

# **The Day of Atonement, 2014**

## **Yom Kippurim (Day of Coverings) Unveiled**

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*All scriptures are NKJV unless noted otherwise.*

### **Summary (No Audio available; need some repairs. Use the notes)**

*This day is the holiest and most solemn day in Judaism. But I ask, is the apprehension associated with this day really what the Bible teaches? It's vital to get the truth about the meaning of this spectacular day and all that it points to. Some groups spend a lot of time talking about sin, what the human high priest did, or man-made traditions. Others focus on Satan on this day. In the New Covenant, and Hebrews 8-10 etc., our focus must be on our victory in Christ. We focus on the POINT of Lev 16, on our victory, our reconciliation, and on Yeshua (Jesus) who makes it all possible. To him be all glory.*

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**Shalom and blessings to all of you on this marvelous holyday Yom Kippur, the Day of Covering.** Jews call it a holiday but I hate the term "holiday" to refer to Yah's sacred days. In fact even in Judaism, the Day of Atonement is the most sacred and solemn of the holydays. Even many of those who don't follow any of the tenets of the scriptures or ever attend a synagogue, will pause on this day, refrain from work and fast for -- not 24 hours -- but 25 hours. So they often greet each other with something like "Tzom Kal" -- have an "easy fast".

The Arabs knew what they were doing when they launched the surprise **Yom Kippur War in 1973**. The typical Jew in 1973 didn't even know they were being attacked for quite some time because they don't even have radio or TV on at all during Yom Kippur. Soldiers had to announce by loudspeakers that all reservists had to immediately mobilize.

By early afternoon the day before Yom Kippur, the shops all close down, the gas stations close, and it's hard to find anyone even having a TV or radio on. Among Jews, it is a day that keeps you sealed for at least another year -- until the next Yom Kippur if you pray, fast and hope for your name to be placed in the Book of Life.

But how sincere IS it? Why would people go to the synagogue only on this day? Do you think God in heaven really can't see what's really going on? And is there really to be all this fear associated with this day -- for those of us who have come under the blood of the Lamb of God and accepted Yeshua (Jesus) as our Savior? Let's learn the scriptural truth on this.

In this message in the original Hebrew, this day is so central that it is referred to in Scripture as the "**Sabbath of sabbaths**" --or *Shabbat Shabbaton* in Hebrew. That gets translated to "a sabbath of solemn rest" in the English. You've heard of "the Holy of Holies" -- well, **this divine appointment with Yah -- it is a moed -- is the Sabbath of Sabbaths.** Another year is added to the Jewish calendar during this month -- and they say we are now **in year 5775**. I believe we are way past that many years since Adam and Eve.

**When do we keep this day?** For those of you who observe the Rabbinic calculated/postponement calendar, the Day of Atonement is on Oct 4, same as the weekly Sabbath. For those of you who observe the holydays based on observation of the moon in Jerusalem, we'll be keeping it on MONDAY, Oct 6. Whatever day you observe, it is a most special holyday.

**So today I want to talk about the POSITIVE NEWS, the UPBEAT news of this day –** and show you how Satan wants us talking about HIM, and about SIN, and about how tenuous he wants us to believe our relationship with Abba, our great Holy Father is. SO much of what is done and taught and practiced on this day is simply unscriptural! So let's dive in.

This day is discussed at length in the scriptures. **More is said about this holyday than any other.** I've heard, and given, many sermons on and about this day. If you want a full and thorough exposition of it, the Day of Atonement sermon posted last year is quite detailed, as I go into the Jubilee year, the 2 goats of Lev 16, and a lot of detail.

This year I'll touch on much of that, but I want us to focus on a couple of things that I'm feeling led strongly to talk about.

### **JEWISH TRADITIONS OR SCRIPTURES?**

**Let's focus on what the SCRIPTURES say about this day, and about atonement and forgiveness and reconciliation – not on the Jewish traditions.** I'm seeing a lot of my friends following the Jewish rituals for this day and I caution you against that. I mean the ritual dress, the many ritual prayers for this day, the ritual teachings and fears related to this day and so on. Remember that even Yeshua (Jesus) was criticized for NOT following the traditions of those around him. He didn't wash his hands in the ritual way (**Matthew 15:1-11**) for example, so why are some of you getting into ritual washing and so many other rituals? Our Master refused to! He said they often made Yahweh's laws of no effect by their man-made commandments and traditions.

