

# Day of ATONEMENT, Yom Kippur 2018

## The Wondrous POSITIVE meaning of the day



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This is a holyday with POSITIVE, rich meaning. For true believers it is not a day of dread. Why – on Yom Kippur/Atonement – are we talking about atoning for sins again? Wasn't that settled with Passover? And why do we fast? Who worked on this day and why? Why were there 2 goats? Is Satan involved in this day? Are we giving Yeshua the full glory he deserves on this holyday? What is this day of Atonement all about? **In this teaching we focus positively on the glorious good news of this day and focus on Yeshua all the way through.**

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**Warm welcome to all of you as we explore the Day of Atonement, a sacred holyday and divine appointment of our Creator. It's called Yom Kippur – Day of Covering, in Hebrew scripture. Some say "Yom Kippurim" – Day of Coverings as there are many types of sin covered.**

**There's quite a lot said about this holyday. The main scriptures to read are **Leviticus 16, Hebrews 9-10, and Lev 23**. Jews also read JONAH, showing how the Creator can be so merciful even to repentant formerly-wicked people.**

### **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.** 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. **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 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."

**It is kept from sundown to sundown as v 32 says.**

**ATONEMENT**: On this day, considered HOLIEST of all days, the nation will come before God and know their God has cleansed them. Yom Kippur – the Hebrew words translated “Day of Atonement” – actually mean the “Day of Covering”. Others have played off the English words “Atonement” to come up with “At-one-ment” but there’s no translating basis for that, although in the end we are at-one with God.

This is a day of fasting, repentance, seeking after God, and accepting God’s atonement – for another year. At least that’s the way it was seen in the Old Testament and in Judaism today.

And since they have their calendar really starting with Rosh HaShanah, to them, this Atoning day is the beginning for them. But the real year starts in the SPRING – Exodus 12:2 – regardless of what your Jewish friends might tell you.

Yom Kippur to the Jews is full of ceremony and ritual and yes, they do seek to repent and seek God’s favor for another year – but a lot of it is ritual.

**There’s a sense of dread for the 10 days leading up to Yom Kippur.** They call it the 10 Days of Awe, starting with Feast of Trumpets (which they incorrectly call the Head of the Year – Rosh HaShanah). And they hope and pray that on Atonement God sees them as good for another year as they all come before him in WHITE garments. So it’s not unusual to see the WAILING WALL AREA packed with people, most of them in white, on this day or even for days before.

On this day, Jews will fast, abstain from sexual marital relations, not wear leather or use any lotions or creams, and seek God’s forgiveness.

**They believe it goes back to the gold calf.** YHVH was FURIOUS over this great sin and threatened to wipe them all out except for Moses and his family.

But soon after that, Moses went back up the mountain and spent 40 days petitioning for Israel and receiving the 10 Commandments again, and they

believe it was on THIS DAY, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tishrei (7<sup>th</sup> Hebrew month) that Moses came back down with the good news that they had been forgiven. You can review the whole story by reading **Exodus 32 through 34**.

So Jews on this day and leading up to this day, spend much time in introspection, prayer, doing extra good works and seeking God's favor for another year. They hope their good will be seen as outweighing their bad.

But OK, but how about those of us in the New Covenant, which was begun by our Messiah at his last Passover? Luke 22:20 – “this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is offered for you.” Several places in John 3 and 6, the Christ says if we believe in him we have eternal life. When we die, it's just a temporary sleep.

**John 3:35-36**

“The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. 36 *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*”

**I believe we will better understand this day and all the Fall holydays if we grasp these points:**

- **The Spring holydays –is about calling and preparing the elect Bride and firstfruits** of God's family. The focus is on Yeshua, but He's focusing on having a people ready for their God.
- **The Fall holydays on the other hand – is about God calling, forgiving and reconciling with the whole world to himself.** *The FALL FEASTS ARE NOT ABOUT US.* It's about YHVH working now with the rest of mankind. It's their turn. The focus is still on Yeshua – but now HE is focused on restoring the world to himself.

**Up until the return of the Son of God, the focus has been on preparing the Bride of Christ, and preparing the ELECT, the special chosen ones being called out. And God's not been calling the great, the mighty or noble or the elites of the world (if you haven't noticed already!), but ordinary folks who don't have millions of dollars or any real clout in the world. Do you GRASP your HIGH calling, my brothers and sisters? God in the Highest himself hand picks those being called now.**

*He's called you and me – just ordinary folks called to do an extraordinary task with His Spirit – and that will be to assist the Son of God in saving the world, restoring all things, and making the world a Garden of Eden again after the massive destruction leading up to the return of Messiah.*

You will be leading people to the Messiah – and in fact we should be doing that now. Your greatest sermon should be your changing LIFE, not the FACTS and data you know that they don't know. We are not just to grow in grace and knowledge, but “in GRACE – the divine favor – and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ”. Your LIFE should want to make people who spend time with you want to gravitate to what you and I have – the peace, joy, love and the relationship with have with the Almighty. They're thrilled with your peace in the storms of life.

