I give what were the dates for 2012, but it’s not relevant for 2013’s message. ]

*We should not disfellowship one another over this but beseech Abba to show all of us what His mind is on this – and true children of Yehoweh will do so. We will come together only one way: in HIM. That’s what Yeshua said on the night He was apprehended for crucifixion. Read it in John 17:21-23 – “that they may be one in us”. That’s the key.*

Anyway, I – and thousands like me – will keep it on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> Hebrew month since the new moon was sighted. There's a lot of discussion about the Calendar but I just can't see man making our own "4 rules of postponement" which end up moving the Fall holydays.

**This day, "the day of Covering" – that's what Yom Kippur means** – is a most solemn holyday, but ends in joy. It is commonly called in English, "The Day of Atonement", when our sins corporately and nationally – as well as personally – are covered by the blood of sacrificial goat offered by the High Priest in ancient times. There's SO much to cover... so let's start with Father's blessing.

**(OPENING PRAYER – you can hear it on audio.** But Philip basically requests God's mercy, imploring his mercy on us for how often we fail to measure up, and thanking Him for Yeshua's perfect life in our stead. We pray for Yehoweh to cover and atone our sins, be reconciled with us and to bring people from all over the world to this point of being atoned for, and reconciled with. We thank him even more for the relationship He is offering us and for casting our sins far away. We asked that HIS words be spoken and received, and not our words. Asked for blessing on the message and on the hearing.)

On all holydays the shofar was blown along with the silver trumpets. The shofar is a ram's horn. **(Blow Shofar)** The ram's horn shofar was particularly blown on this day in the year of Jubilee, every 50 years, which we will discuss shortly.

**This day pictures the love of God as no other (except Passover) – but in the context also of His judgment and justice on any who continue to defy Him and resist Him.**

- **This day is about atonement, being reconciled personally and corporately- or nationally someday – with Yehoweh.**
- It's a day to be sure we are at peace with one another and with YHVH. Remember Yah won't hear our prayers if we have something against a brother or sister. So it's a time of reflection and evaluation.
- This Divine appointment is about covering (*kippur*) our sins under the blood of the true Lamb of God. This day is about casting out our sins as far as the east is from the west.
- This day – considered a most solemn day – so we fast – is about putting Satan away so we can have 1000 years free from His temptations and hostility! Some believe this is the day Yeshua lands on Mt. of Olives, but I believe He returns from heaven with His Bride on Feast of Trumpets and then binds Satan (Rev 20:1-3) on Atonement.

*Jews keep it as the final day of "the 10 Days of Awe" – though the Bible itself says little of the many Jewish traditions that have become a part of this day.* Certainly it is never a bad idea to repent deeply and seek reconciliation. They also believe that on this day their names are placed in the heavenly book of Life, though scripture is clear that names of believers are already in the heavenly Book of Life (**Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; Dan. 12:1**). Moses knew he was in the Book (**Ex. 32:32-33**) and we can be blotted out apparently (Rev. 3:5). I have to say that *some* of the traditional rituals Jews do to keep this day has little

backing from scripture, except for fasting and praying. More on that later. Let's stick with the word of God.

**Remember we are warned not to add or remove anything from the teachings of Yehoweh.** So I don't go for rituals – whether the ritual hand washing (Jesus didn't either – **Matthew 15:1-11**), having to dress in white (OK, but not stipulated in scripture) on this day or to recite lots of ritual prayers in public (Yeshua said to pray in private, and pray from your heart).

This day is a glorious day!!! Hallelujah! *You can actually call it the “Feast of Atonement” because the word translated “feast” is “moed” – meaning divine appointment. “Moed” has nothing to do with eating and drinking per se. It's about drawing near to YHVH.*

I've been keeping the spiritual Day of Atonement since I was a teenager and I'm almost 60 now. Yom Kippur is the most solemn day, considered the holiest day of the year by Jews, a day of fasting, a day of deep repentance and a day full of meaning. Along with the weekly sabbath, on this holyday there is to be NO work done. Don't go to work on this day!! REST! Let's read what the Word says:

**Leviticus 23:26-32**

26 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: 27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement (*Yom HaKippurim*). It shall be **a holy convocation** for you; you shall **afflict your souls**, and offer an offering made by fire to YHVH. 28 And you shall **do no work on that same day**, for it is the Day of Atonement, to *make atonement for you before YHVH your God.* 29 For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. [*picturing if we don't repent, we have no future*] 30 And **any person who does any work** on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31 You shall do **no manner of work**; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn [no solemn in original here] rest, and you shall afflict your souls; **on the ninth day of the month at evening**, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath."