**And even the traditions that allow man to MOVE the date of Atonement to an earlier date but label it, call it, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tishrei – is that of God, really?**

**What Jews do on this day – and some of this is simply tradition, NOT scripture:**

- **Scriptural : don't eat or drink for at least 24 hrs (they go 25 )**
- They don't wash. No lotions or perfumes. No leather footwear. No sexual marital relations. Men dress in white linen and women wear elegant dresses but canvas running shoes. Some ultra-orthodox Jews sacrifice a – chicken – after placing their sins on it.

Where's all that in scripture? I realize white garments are mentioned at a couple special times (Rev 3:5). But doing all these things is what is considered "afflicting yourself". I agree that "afflict" points to humbling yourself in fasting, but the rest are traditions. People DID fast in the Fast of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (Zechariah 7:5; 8:19). But you see Judaism allows their traditions and their Talmud to have a higher place than scripture. So beware, folks.

MORE importantly, 99% of Jewish people today do not believe in Yeshua and so MISS the very meaning of this day or any of the holydays.

**So in this sermon today I will NOT be reading ritual prayers, many of which were written by rabbis who denounce Yeshua as the promised Messiah.** So why would I want to read their prayers, or follow their traditions on this day, when your SAVIOR said the religious leaders were making HIS words of no effect by their traditions?

Please get this: if they have not accepted Yeshua, their minds and eyes are still veiled from the truth. So I want to pray my own prayers, not prayers of an ancient Yeshua-hating rabbi!!

So on this day, I try to do what scripture says: I FAST. I afflict my soul. We'll read that in a minute. Nothing in scripture says we have to or should, wear WHITE on this day or recite ritual prayers or refuse to wash. Rather our Savior says TO wash and use ointment when you fast! And he says to pray in private and from the heart – like we're talking to a real Daddy, because we are! So whom will you follow and obey? Here's what Yeshua teaches:

**Matthew 6:16-18**

**"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. **But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,** 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"

**The Teachings about this Day**

Let's read about this day and the FOCUS I want you to have as you keep the Day of Atonement as it comes to you. Notice all the scriptures that when it comes to our cleansing and reconciliation after our sins, WE are to do NO work, but the High Priest ALONE did a LOT OF WORK FOR US on Atonement. **I want you to notice the phrases about all this being FOR us, to cleanse us and how it is NOT our work, but the High Priest's work.** And now remember too that OUR High Priest in the New Covenant is Yeshua, the son of God.

**Leviticus 23:26-32**

"And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: **27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippurim).** It shall be a **holy convocation** for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to YHWH. **28 And you shall do no work** on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement FOR you before YHWH 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."**

**Leviticus 16:29-34**

"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. [EVEN foreigners in Israel were to keep it!]

**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 YHWH. **31 It is a sabbath of solemn rest [shabbat shabbaton]** 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."

So on this "Sabbath of Sabbaths", it is ultra-clear – Christ, our High Priest, is the one cleansing us in HIS own sacrifice. **Cleansing the people of sin is the High Priest's job as he kills and offers the bull and goat and so on. That's HIS job.** When we come to Hebrews 9, you'll see how his ONE sacrifice was good for all people, for all time, who will accept him. The blood of bulls and goats was "good enough" for just one year – to atone for the nation – and then they had to do it all over again the next year. **But in Yeshua the Messiah, we are cleansed for all time, from all sin by his ONE sacrifice. Hallelujah.**

The work of atonement is YESHUA'S WORK for us. HE is the High Priest now who makes atonement FOR us. I strongly suggest you hear my sermon on Yeshua our High Priest that I gave a few months ago. WE ARE TO DO NO WORK at all in regards to the atoning. That's HIS work. That's the High Priest's work. HE – picturing Christ – is QUITE BUSY on the Day of Atonement Doing what? CLEANSING US FROM ALL sin. (v.30).

In Judaism, this is their last chance to get it right, so to speak. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> and final "days of Awe" – but that phrase and that teaching is NOT in scripture. The day ends in Judaism with the praying of **Ne'ila (Closing of the Gates)**, which they teach is the last moment for repenting before God seals his judgments in His book!

I remember in 1973 while in Israel, seeing a bumper sticker that said, "Repent now and avoid the Yom Kippur rush". There was a lot of truth to that statement.

I want to be in awe of my Creator and fight sin, but I don't want to be in trepidation that maybe, just maybe, my good is outweighed by my bad in life. That's Judaism 101. True Believers in Yeshua realize it's not OUR good that gets you into eternity, but accepting the life and goodness and righteousness of Yeshua living in us (See John 5:24-25).