(I spent a little time thanking everyone for praying for us and others during the brutal recent hurricanes. God came through and we had no damage, didn't even lose power – largely because of your prayers, I'm sure.)

Remember John 3:36 says that even though God's Son died for all – it's for all who will accept him. Those who won't or haven't accepted him are still under the wrath of God. Now contrast that with those – hopefully you – who have placed their faith in Yeshua.

**Romans 5:6-11**

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died *for the ungodly*. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified [declared as righteous and clean] by His blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through Him**.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, **having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life**. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED the reconciliation (KJV- atonement)”.

So if we don't keep this in mind – that the Fall holydays are mostly about the people of the world being worked with now by God at and after Christ's return – if we don't remember that, we'll be confused why God is talking about atonement and sins and all that again. For us, that was all settled at Passover.

**We're not rehashing. We're telling the story of how our Redeemer now goes on to save and reconcile the world to himself.** They fought him, remember, at his Son's return!

**But that's not you and me! You and I have had ALL our sins washed away by FAITH, by faith in Yeshua, and as a result he took your sins and**

gave you HIS righteousness, which we accept by faith, as so many scriptures tell us (especially Phil 3:9, my favorite). Here's another:

**Romans 3:21-26**

**“But now the righteousness OF GOD apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference...”**

The Son of God died for us on Passover – and *not just for us*, but for the whole world (**1 John 2:2; John 3:16-18**) – but the whole world does not know him and hasn't accepted his offer to die for them and forgive their sins yet. NOT YET. But they will. So – so far, since they have not accepted what God has done yet, they are still under God's wrath.

**And that's what this day pictures, when the whole world actually begins to repent and turn to the Messiah.**

When Yeshua died on the cross, it covers 100% of all sins ever committed since the dawn of time – but only when the sinner confesses and accepts Christ's offer. So this day pictures the time soon after Christ returns and people start responding, slowly but surely. Their time, their turn, has come.

**BUT Christ's life is offered only once – pictured by Passover. But the TIMING of when the world accepts that sacrifice is pictured by the day of Atonement.** By “the world”, I mean anyone of any country or race or ethnic group who has not accepted Yeshua in faith. He doesn't die again- EVER – at any time. We all have to accept his sacrifice at Golgotha as it is revealed to us. For us, when Messiah comes, it will be a joyous reunion, “apart from sin”, for salvation.

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

“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.” [Notice Christ bears our sins. That's HIS job. No one else's.]

So back to this day. But remember – it's picturing the Almighty reconciling the world to himself after the Messiah and his Bride land on the Mount of Olives, along with hundreds of millions of powerful good angels – AND AFTER the WORLD'S epic battle against him and us when we return with Him (Rev 17, 19, Zech 14). For us, this is a day of Jubilation and celebration. For us it is not a day of dread. (Bumper sticker in Israel: "repent now, avoid the Yom Kippur rush.")

Where does this dread come from? It goes back to the gold calf, and how YHVH almost wiped out all Israel for that sin. Moses interceded for another 40 days, and came down on the Day of Atonement with the good news that their prayers and his were answered, and they were forgiven. But prior to that, they had been praying in dreaded fear of being eradicated by their angry God – angry over the gold calf.

But we who are called and being saved now should not have this dread! We should have the peace and JOY of knowing our salvation. This should be a wonderful day for us.

So let's move on to the meaning of this day in more detail:

### **"The 30,000-foot VIEW" of this DAY of ATONEMENT**

- **The main scriptures that have to do with this day are **Leviticus 16, and Lev 23:26-32 and Hebrews 9 and 10.****
- **It's perhaps the most described and holiest of God's divine appointment days – a *moed* (divine appointment), a sabbath day, a special sabbath.** For days now in Israel, the Wailing Wall area has been packed with Jews seeking repentance, which they do every year.
- **It focused on the High Priest and what sacrifices he was performing.** On this day, the High Priest wore simple white linen regular priest garments. He gave up the lofty golden and multi-colored high priest garments and dressed as a regular priest - in all white. And he was BAREFOOT, the mark of a servant or slave. Before starting, he would wash his feet and hands and then baptize/immerse himself in a mikveh (baptismal or bathing pool).