The word “at evening” refers to the going down of the sun, sunset. Days begin at sunset.

**The word “atonement” is from the Hebrew word “kippur” – covering, or even “kippurim” – coverings, plural.** It depicts a covering being put over us and over our sins. Some will teach that it means “at-one-ment”, being reconciled, and though that is implied in the meaning of the day, that is not the meaning of “kippur”. *Saying “at-one-ment” sounds pretty but that's based on the English, not the original language.*

**Here are some overview statements first, then more detail as we go along:**

- **A day of total rest and fasting. In the original Hebrew this day is called a “sabbath of sabbaths”** – the most sabbath of sabbaths (kinda like “holy of holies”) in Lev. 16:31. In Hebrew it is “*Shabbat shabbaton*” – a “sabbath of solemn/complete rest”. What did Yehoweh do with the first physical sabbath? He rested from his physical creation (Gen 2:1-4). Could it be that in like manner, that this day pictures

the time when Yehoweh also rests from **His NEW creation**, the spiritual creation – completed, finished.

*WE are to do no work on this day to remember we are the work of HIS hands, we are HIS workmanship, HE is the creator of the first creation and the creator of the NEW creation as well. True righteousness is not from OUR efforts to be “good enough” – but for the righteousness of God. Daniel understood this when He prays in Daniel 9:7 – “YHVH, righteousness belongs to YOU...” that’s why we seek the kingdom of God and ITS righteousness (Matthew 6:33). This is why Paul says in Phil 3:9-11 that he did not want his *own* righteousness but the righteousness of God given to us as a gift through Christ.*

So could the resting also depict that we are remembering HIS resting after the spiritual creation? No work, to remember who the Creator is – even the Creator of the new man, the new creation. HE does the works. It’s His doing in us and we submit to His working in our lives. As we follow Him, we walk as HE walked: obediently.

- **We FAST on this day.** I fear many fast in a rote manner now, as they’ve done it for so long. Don’t just fast today. Don’t just go hungry. Fast with a result in mind. The fast should lead each of us to **repentance** that leads to **changes in our walk**. **Later on we’ll read what it says in Isaiah 58**, that it should lead us to changing our ways, to forgiving people, to helping the needy. Our fasting should result in deep evaluation of what we have to change in our lives. We should come on bended knee, and a bowed down heart, before his holy kadosh throne, asking for Him to totally transform us. Let’s pray our lives become truly holy temples of His Holy Spirit. And yes, I preach to myself, as I fall so short of the holiness to which we’ve been called.

We also fast to repent, to humble ourselves before Yehoweh. This day also pictures when Satan is bound and cast out. Remember he was Heylel in Isa 14:12 rendered “Lucifer” in the English Bibles. The real Light Bringer is Yeshua (**John 8:12; 9:5**) – not the fallen cherub.

The Morning Star is Yeshua (**2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 22:16**), not Satan. If Heylel ever was the light bringer, he certainly failed his role. Yet even now, Satan transforms himself into an “angel of light” (**2 Corinthians 11:14**). But my point is that it was this arch-angel who became proud and thought he was better than Yehoweh and sought to have a coup d’etat, which you can read about in **Ezek 28:11-19 and Isaiah 14:12-17**. So we FAST also to show we are not of his vain, proud spirit but of the humble unleavened bread spirit of one truly submitted to Yehoweh.

- We’ll hit it with much more detail as we go along, but this day also pictures
  - the year of **JUBILEE**, the year of **LIBERTY**;
  - the **2 goats** presented to Yehoweh, one the “Azazel” goat into the wilderness and one the sin offering, whose blood was taken into the Holy of Holies.
  - The **book of Jonah** is traditionally read on this day... we’ll find out why.
- I don’t hear this being discussed a lot elsewhere, but I’ve believed for a long time that there are **strong parallels between Passover and Atonement**.

**I believe the spring holydays focus on the atoning of “the first fruits: people being harvested, those being called now, the *ekklesia* – the “called out ones”.** So Passover is when current believers are made right with God by the blood of the Lamb, one person at a time. It’s interesting that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of Abib, a lamb was selected to atone for sin. On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, Yeshua literally was the atoning sacrifice. More on this in later sermons.