THIS IS MY focus on this day. It's about focusing not on the sin but on HIM who CLEANSSES US from all sin, while we rest in HIM. The atoning work is HIS work. We are to do NO WORK AT ALL (v.29) in this regard except REST in him. That's why I keep saying over and over – "HE is the Savior. WE are not our own savior".

### **Philippians 2:12-13**

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and

trembling; 13 **for it is GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

**God says he doesn't want you doing HIS work. CLEANSING US is HIS job. ANY ONE** who does any work on this matter of atoning, on this day, was to be cut off! He's very zealous and jealous about this being HIS work.

**Are you hearing my FOCUS on this day?**

**“AT-ONE-MENT” – OR COVERINGS?**

**Now among sabbath-keeping “Church of God” folks, they traditionally spend a lot of time focusing on this day being a day of AT-ONE-MENT with God.** In English that sounds good, and in effect, when we are cleansed of our sins, we do become at-one with God. **But that's not what the HEBREW means.**

The phrase translated “Day of Atonement” - singular – in the Hebrew is actually PLURAL – “Yom Kippurim”. Yom means “day” and Kippur means ‘covering’. **So Yom Kippurim is “the Day of Coverings” – plural.**

**We focus on how God is COVERING our sins in the blood of the lamb.** There are many sins to cover: Sins against God, Sins against fellow mankind. The blood of bulls and goats could never TAKE AWAY sins. But Yeshua's blood does, as we shall read shortly. His blood washes away the sins and casts them far, far away. That's a total covering!

And those who have the love of God do not spread the sins of others around. Love covers a multitude of sin. WE are to uncover our own sins before God and confess them in repentance, but we do not keep repeating them or mentioning them over and over. And neither do we gossip about others' sins. God knows we have plenty of our own that he had to cover in His Son's blood.

**Proverbs 28:13**

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but **whoever confesses and forsakes them** will have mercy.

**Proverbs 10:12**

Hatred stirs up strife, but **love covers all sins.**

**Proverbs 17:9**

**He who covers a transgression seeks love,**  
But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

So this day is about our sins being totally washed away and covered in the love of God. Amen.

**Do we Focus on Satan – OR on the One WHO DEFEATED HIM?**

**Another thing over the years on the Day of Atonement is I hear a lot of focus on Satan.** He must be mentioned. He is bound and cast out, but that is not our FOCUS here

at Light on the Rock. He, like any terrorist, likes attention. Don't give him but what is minimally necessary.

But again: **I want to focus on my SAVIOR** and how HIS work, and what HE did, figures so prominently in this day. Our **Beloved Yeshua, our King and the son of God, knocked Satan OUT by his sacrifice on the tree or cross at Calvary.** Yeshua's atoning sacrifice covered ALL MY SINS and ALL of yours, once and for all, for all time. We'll read that.

### **ARE YOU IN THE BOOK OF LIFE – OR DO YOU HAVE TO WONDER?**

**Another Hebrew tradition is about the 10 days of Awe.** I've spoken about all that myself in the past. But nowhere is this concept of 10 days of Awe spoken of in the scriptures. Neither is the Day of Atonement the "Judgment Day" -- certainly not for believers in Yeshua. Among Jews, there's a lot of consternation about whether or not they will be written in God's **Book of Life.**

**FOLKS – if you've accepted Yeshua, scripture is clear: you can KNOW your name is NOW, right now, in the book of LIFE.** Paul confidently said his fellow workers' names ARE in the book of LIFE. These were ordinary believers – not just apostles and prophets.

#### **Philippians 4:3**

"And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, **whose names ARE in the Book of Life.**"

Even in 2 Timothy, Paul was confident there was a crown of life waiting for him. We should not be nervous about our future. Just be sure you are seeking our Father with diligence. We should be in the group Paul describes as those "who LOVE his appearing" – not those who are nervous as can be about his appearing.

#### **2 Timothy 4:6-8**

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also **to all who have LOVED His appearing.**"

**MOSES also was sure HIS name was in God's book of Life.** He spoke of it matter-of-factly in **Exodus 32:32** – where Moses was interceding for the nation of Israel, and begging God to forgive them of the sin of the Gold Calf, "or blot me out of your book which you have written".