Many Israelites would be in the temple courtyard watching all this. As the HP (High Priest) laid his hands on his bull for himself and

family—the others – Israelite and priests - would be confessing their own sins too, often prostrate on the ground. NO one but the High Priest on this day was allowed *inside* the Holy Place – the sanctuary – but the service of the bull and the killing of the animals were done in the courtyard – not in the temple holy place. It was done outside, in other words, not inside. So there were spectators for those things.

Then they would bring **two identical male goats** – both perfect, both without blemish or fault. He would cast lots to show which goat was for YHVH, and which was the goat of removal – azazel. One goat was offered to YHVH and its blood used to cleanse the Holy of Holies and the altar of incense and the area in front of the veil and the outside main altar of sacrifice. (Remember this is just the overview for now.)

**The azazel – goat of removal:** “Scapegoat” is a terrible translation. It has to do with total removal. The azazel is a function, not the name of a Being or person.

On the azazel goat’s head was pronounced all the sins of the nation. ALL the nation’s sins were transferred to this goat. That’s what **Lev 16:21-22 says**. (Please take time to read it now. This azazel goat represents the one on whom are laid all our iniquities and who takes away the sins of the world. You may want to compare Isa 53:6 and John 1:29 as well, who that is!)

Later on, a red cord was tied to his horns, at least traditionally, so this goat could not be mistaken. The priest then begged God to mercifully transfer all the sins of the nation on to the male goat, as the High Priest laid both of his hands on it. Then a fit man would take it out far into the wilderness, to show how YHVH takes our sins far away from us, as Psalm 103:11-12 says. When YHVH forgives us our sins, they’re gone. All of them.

- **A DAY OF TOTAL REST, NO WORK AT ALL. Why?** Nobody worked – on pain of death – except one person who worked very hard on this day. It’s so important to understand why. I have a whole sermon on that “**Who Worked on the Day of Atonement**”. Just the High Priest worked, and he did a lot of work.

Why? Because atoning for our sins is not something we can do. It's something Yeshua, the Son of God alone can do – the One pictured by the High Priest.

**The High Priest – had to kill all the sacrifices himself.** The bull for himself and family, and later other priests; then a goat “for YHVH” of the 2 goats, then a ram burnt offering and then 7 lambs (**Num 29:7-8**). By the time he was done, his simple white priest's robe was soaking wet in the red blood of the animals. (Even our Yeshua's robe when he returns is dipped in blood – Rev.19)

The life is in the blood, remember (Leviticus 17:11). That is why YHVH commands we drain the blood of a slain animal thoroughly. So when Christ shed his blood for us, he shed his LIFE for us as well.

Anyone who did any work was killed. You see, if you try to do works to save yourself, you're still in your sins. We are saved by grace, thru faith, NOT OF WORKS – **Eph 2:8-10.**

***Jews don't get this.*** *They strive to do a lot of works just before Yom Kippur and hope the good outweighs the bad. It doesn't work that way. ALL our sins have to be washed away by faith in the blood of Yeshua.* You can't undo your past with good works now. The past has to be washed away first. There is no other way. See Revelation 7:1

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**”

**1 John 1:7**

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from ALL sin.**”

**We ARE called to DO good works (Ephesians 2:10), and will be rewarded by our works, but NOT SAVED by OUR works. We're SAVED by HIS works, and faith in HIS life and works, and by faith in HIS blood. Hear sermon “Full Reward”.**

- **A day to afflict our souls** – widely understood to mean fasting. **Jews called this day “the FAST” – as in Acts 27:9 – when the “FAST was passed and sailing was dangerous...”** David said he afflicted and humbled his soul with fasting (**Ps 35:13; 69:10**). Daniel, when seeking God, fasted (**Daniel 9:3**), as did the Ninevites in the book of Jonah, which is read on this day, along with portions of Leviticus. This is a day picturing seeking fervently after God – and yes, we should fast – and we do fast.
 

Be sure though that your fasting is not just a day of going without food. Please read through Isaiah 58 on this day and see that a fast is only effective if it causes CHANGE.
- **Atonement is the ONE DAY a year that the High Priest came in person before the Holy Shekinah presence in the Holy of holies. NOBODY else EVER could go into the Holy of Holies at any time, EVER. And even the High Priest could go in just this ONE day every year. More in a few minutes.**
- **THE 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR JUBILEE** was also announced on the Day of ATONEMENT. I personally believe Christ will return in a Jubilee year, as it is so ripe with meaning. You can study it in detail in **Leviticus 25**. On this day of Atonement, every 50 years, with the loud blast of the trumpet of Jubilee:
  - **all debts were cancelled.**
  - **All land outside of walled cities was returned to the original Israelite family.**
  - **All slaves and indentured servants were set free.**
- **The High Priest sacrificed a bull for himself**, then a goat for the nation of Israel and with the blood he atoned for the defilement caused by Israel’s sins. **These POINTED to Christ**, who really alone can REMOVE and take away all our sins – Heb 10:4.
- A ram was offered as a burnt offering and 7 sheep were also offered (Numbers 29:7-8)
- **A second goat – the goat of entire removal (azazel):** ALL the sins of the nation were pronounced over this goat as the HP laid his hands on that goat, and then a fit man led that goat