**The Fall holydays picture the time when Yeshua returns and makes the world right with Him – one person at a time, then one *nation* at a time starting with Israel and Judah,** who will by then be “one stick”, one united kingdom again (**Ezekiel 37:15-28**). Just as the lamb of Passover covers the sins of those who believe in Yeshua, the sacrificed goat on Atonement will atone for the sins of the nation and eventually all nations. *Nobody can come to Yeshua unless we accept the atoning sacrifice first.* The other goat – the Azazel – more on that later – represents the nation’s sins being cast far from us (“as far as east is from the west”) and the nation being reconciled to Yahoweh.

**This day is focused on the King Yeshua, who is also our High Priest, who will reconcile the nation of Israel – and then the whole world over time – back to Him.** This day is about the blood of Yeshua shed for ALL who would believe in Him being applied to all nations who will accept Him as King over all the earth when He returns. This day is also about Satan being banished from influencing the world for a thousand years – but the focus is on Messiah, not on Satan! Some sermons on this day seem to focus their sermon primarily on Satan, and I think that’s wrong. What happens to him is part of the message, but it should never be our central message. Today is focused on the work of our High Priest asking for the covering of the sins of the nation. Yeshua is our High Priest now as we’ll cover.

**[Next 2 paragraphs have been inserted as an update]**

**So the Spring holydays** are about those first being called and their atonement in Passover and leading holy, humble obedient lives after that, pictured by the days of Unleavened Bread. Pentecost is a transition holyday – the giving of the Holy Spirit to the first fruits people and their subsequent marriage to the Lamb in heaven.

**The Fall holydays** focus on how Yeshua will go about bringing the whole world to repentance, starting with His return to the Mt of Olives with His Bride, all on white spirit chargers/or “horses”, Israel coming back repentantly as one nation, then the nations one by one come to repent and worship gladly. They are atoned for in the Day of Atonement this time by the blood of Yeshua, who never again has to be sacrificed as His life was worth more than all humanity put together, since He was and is God (John 1:1-3, 14). *Then the Feast of Tabernacles pictures the time of great joy, “the season of our joy” it is called, picturing the whole world at peace for 1000 years under the reign of the Son of David Yeshua.* A resurrected King David will reign over a unified Israel, and King Yeshua will rule over all the earth.

**So it’s crucial we also pray for our nations to repent.** I gave some sermons some months back about it not being too late for USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Russia, Brazil, Israel, Kenya, and all the countries to come to repentance. Let’s be PRAYING for it. Remember Nineveh – and Jonah? It wasn’t too late.

**Leviticus 16:29-34** [Notice v 29 – it was for anyone who considered himself a part of Israel – Jew or Gentile.]

29 "This shall be a statute forever for you: **In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you.**

30 For on that **day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before YHVH.**

31 It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

32 And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; 33 then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests **and for all the people of the assembly.** 34 This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to **make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year.**" And he did as YHVH commanded Moses.

So again, it appears that Passover is more the personal reconciliation and the Day of Atonement is when the nation's sins are covered.

Remember, the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet has already sounded. Yeshua and His Bride have returned from their wedding in heaven (Rev. 19) and destroyed the armies surrounding Jerusalem. He also returns just in time to keep humankind from annihilating all humanity! Then we continue the story in Rev. 20. There is a proverb that says "cast out the scoffer and strife and contention shall cease" (**Prov. 22:10**) So that's what Yeshua has to do: cast out Satan! I believe this happens on the Day of Atonement.

### **Revelation 20:1-3**

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

**3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit,** and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Update: Could it be that Yeshua was in the wilderness the 40 days of testing before Atonement, and then on the Day of Atonement, cast Satan out from his presence? Just a thought? I don't know... but I think it is possible Jesus said "Depart, get thee hence" to Satan after His temptations, on this very day. Just a thought (Matthew 4:1, 10).

### **WHAT DOES JONAH HAVE TO DO WITH THIS DAY?**

I find it noteworthy **that THE BOOK OF JONAH** is traditionally read on this day. It fits! Why? Because Yeshua himself tied his own death and resurrection for our redemption to the story of Jonah and the great fish. Remember? "As Jonah was 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of the great fish..." This day is about redemption.

**But first,** reading Jonah makes it clear **we can never hide from YHVH.** We cannot elude Yah's divine justice for our unforgiven transgressions and sins or for going the opposite direction we were told to go by Yah.

**Second: The book of Jonah shows us Yah's mercy** when we repent and turn around. We need to pray for our nations to repent – whether you live in Paraguay or China or the USA. This was about God's mercy on Gentile Assyrians. Yehoweh loves Gentiles too and sent His son to die for everyone everywhere who will believe in Him. And when they do, they come by faith into the covenant promises made to Abraham by faith.