**Yes, our names can be blotted out of the Book of Life, but it will take rank rebellion to do that, surely (Revelation 3:5).** Our father and Yeshua are committed to finishing the work they started in us (Phil 1:6). If we seek God wholeheartedly He will see us to the end. Yeshua is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the first and the last.

Our SINS were JUDGED, and we were guilty – and then the Son of God came to die for you and me, and because I accepted him as the Lamb of God to die in my stead, my sins were REMOVED and cast far from me.

So if we have accepted Yeshua – we do not have to fear the Judgment day. We don't. **WE HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH INTO LIFE.**

**John 5:24-30**

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me HAS everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.** 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — **those who have done good, to the resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

**1 John 3:13-15**

**13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren.** He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**Jews and Hebraic roots folks like to focus on this day picturing Judgment Day. Where do they get that from?**

- I just read: it's about CLEANSING US FROM OUR SIN (Lev 16:30)
- It's about God being FOR us.
- It's about our High Priest working hard to make us accepted in the Beloved.

Do you believe you are "accepted in the Beloved" IN HIM. You are accepted IN Christ, and IN HIM, by him and through HIM we can come any time into the Holy of Holies, confidently and boldly. Let's break into one of Paul's long sentences...

**Ephesians 1:5-7**

"...having predestined us **to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good **pleasure** of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of **His grace**, **by which He made US accepted in the Beloved.** 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace..."

**Why am I saying all this?** Because I've listened to several Atonement sermons that I feel put the focus on SIN – rather than the VICTORY we have in Christ. CERTAINLY be tough on sin. Certainly repent deeply of sin. Certainly overcome sin by the blood of the Lamb. But remember our robes are washed in His blood and **made WHITE in the blood** of the Lamb of God. (Revelation 7:14). THAT should be our focus on this day.

**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."**

Paul is going to make clear that New Covenant believers are partakers of the SUPERIORITY of the sacrifice of Messiah! On this day of Atonement, and ONLY on this day, the High Priest in ancient Israel could enter the *Kadosh Kadoshim* – the Holy of Holies. But because the son of God came and died for you and me, and paid our sin debts in full, and reconciled us back to Abba -- you and I can come any time we want into the true holy of holies in heaven and talk to the supreme Being in the Universe....ANY TIME we want. HE took all the wrath brought on by all our sins – on to Himself and then said, "not only do I want to take every sin you have, I want to give you MY righteousness". **See also Philippians 3:9-10; Romans 5:15-19, especially verse 17; 1 Cor. 1:30-31.** It's an awesome GIFT that Abba is bestowing on those who believe in the righteousness by faith - - that simply is not being preached enough....except 1-2 like who give whole sermons condemning the awesome GIFT of His righteousness. They do so to their awful peril.

### **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21 For He made Him [Yeshua] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that WE might become the righteousness of God in Him."**

In the Old covenant, the High Priest came before the Ark in the Holy of Holies with great fear and trembling. But now, because of what Yeshua did – we can come BOLDLY, lovingly, and excited to BE with our Holy Father. Hebrews 4:16. We come boldly not in our own goodness, but in faith in Yeshua's perfect goodness. Now that he has made us a part of HIS BODY, we are where he is, we are part of Him and we are seen covered by His perfection – if we believe in Him and accept this marvelous gift.

### **Ephesians 3:11-12**

"...according to the eternal purpose which **He accomplished in Christ Jesus** our Lord, **in whom WE have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.**" [Did you catch that? Our confidence is not in ourselves, but in HIM.]

### **1 John 4:15-19**

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, **God abides in him, and he in God.** 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

[HOW do we abide in PERFECTLY HOLY God? BY being in Christ – who is IN God (Colossians 3:3) Let's continue reading on.]

**17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have BOLDNESS in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.** 18 **There is no fear in love;** but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us..'



**Remember this righteousness we must have is the righteousness of faith, by faith** – it says that over and over. IT's a GIFT from God – according to Romans 5:17. Paul says THAT is the righteousness HE WANTS – NOT the righteousness from the law, but that which is a GIFT FROM GOD through faith, the righteousness of GOD (Read it in Philippians 3:9-10). Other verses on **righteousness which is of faith** – **Romans 4:11-13; 9:30; 10:5-10. Please carefully read those passages.** It is a living daily faith in HIM, on him, in him.

This is not the righteousness of works or of our own deeds, or we could boast. No, no, no. This is not the righteousness that says if I do mostly good, I'll be OK. No, no, no. That's **what the end of Romans 9 is ALL about:** that the Jews, seeking righteousness by their own efforts, MISSED it. Go read it. Also read Titus 3:5-7. It's all there.