**loaded up with all the sins—FAR, FAR AWAY into an uninhabited place.**

What a relief it must have been to have all the nation's sins placed on this one goat and then get it out of the camp! ALL the sins. And of course scripture shows us that only ONE is able to take someone else's sin—and that is Christ.

**We die for our own sin normally, but one who never sinned “became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of GOD in HIM” – 2 Corinthians 5:21.**

**That's it in a nutshell.**

**The REALITY that these things pointed to**

***But understand – that now that the Son of God has come, the REALITY has come. All of these point to the Messiah.***

**When Christ's side and flesh were ripped open** -- and he spilled all his blood and water – that opened the way into the Holy of Holies in *heaven* for all of us, any time! Not just once a year by the High Priest, but we can speak to Father in heaven at any time, because of Yeshua.

**Hebrews 10:19-22**

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,** 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith*, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

Let's not forget: anything you read about physical bulls or goats cannot make you perfect. Only faith in the Lamb of God -- in Yeshua—can cover and remove our sins.

**Hebrews 9 and 10 is all about the Day of Atonement**, as it describes what the High Priest did on this one day. Let's see the focus Paul – or whoever wrote Hebrews – puts on the day.

**Hebrews 9:6-10**

“Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. 7 But **into**

**the second part 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.”

Now we can focus on what ***they did*** in the Old Covenant, or we can focus on ***what they picture*** – as Paul does in Hebrews 9 and 10. Let's go on:

### **Hebrews 9:11-15**

“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 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.*”

- **Blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin – Heb 10:4, but the blood of Christ washes us from ALL our sin. ALL of it, and YES – even your future sins!**

*When Christ died for us, how many of your sins were still future? ALL of them!*

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

“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.**" (God allowed them to have a one year reprieve. That was it.)

**Hebrews 10:11-14**

"And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, *which can never take away sins*. 12 **But this Man, after He had offered ONE sacrifice for sins forever, sat down** at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 **For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.**"

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**DO you know what's so striking about Paul's accounting of THIS day, the Day of Atonement**, the one day the High Priest goes in to the holy of Holies? What is it? What has he totally not even bothered to mention – but that same thing seems to be the CENTRAL point so many church of God sermons dwell on? What is Paul not even bringing up?

**The azazel goat. The goat of total removal.** Yes, that was a part of this day, ***but Paul doesn't even mention it***. Now isn't that something to think about? He never even brings it up! And yet I've heard entire sermons on the day of Atonement where the preacher focused on Satan as being the azazel goat of removal. Satan has no part in atoning for our sins. And neither will scripture – and there neither will I – SHARE the role of Redeemer that should be 100% Christ's role – with any other; and certainly not with Satan!

Again – the azazel goat – that is such a prominent part of many Atonement day sermons I've heard over the years – this azazel goat is not even brought up in the book of Hebrews!

**The MAIN PART of the meaning of this day is that we – and soon the whole world – will have ACCESS to God the Father, at ANY time, through the torn body of Christ, picturing the veil that kept people from seeing the ark and the mercy seat.**

And the whole world will have that same access you now enjoy-- as they come to faith in the Son of God, Yeshua. That's where it has to start!

In Christ, there is no need to review the yearly goat ritual – for us – only to understand that finally the world will see it in the coming years and come to Messiah as well. Hallelujah.

**Again**, The SPRING holydays are about calling and working with the ELECT few, the small harvests, the firstfruits, the BRIDE of Christ, the first brethren of Yeshua. But the FOCUS and the One CAUSING all this – is YESHUA, the Son of God.

**A key point to understand: everything in these types on the holydays, picture Christ.** He is what the holydays picture, all of them.