### **THE JUBILEE YEAR proclaimed on Atonement every 50 years**

**The JUBILEE YEAR** was proclaimed on this day every 50 years with the sound of the shofar (blow). This is called “the year of liberty” or “year of Freedom” in **Ezekiel 46:17**. In this sacred year, the Jubilee depicted:

- **slaves** were freed. Sin enslaves the world. This day pictures the world being set free from Satan as well as the freeing of the Israelites who will be sold as slaves throughout the world, according to prophecies. (See/hear my sermon on The Coming Great Exodus given some years ago.)
- **Debts** are cancelled. Think of this: *it depicts our spiritual debts also being cancelled.*
- **Land** that belonged to the family was returned. **Again, think of it spiritually.** When Adam and Eve sinned, the earth was now ruled by Satan. Remember Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms if He would worship Satan (Matthew 4:8-10). It's time for the earth to quit groaning and for the land – the whole earth – to go back to its rightful owner: King Yeshua. Remember: “the kingdoms of this world have now become the kingdom of Our Lord.” This day pictures when Yehoweh will start to bring humanity BACK to the Garden of Eden, if you will, this time by the “2<sup>nd</sup> Adam” – Yeshua—leading them BACK into the presence of Life itself. Hallelujah!
- *The Jubilee year was a planned redistribution of wealth,* if you will, every 50 years. Every 50 years there was a balancing, an equalizing, a leveling of the playing field so that even the very poor knew some land was coming back, debts are cancelled, and indentured servants and slaves were set free. Obviously this took a lot of “air” out of the super-rich but it was God's way to be sure the system is fair to everyone.

#### **Leviticus 25:8-17**

8 'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.

9 **Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month;** on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

10 And you **shall consecrate the fiftieth year,** and **proclaim liberty** throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

11 That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. 12 For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.

13 **'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.**

14 And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another. 15 According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you. 16 According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you according to the number of the years of the crops.

17 Therefore *you shall not oppress one another*, but you shall fear your God; for I am YHVH your God.

What about land values? That's addressed - for those of you who wish to read more about it - in Lev. 27:17-24. For those of you wishing to study this more, there's also the passage in Num 36: what happens to land that should remain within the father's house - or tribe - but the daughters marry outside the tribe (see Num 36:4-12 if interested).

Yeshua began His preaching ministry by reading the first verses of Isa 61. Let's read it.

**Isaiah 61:1-4**

"The Spirit of Adonai Yehowih is upon Me, Because YHVH has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

**2 To proclaim the acceptable year of YHVH**, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

**3 To console those who mourn in Zion, *to give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness***; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of YHVH, that He may be glorified."

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

**When is the Jubilee?**

We've lost track of the original Jubilee years, but general teaching is that the first Jubilee year was the 64<sup>th</sup> year after Israel conquered Canaan, as it took Israel seven years to conquer Canaan and seven more years to distribute it. So I suppose if we could nail down that date to a certainty, then we might know when the next Jubilee year is! I've often thought Yeshua will return in a Jubilee year.

So it appears this day spiritually pictures finally the time when the earth no longer groans over the oppressive rule of the god of this age, Satan. Remember Paul spoke of groaning. Peter spoke of the time of refreshing (Acts 3:19).

**Romans 8:18-23**

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the**



**firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**

### **What the HIGH PRIEST DID ON THIS DAY**

Also on this day only, the High Priest— by himself – went into the most holy place, the Holy of Holies to make atonement and ask for forgiveness for the whole nation. It was considered a day of Judgment. Note that Yeshua is now our high priest of a better covenant and He, by Himself as we'll read in Hebrews 9-10 did the work of the High Priest. Remember the Aaronic High Priests only pictured the true High Priest- - Yeshua.

- On Atonement, the High Priest did not enter with his impressive garb – the blue robes, the golden mitre/crown, the sashes, the breastplates, the Urim and Thummin – no! He went into the Most Holy Place only in the **white linen garments** of a regular priest, just standing there before God, barefoot on the golden floor of the temple. Today many Jews will wear white to symbolize the purity we must have standing before our Maker at the time of Judgment. *I believe very deeply that the purity we have and must have is the perfect life of our Master and Savior; when we “put on Christ”.* I can try and try to be perfect, to be pure, to be righteous – but then that's my righteousness, isn't it? And my righteousness will fall far short of God's kingdom's requirements. Sometimes I even wonder if I have any righteousness of my own. But I want to say with Paul, that Yeshua is now my life. I no longer live, as Paul said, but the life I now live is the life of my Messiah (Gal. 2:20). At least that's the goal.