### **FOCUS ON OUR CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION**

**So our thrust must not be talking about SIN so much on this day – as we should be talking about being reconciled after ALL our sins are removed.** Yeshua offered the ONE PERFECT sacrifice. Today we're uncovering the mystery of salvation in Yeshua – who IS our covering. The blood of bulls and goats could only temporarily cover – *kippur* – sins, but not REMOVE them. But the blood of the LAMB OF GOD BLOTS OUT your sins, casts them from memory, flings them as far as east is from west. Let's talk about THAT on this day. About expiation and propitiation.

Instead of talking about SATAN, let's talk about Yeshua and what he did. Instead of going through the RITUALS of the High Priest once a year – let's be delighted that because of OUR High Priest Yeshua, the Son of God, we can come right now, and tomorrow and the next day – before the heavenly holy of holies.

**If you want to wear WHITE** – then that's fine – but be sure you understand that the WHITE pictures the PURITY OF YESHUA, COVERING YOU.

I believe instead of making this day a day that is so morose – let's understand this day in the new covenant as a day to understand our past is past, with God. I'm a new covenant preacher and though we observe the holydays, we observe it in a new covenant way!

So you want to put on something clean and white? Put on Christ.

#### **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.

### **THE JUBILEE**

Every 50 years there was a very special JUBILEE year. The Shofar ram's horn was sounded and a lot of good stuff happened. I personally believe Christ is returning in a Jubilee year – and unfortunately, nobody knows for sure when they are now. But in the Jubilee, which was on the day of 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**. As we enumerate what happened in the Jubilee year, ask yourself if there was fear in those years?

- **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.) There is going to be such great JOY when people realize SATAN is GONE. The world is FREED from him. Those of us in Yeshua were freed from him in the spring holydays. The Fall holydays is more about what happens to the rest of humanity – and their turn comes to experience what WE experienced in the spring holydays.
- **Debts** are cancelled. Think of this: *it depicts our spiritual debts also being cancelled*. What great joy you'd feel to understand this enormous weight has been lifted from you.
- **Land** that belonged to our ancestral 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 of this world 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 “2nd Adam” – Yeshua—leading them back into the presence of Life itself. Hallelujah!

#### **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.**

(There's more; you can read up on it some more on your own.)

All creation can hardly wait for this day to be fulfilled.

**Romans 8:18-23 HOLMAN version**

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. **19 For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed.** 20 For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it—in the hope 21 that **the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children.** 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. 23 And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

So during a Jubilee year especially, the day of Atonement (which starts each Jubilee) was a very, very happy time. Can you imagine being freed, if you were sold into slavery? Can you imagine having your ancestral lands back? Spiritually we should be seeing and feeling this now.

So do you see why I am not at all going to fall in line with all those giving very somber sermons on this day? It's a JUBILEE. It's freedom. It's our sins being CAST AWAY. It's coming before the holy of holies of the Living God in heaven! It's being CLEANSED. It's about being set FREE from sin and the bondages of the Devil and his world. That's a joyous time.

**Remember part of the meaning of the previous holyday --Yom Teruah and Feast of Trumpets: When Yeshua returns, there will be a great SHOFAR blown that will BRING ALL ISRAEL back to their land.** Many will be captive in foreign lands by that time, but they will be brought back – and yes, repentantly, and seeking their God and ACCEPTING their King – who was once one of them.

**Isaiah 27:12-13**

12 And it shall come to pass in that day That YHWH will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; And **you will be gathered one by one**, O you children of Israel.

**13 So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship YHVH in the holy mount at Jerusalem.**

**King Yeshua, God on earth, will start the reconciliation process with Israel and Judah. They will come together once more as one Stick, one Rod, instead of 2 different kingdoms. Then one by one, nation by nation, they will ALL eventually come and repent and keep the feast of Booths in Jerusalem as Zechariah 14 says.**

**Isaiah 11:11-12**

"It shall come to pass in that day that YHWH shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush ,From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

**12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.**

**Isaiah 11:16**

"There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt."

What a great time!

ON your own time, go back and study Leviticus 16, about the 2 goats. Remember that only ONE of the two goats was considered "for YHWH". Only one. THAT one was slain and its blood sprinkled inside the holy of holies.