- Messiah is our Passover; HE is our living Bread of unleavened Bread.
- Messiah is the Wavesheaf offering, HE is Bridegroom and the Spirit of Pentecost (2 Cor 3:17),
- The Son of God is the Resurrection and the life. He is the returning King of Feast of Trumpets. And **HE is the Atonement of Yom Kippur....** Or... wait,

**Do we suddenly shift gears and bring Satan into the meaning?** How wrong! How maybe even blasphemous that could be. And Paul doesn't even bring up that azazel goat in Hebrews 9-10, which is all about the day of Atonement! **Again, Paul focuses on the slain goat, and the blood of bull and goat – and points entirely to Messiah!**

**Folks, the depictions don't suddenly change or suddenly focus on – of all beings – Satan! No, no, no, no, no.** Have I said “no” yet? \*

- The Adversary has no part in my atonement.
- There is not a single scripture that says all our sins are placed on Satan. Not a single scripture. Show me, if you think I'm wrong! I want scripture! *But lots of scriptures say our sins are put on Yeshua.*
- It's a lie that somehow he has been successful in fomenting, even to me and others many years ago. It's a lie.

What's happened is that some have absorbed the false teaching that the azazel was a demon leader in the wilderness, and I even read one paper that says God had them send the goat laded with sin to azazel, the prince of demons in the wilderness, which he claims is the abode of demons. But where's the scripture to support that? But there are scriptures that denounce

sending offerings or sacrifices to demons! Lots of them. SO DON'T BUY those non-scriptural arguments. Remember azazel is a function, not a name! The word "azazel" is a function – meaning "removal" – and not a proper name of some evil being. I NEVER capitalize "azazel" –it's not a name of someone. It should never be capitalized.

**Now WHO does SCRIPTURE clearly say takes all our sins? ALL of them. Please read my blog of Sept 29, 2017 about the 2 goats.** And on whom are placed all our sins? NOT Satan. Here's what *scripture* says!

**Isaiah 53:6**

"All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
**And YHVH has laid ON HIM the iniquity of us all."**

**John 1:29**

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold!  
The **Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**"

**1 Peter 2:24**

"**who HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS** in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed."

**1 Peter 3:18**

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit..."

**Psalm 103:11-12**

"**For as the heavens are high above the earth**, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, **SO FAR *HAS HE* [and HE ALONE!] REMOVED our transgressions from us.**"

**2 Cor. 5:21**

"**For He who knew no sin became sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of GOD in HIM."

When you let this sink in, you should break out in strong Hallelujahs!  
Hallelujah, praise God our Father and praise Yeshua our Messiah and

Redeemer! Praise Him, praise him, praise him! Satan has NO part in this covering and removing of our sin. In the New Covenant, we are cleaned, forgiven and no longer have to face our sins. They're gone. Forever gone.

**Yes, Satan and his demons will have to be bound and put away as Revelation 20:1-2 state.** That's for sure. But don't involve him in any part of the atoning for our sin.

**OK, back to the story of Atonement day – Covering Day.**

On this day, the High Priest wore the simple white robe of a regular priest. He did not wear his golden and colorful High Priestly robe. Lev 16:3-4. The HUMILITY of Christ as He and he alone did all the work of the sacrificial animals – which all point to him anyway.

You and I cannot work our way into forgiveness and cleansing with God. It's God's work. It's not our work. It's his work alone. Grace is HIS program.

The meaning points clearly to Christ, the Son of God. We are NOT Saved by OUR WORKS – but by HIS works. That is WHY no work was to be done; to remind us, we are saved by the One who worked very hard on Atonement, and that is the High Priest.

Let's review the story of Atonement in Lev 16, which gives us the detail.

### **Leviticus 16:1-19**

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.**

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.**

**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 azazel (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 azazel shall be presented alive before YHVH, ***to make atonement upon it***, and to let it go as the azazel [scapegoat is such a bad translation] into the wilderness.

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. 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.

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.

**PAUSE: who is this picturing? Who – and who alone – bears our sins according to scripture?** It's either going to be you yourself if you don't repent and turn around and walk the way Yeshua walked – or you can in faith give all your sins to Yeshua, the Son of God, who ALONE CAN take any other's sins on himself. Satan cannot take anyone's sin. Satan does NOT remove our sins to a far place – and no scripture says he does. Not one. I already gave the clear scriptures on this earlier.

Let's continue in Lev 16:29-to the end.

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.** [I'm emphasizing "YOU" because someone turned in a paper saying it was just for the cleansing of the altar, mercy seat, etc – not the people.]

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.

When the Day of Atonement was finished, there was great rejoicing, feasting and dancing. Of course. All the sins were forgiven and taken away. When we focus on Yeshua, rejoicing will be the right response to this day.

Praise be to Yeshua our Salvation and to the Father above for his immense love for mankind.

Let's close with prayer – and may you all have a wonderful and safe Feast of Tabernacles.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING.



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