So if you wear white on the Day of Atonement, that should remind us not of our own purity but of Yeshua's purity and how we are pure only if we are in Him, and HE is in God the Father (See Col. 3:3). It is only by being covered by Yeshua that you and I can come boldly before the throne of grace. HE is our righteousness. *I hope and pray you will check out my sermons on how we can have God's own Righteousness, which I gave in Nov /Dec 2010.* Let me confirm what I just said with God's word:

#### **Romans 13:14--**

“But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

#### **Galatians 3:27**

“For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**”

#### **Ephesians 4:22-24**

“...that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the old man [the old self, the old way you were] which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that **you put on the new man** which was created according to God [created to be like God is], **in true righteousness** and holiness.

#### **Colossians 3:14**

“But above all these things **put on love** [God is love], which is the bond of perfection.”

Once again, our fasting on the day of Atonement should result in it being more and more obvious that we are changing, becoming more and more like Yeshua, as we LET His mind be in us (Philippians 2:5). ‘

***So if you wear white on this day – that’s a Jewish tradition, not a Biblical command***, but it doesn’t go against any commands – remember the POINT of it: GOD is our righteousness. And I suppose we can say that to the Bride of Christ was granted pure white linen wedding garments (Rev. 19). The priests served in pure white linen robes also. So that’s possibly where it all comes from *We put on Yeshua. HE is what the white garment would represent.* I have no problem with traditions, IF they don’t contradict the Bible or get elevated to equal weight with scripture. Remember what Yeshua said when He was asked why He and his disciples didn’t do the ritual hand washing tradition/ceremony. He said they were making God’s commands null and void BY the heavy weight they were giving the oral traditions (Matthew 15:1-5).

***I’m not into Judaism or its many rituals, ceremonies and oral traditions.*** But I am into doing what scripture says. Much of Judaism puts the oral traditions on a par with Scripture – and that’s poppycock when it contradicts scripture or imposes rituals and ceremonies that end up taking the focus off the truth of God’s Word. “Thy WORD is truth”, remember (**John 17:17; quoting Psalm 119:160**).

- When the High Priest came out of the Sanctuary is when they would then send out the Azazel goat into the wilderness and throw him over a cliff – showing our sins being taken away as far as east from west (**Psalm 103:12**). *Many also believe the Azazel goat – goat of departure – also pictures Satan being put away (Rev. 20:1-3).* I see the Azazel indeed as picturing the time all the blame for the sins is put on Satan and he is cast into the bottomless pit. However, it does speak of atoning. So others ferociously defend the notion that the Azazel goat also pictured Christ. More on the goats later.

#### DETAILS IN LEVITICUS 16.

##### **Leviticus 16**

Now YHVH spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before YHVH, and died; 2 and YHVH said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; **for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. [The “shekinah glory” illuminating that room]**

3 "Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: *with the blood of a young bull* as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. 4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. 5 And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

*On this day the High Priest was in a pure white outfit only – none of the colored royal regalia or breastplates of colored stones or gold crown. Our High Priest Yeshua was without fault, without spot or wrinkle, and since we are “in HIM”, we come the same way before Abba, in Yeshua’s name, by HIS perfection.*

6 "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. **7 He shall take the two goats and present them before YHVH at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.** 8 Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for YHVH and the other lot for the scapegoat [goat of removal]. 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat on which YHVH's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. 10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before YHVH, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

So what do we have so far:

- **ONLY ONE goat was picked by a lot – “ONE lot for YHVH”** – the one that was killed and the blood offered as a sin offering. *If only ONE LOT is for Yehoweh, it doesn't sound to me like both lots were for Yehoweh.* You could argue that the lots were to determine which one was to be the sin offering and which one was to be the goat of removal – but the wording is strange then, if only one goat is “the lot for Yehoweh”. I don't personally think the Azazel goat also represents Christ. If I'm wrong, I'm sure I'll be shown this. It's not something to argue over. Points can be made for each side of the argument. Jewish tradition says it was a location called by that name. But since they were wandering for 40 years, how could that be?
- **The Azazel goat was placed in the wilderness, far away from the camp of Israel.** But one year, this goat upon which all the sins of Israel had been placed, came back into the camp! So then the Jewish tradition eventually was to cast the goat off a high cliff someplace where it died, never to return. But the notion of being banished in the wilderness sounds a lot like **Rev. 20:1-3**, which we read moments ago, when Satan is bound and cast into a “bottomless pit” when Yeshua returns. BUT, it IS interesting, just like the Azazel goat could come back into the camp (before they started throwing it down a cliff) that *Satan also comes back – when he is allowed to at the end of the thousand year (Rev. 20:7-8) rule of Yeshua.* So, many feel the Azazel goat represented what will happen to Satan when Yeshua returns.