**SATAN IS CAST OUT**

**The other goat – the Azazel goat** -- had all the sins of the nation put on its head and it was put far out in the wilderness – far away from the camp. Azazel is controversial. ***It is a Hebrew noun meaning "dismissal" or "entire removal".***

Yes, when Christ returns the first order of business is to BIND the evil leader of this age – Satan – and cast him OUT.

**Proverbs 22:10**

"Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;  
Yes, strife and reproach will cease."

**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.

So in Leviticus 16, Aaron the High Priest lay all the sins on the head of the Azazel goat – the goat of removal.

**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**

I will say that Isaiah 53:6, 11 teaches, in the Messianic prophecy without par, says "YHWH has laid **on him the iniquity of us all...** and HE shall bear their iniquities."

The normal Hebrew word for “sin” means “to miss the mark”. But here the word “iniquity” is ‘*avon*’, which is rooted in the Hebrew verb “*avah*” meaning “to twist, pervert, distort”. It points to an inner crookedness and even WILLFUL departure from the Law.

Now get this: normally – if you read the first 5-7 chapters of Leviticus, you’ll see there was normally no sacrifice for intentional sin, but only for sins done in ignorance. But let’s face it: we’ve all sinned when we absolutely knew we were sinning. So now what? THIS sacrifice, in Isaiah 53:6 atoned also for intentional or willful sin.

**ONLY THE SON OF GOD’S BLOOD COVERS ALL sin – including intentional and willful sin.** If this were not true, then we could not say that ALL our sins are forgiven and cast away. (Check out my sermon on “Sins of Ignorance” - March 2011). Since giving that sermon, I’ve learned about “*avon*” and how Christ’s sacrifice covers EVERY sin – but the blood of bulls did NOT cover intentional sin.

Yeshua is the atoning sacrifice. HE bears our sins. But it’s also clear that Satan is bound and cast out.

### **WHAT YESHUA DOES**

TURN WITH ME TO HEBREWS 9. IN Hebrews 9- the first 5 verses – Paul introduces the tabernacle furniture and what happened in there. Let’s pick up in Heb 9:6 to the end. Paul uses Hebrews 9, tying it directly to this day of ATONEMENT – and connects all of it to Yeshua.

#### **Hebrew 9**

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.

**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.**

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**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.**

**ARE YOU GETTING the magnitude of this day? He appeared ONCE, to put away sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF. And so now we can look FORWARD to his return, with joy, apart from any sin staining us.**

**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."***

**We must VALUE this as never before. We must cast out sinful ways and overcome through Christ. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.**

Now we're told Judgment without mercy is shown to those who showed no mercy (James 2:13). So this IS a day to EXTEND mercy to others. We forgive others as you realize how much you and I have been forgiven. Yeshua teaches us that: Forgive one another that YOU may be forgiven.

**FASTING – TO CHANGE**

So we FAST ON THIS DAY. In Isaiah 58 there's a whole chapter about fasting, and how TRUE fasting is supposed to change us. **Don't make this just a ritual fast. Don't just go thru a day being hungry, in other words.** Study Isaiah 58 carefully. A Fasting day

should be a day when we truly CHANGE – and not just look holy as we fast. Let's pickup in Isaiah 58:6. See how much of this we're doing. I read it and shook my head, realizing how much of this I still don't do consistently. But I have faith Yeshua will complete in me and in you what He started.

**Isaiah 58:6**

**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.

Anyway, fast with a purpose. Fast to seek Abba's help to change you – and to be prepared to be the BRIDE of Christ.

That's more than enough for today.

**So did you hear the difference in this message from what is commonly taught?**

- It's a day we FOCUS ON YESHUA – the VICTOR – not on sin, not on Satan, but on YESHUA who defeated Satan and paid all the debt of all your sin and has brought you Boldly with him, in him, to the presence of the God the Father himself.
- **If you have accepted Yeshua and are turning from your sins – you ARE in the Book of Life.** Your sins have been judged in the blood of Christ and you are covered by Yeshua and washed in his blood. ALL sin – even sins of intention that you have since repented of.
- **It's a day of JUBILEE every 50 years** – of being FREED from sin, from the Devil, and restored to our relationship with our true family with God as our Father. Lands are restored, debts are cancelled. What a joyous time.
- It's a day of **fasting** – but fasting with prayer and a commitment that changes us.
- **It's a day of coverings** – plural, all our sins are covered and washed away.

I hope you all have a wonderful feast. I'll be writing a few blogs probably during the feast, so check out this website. I'd love to hear from you. Let others know about these messages if you have been blessed.