Some will preach that the name “Azazel” was a name for Satan, but that is hard to prove. So though I believe the Azazel goat does depict Satan being put away, I do not believe it is easily proven that Azazel was a name for Satan.

### **LET'S CONTINUE NOW IN LEV 16:11**

11 "And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself. 12 Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before YHVH, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. 13 And he shall put the incense on the fire before YHVH, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die.

[The Holy of Holies would normally have been very dark—had it not been for one distinct thing: above the mercy seat was the **shekinah glory** of Yehoweh – **Lev. 16:2; Ex. 25:22; Num. 7:89** . That cloud would have illuminated the Holy of Holies when and if

*Yah was present. There was no ark, no shekinah glory in the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple or Herod's temple. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple, it was a dark room, an empty room!]*

14 He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 "Then he shall **kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people**, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.

*16 So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.*

17 There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. 18 And he shall go out to the altar that is before YHVH, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, **and put it on the horns of the altar all around.** 19 Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

The altar of incense had 4 horns – symbolizing the 4 corners of the world, at least according to Hebrew tradition. Scripture doesn't tell us that. So if the tradition is right, it could point to a time when all humanity will be redeemed and forgiven as they come to repentance.

**Exodus 30:10**

10 And Aaron shall make atonement upon its (altar of incense) horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering **of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement** upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to YHVH."

So every year, only on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest ONLY could go into the Holy of Holies. This day is all about the work of the High Priest. It is focused on the High Priest and the sacrifices. Yeshua is our High Priest today (see Hebrews 6:20; 8:1; 9:1).

It was a fearsome thing for the High Priest to go into the Most Holy Place. Aaron had just seen his two sons zapped by YHVH. In later years they actually tied bells to the High Priest's feet and a rope so he could be pulled out if he died in there! On this day, the High Priest went in only with a white linen garment, barefoot, nothing else. Perhaps this is why Jews today say to dress in all white on this day and not to wear leather shoes. I don't know – but that's their custom. Neither are they to bathe or wash or put on ointment, according to the tradition. But what did Yeshua say about the day we fast?

**Matthew 6:16-18**

16 "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 **But you, when you fast, anoint your head and**

**wash your face**, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

I personally think he was addressing Yom Kippur as well here. So do what our King says, for HE is the Son of God, and HE knows what He wanted from the beginning.

**Let's continue now in Lev. 16:20 with the live Azazel goat:**

20 "And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.

**21 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. 22 The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.**

***It goes on in vs. 23-28 to discuss further rules for Aaron... let's pick up in Lev. 16:29-34, the directions for Atonement, which we read earlier, so we'll move on now to Hebrews 9.***

29 "This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you.

30 For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before YHVH. 3

1 It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

32 And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; 33 then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

34 This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." And he did as YHVH commanded Moses.

More on Leviticus 16 later in the sermon. Let's read the significance for us today here in Hebrews 9 and 10 now.

*Just an aside: there was no ark in the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple. There was no ark in Herod's temple in Yeshua's day. A lot of people don't realize that. But the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies into an empty room!*

**Hebrews 9 Verses 1-5 summarize what we just read – and the writer describes what was in the tabernacle.**

**Hebrews 9**

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; 3 and behind

the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle [the Holy Place], performing the services.

7 But into the second part [the Holy of Holies; MOST Holy Place] the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins *committed in ignorance*;

**8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.**

9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience —

10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

The Heavenly Sanctuary (**Hebrews 9 continued...** )

**11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new [Greek KAINOS – something that's never been before] covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the *first* covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. **18 Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.** 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

**22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.**

23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

**24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;**

**25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another —**

**26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, ONCE at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

**27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.**

#### **Hebrews 10:1-4**

1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.** 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.**

Are you hearing this, children of YHVH? Animal sacrifices cannot take away sins. They can cover sin, but not take them away.

- ***But with the sacrifice of Messiah, there was no further need for animal sacrifices.***
- Neither do we have to worry year after year if our name is in the book of Life (as Jews fear). If we have accepted our Messiah, our names are written in the Book of Life and there is no need for further animal sacrifices. Yeshua said to rejoice that “your names ARE written in heaven” (**Luke 10:20**; Philippians 4:3; Rev. 3:5).

Hebrews 9:26 “**....but now, ONCE at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**”.

Are you grasping the magnitude of this day? We should be praising Yehoweh for His Day of Atonement. The resurrected Lamb of God went into the real Holy of Holies with His own blood, His own sacrifice of his perfect life – perfect – for all of us, whether you are in the Philippines or China, Japan or Mexico. He atoned for the sins of all of us, if we will accept Him. Holy, holy, holy is our God. Holy is His name.

Abba, we praise you, we glorify you, we ask you to send your Son Yeshua to live in us, to help us walk your walk better, to be better lights in the world. Bless your people YHVH! Continue to call your people out of the Babylon that we live in now. Call Jews from the nation of Israel to come to know you, their Messiah, Yeshua. Call Gentiles in all nations of the world to come to also know you as their Messiah, the same Messiah of the Jews and Gentiles. Bring us together into one body in you Master, in you. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

### **WHY DO WE FAST ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT?**

*Let's talk a bit more about fasting now: I believe we fast to repent, to humble ourselves, and to show a difference between us and that rogue archangel Satan. Be sure you are fasting today with a PURPOSE – not just because you're told to fast.*

*Don't just go through the day being hungry. USE this day to pray, to ponder where you still need to change and overcome, to evaluate what pride and sins still lurk in our lives.*

If you were to ask 10 people why they were fasting, they'd probably say "Because we're told to". But let's understand *why* we fast and what YHVH says why we should fast. We should fast to seek Yehoweh, to repent, to change who and what we are into what HE wants us to be. We fast to make us kinder, nicer, more humble, more converted, more like Him. We also fast to show we want nothing to do with Satan.

*Fasting is not just a rote exercise. It's not just a theological discussion. We have to change!*

### Isaiah 58

"Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to know My ways, As a nation that did righteousness, And did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.

**3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?'**

"In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exploit all your laborers.

4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, to make your voice heard on high.

5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to YHVH?

[Now we'll see what true fasting is supposed to produce in our lives.]

**6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To** undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

**8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth** speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of YHVH shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and YHVH will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

**"If** you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

10 **If** you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, *then* your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

11 YHVH will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones;

You shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

12 Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.



13 "If you turn away your foot from the **Sabbath**, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of YHVH honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words,

14 *Then* you shall delight yourself in YHVH; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.  
The mouth of YHVH has spoken."

***OK, did we get that? Fasting has a profound meaning! Repent. Change. Become more kind to one another. Practice pure religion and take care of widows, the needy and orphans. Fasting should change us! It shouldn't just be a day we're going hungry.***

This day also pictures, I am convinced, the binding of Satan as we read in **Rev. 20:1-3**. Let's read of His rebellion and how this mighty arch-angel became the Adversary (Satan means "adversary"). "Devil" means "slanderer" by the way. This bad angel slandered His Maker.

**Ezekiel 28:11-17**

11 Moreover the word of YHVH came to me, saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says YHVH God:

"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

14 **"You were the anointed cherub who covers ;I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.**

15 You were perfect in your ways from **the day you were created**, Till iniquity was found in you.

16 "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, And you sinned; **Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.**

17 **"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;** You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

YHVH is actually lamenting the path Heyl took – the one you know as Lucifer.

**Isaiah 14:12-15**

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Heyl (Lucifer), son of the morning!  
How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

**13 For you have said in your heart:**

***'I will ascend into heaven,***

***I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;***

***I will also sit on the mount of the congregation***

***On the farthest sides of the north;***

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, *I will be like the Most High.*'

15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest **depths of the Pit.**

**Revelation 20:1-3**

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless **pit** and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

There was a time in the past when Heylel- who became Satan (the Adversary) got his 1/3 of the angels with him to attack YHVH. He was cast down to the earth – probably at the time of the extinction of the dinosaurs.

**Yeshua said, “I SAW Satan fall from heaven like LIGHTNING” (Luke 10:18)**

**TEMPLE ANOMALIES 30 AD - 70 AD**

**Now as we wrap up, let me share with you some other things about this day you'll find interesting. Starting in 30 AD, there were very disturbing anomalies at the temple. [Many believe the crucifixion was in 31 AD, but I've come to believe for many reasons that it was in 30 AD] Let me just cite a few anomalies:**

**We read in the Jerusalem Talmud:**

"Forty years before the destruction of the Temple, the western light went out, the crimson thread remained crimson, and the lot for the Lord always came up in the left hand. They would close the gates of the Temple by night and get up in the morning and find them wide open" (Jacob Neusner, *The Yerushalmi*, p.156-157). [the Temple was destroyed in 70 CE]

**A similar passage in the Babylonian Talmud states:**

"Our rabbis taught: During the last forty years before the destruction of the Temple the lot ['For the Lord'] did not come up in the right hand; nor did the crimson-colored strap become white; nor did the western most light shine; and the doors of the Hekel [Temple] would open by themselves" (Soncino version, Yoma 39b).

So we can read from various sources, that prior to 30 AD (or CE), on the day of Atonement the priest would put a red ribbon on the door of the temple. That red ribbon was a portion taken from the crimson cloth tied to the Azazel goat. Red was the color of blood, and being guilty. White was the color of purity and being pardoned; sins not held against you (See Isaiah 1:18 – though your sins be as scarlet...")

If YHVH was happy with the nation and had atoned for them, the ribbon would turn white overnight. If the ribbon stayed red, then it was believed that YHVH was not forgiving the nation that year. For 40 years in a row, the ribbon stayed red, from 30 AD, the year Christ was crucified, until 70 AD, when the temple was burned to the ground, the ribbon never

turned white. This was understood that Yehoweh was not happy with the nation of Judah and that severe Judgment and punishment was coming, which indeed happened in 70 AD.

OF course we could also say that there was no need for sacrifices and goats after 30 AD, when the Lamb of God superseded any animal sacrifice.

**LOTS FOR THE 2 GOATS:** from 30 AD to 70 AD, the first lot chosen in the High Priest's right hand was the black stone. The Azazel was on his right 40 years in a row. Normally they preferred the Azazel to be on his left and it was considered a bad omen to have the Azazel be on the right. For 40 years in a row, the first stone picked was the black stone. That had never before happened – to have 40 black stones picked in a row. The chances of that happening 40 times in a row are astronomical. That was seen in very dire terms.

**The Temple doors:** 30 AD to 70 AD, the heavy bronze temple doors swung open every night all by themselves. This was very eerie and frightening. But again, maybe YHVH was trying to tell them He no longer dwelt in temples or mountains and that the door was now open to Him – to everyone – not just priests -- because of the sacrifice of His son. It also showed that YHVH's presence had left the physical temple. In any case, this caused fear in the priests.

**The Jerusalem Talmud states:**

"Said Rabban Yohanan Ben Zakkai to the Temple, 'O Temple, why do you frighten us? We know that you will end up destroyed. For it has been said, 'Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars' " (Zechariah 11:1)' (Sota 6:3).

Finally, the light from the main lamp on the menorah went out each day by itself. Many believe that light represented Yeshua, the Servant Lamp. No matter what they tried, they could not keep it lit.

Yehoweh was warning them for 40 years that He was not pleased with them – and finally it all came to a head with the total destruction of the Temple in 70 AD.

So brethren, this is indeed a momentous day – and we're in momentous times. What will save you is not who becomes president, or which football team wins, or which baseball team wins the World Series. These seem to be the topics most are fixated on.

Not us, family of God. We must be about our job of seeking our Master and spreading His glorious good news around the world. We must be about the business of putting off the deeds of the flesh and becoming more and more like Him, as we let Yeshua live His life once again in us.

Let's look forward to the day this points to, when we stand before our Judge – and because of the Lamb of God, whom we have accepted and whom we obey, we are joyfully declared "not guilty". And the nations one by one will come to repentance. And we anticipate the time Satan is cast out. I still believe that will be a Jubilee year; we'll have to wait and see.

So praise Yah – and have a remainder deep and meaningful Day of Covering.

As we conclude, may you have a deeply meaningful day of Atonement – but also a deeply meaningful feast of Tabernacles and 8<sup>th</sup> day. Make it a time to be kinder, more loving, more spirit-led than ever before in all you do and say.

Be sure to read or hear my sermons about the Great Day of the Feast (it's not the 8<sup>th</sup> day) and the 8<sup>th</sup> day of feast after the feast of Tabernacles.

Until next time, this is Philip, your brother in our Messiah asking for blessings, peace and shalom to all of you as you walk in *His* light. Until next time.... Shalom and joy!

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