# **Proving Satan has NO PART in Day of Atonement** (Why Azazel cannot be Satan)



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Summary: WHO is the second goat of Leviticus 16 and Yom Kippur: Jesus or Satan? Upon whom are all sins placed – Jesus or Satan? Who takes our repented sins far away: Jesus or Satan? What do Bible scriptures <u>clearly</u> say about these questions? Does the answer matter? Yes, it involves eternal life.

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Hello everyone. Today is about the beautiful day of Atonement. Many of you seeing this sermon title probably wonder why I have to talk about this topic. Today is about <u>one aspect</u> of the Day of Atonement (coverings) or Yom Kippur. It is also plural, so in Hebrew it's **"Kippurim", or coverings**. So many people and things are covered in this day. Sins are covered and nations have sins atoned and become one with their new King over time after He returns in the future. For the full explanation of <u>the entire day</u> of Atonement, see the video we've just posted "Beautiful Day of Atonement 2022". I hope this topic today is the final time I spend a whole sermon explaining why Satan has NO part in this day.

Many of you already know that Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement and Covering <u>is all about</u> <u>Jesus our Savior</u>. So why am I bringing up Satan on this beautiful day? <u>I'm giving this</u> <u>talk today because so many still believe and teach that one of the two goats</u> <u>featured in Lev 16</u> – pictures Satan, of all things! It's been taught for decades, and is very hard for some to give up. I'm addressing it because it's unthinkable, on a day that has to do with atonements and blood of God's son, and sin taken away, and God's great love for mankind – that Satan our Adversary should be mentioned at all!

**Hi – I'm Philip Shields, founder and host of Light on the Rock**. Thank you for coming. Please register on our site. If, after hearing this message, you can think of others who need to hear it, please pass it on without editing it please. The truth must get out. <u>The Day of Atonement should ONLY be all about glorifying our Savior and King Jesus</u> and our Father's wonderful plan of salvation for all humanity who accept his invitation.

For a more complete picture of Yom Kippur, please see my full sermon on it this year. I recommend you **read at least Leviticus 16:1-26** before hearing this sermon if the Day of Atonement and Lev 16 are not fresh and clear to you as we start.

You may want your Bibles open to **Leviticus 16** and follow along with the notes if you wish – or read it in this season – so you understand what this is all about. **The main** 

**characters** on this day are the High Priest, a **bull** that was sacrificed as a burnt offering, and **two kids of goats**. One was killed, sacrificed, and had its blood sprinkled in various places to cleanse the tabernacle and its furnishing and altars. NOTE this: there's nothing said in Leviticus 16 that this sacrificed kid of the goats had any sins pronounced on its head, as would normally have happened with sin offerings (See Leviticus 4). I heard a great sermon by David Grabbe of Church of the Great God on this topic.

On the day of Atonement, God wanted to cleanse everything. All during the rest of the year, the sin offerings first had sins spoken over them and hands laid on their head, <u>transferring</u> <u>the sin and death penalty on to the sin offering</u> – whether a bull, goat, or lamb. <u>So that</u> <u>blood from the sin offerings the rest of the year were always tainted by sin</u>. But on Atonement, if no hands were laid on the kid of the goat to be sacrificed, and no sin pronounced or transferred on to it, then once a year PURE blood, untainted by sin was able to cleanse the tabernacle. <u>Maybe that's why in Leviticus 16, there's no recorded</u> <u>pronouncement or transferral of any sin to that goat that would be killed</u>. There's so much detail in Lev 16, surely that part of the story would be there if they had done it.

So the nation was purified of sin. But sin still had to <u>be removed from the camp</u>, <u>hence the</u> <u>second goat</u>, on to which all the sins of the nation were pronounced and transferred to it by the hands of the High Priest. This goat was sent far away loaded up with all the sins of the nation. It was **called "the azazel" in Hebrew**, meaning the goat of removal, or departure. Most English translations say "**scapegoat**" – a terrible translation.

The two goats did not represent two different personalities, but just one: they pointed to the complete work of Jesus Christ our Savior. Hallelujah! Why two goats? I think I just explained a large part of the answer. Christ's sacrifice is so all-encompassing, it takes more than just one animal to cover it all on such an important day.

And there actually were **quite a number of other sacrificial animals** offered up on this day. So the "why 2 goats" query, carries no weight. <u>It was not at all limited to the two goats and one bull</u>. These do not represent multiple different persons – but one, Jesus.

#### Numbers 29:7-11

'On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You <u>shall</u> <u>afflict your souls; you shall not do any work</u>.

8 You shall **present a burnt offering** to the Lord as a sweet aroma: <u>one young</u> <u>**bull**</u>, one **ram**, and **seven lambs** in their first year. Be sure they are without <u>blemish</u>.

9 Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, 10 and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs;

11 **also one kid of the goats as a SIN offering**, <u>*besides*</u> **the sin offering for atonement**, the regular <u>burnt offering</u> with its grain offering, and their drink offerings."

So getting suspicious because two goats are mentioned – hey, a LOT of animals are mentioned on this day. So don't let that become a roadblock for you<u>. In fact, Numbers 29:7-11 *doesn't even seem to mention* the azazel goat.</u>

• Neither does **the book of Hebrews**, which addresses the Day of Atonement in Hebrews 9 in particular. Satan is never mentioned!

- <u>Neither is the goat of departure ever even mentioned in Hebrews.</u>
- <u>In the whole Bible</u>, never once is Satan identified by the name "azazel". NOT one verse. Nowhere.

**So t<u>he reason</u>** for this sermon and its notes, is that in the Church of God (7<sup>th</sup> day keepers) groups, many pastors still teach that the "scapegoat" – or the azazel (in Hebrew), the goat of removal who has all the sins of Israel laid on his head, pictures Satan. I pray this teaching will dispel this terrible <u>teaching that Satan has ANY part in the Day of Atonement</u> of all days! Once you "see" this also, please spread the word to others to hear this sermon.

*If what I say today is correct, then that means scores of ministers are ascribing to Satan what belongs <u>solely</u> to God. This is a very, very evil and dark thing to be teaching. I realize they are teaching as they were taught, but it is wrong. <i>It's not a small matter*.

Brethren, I'm saddened and discouraged by how many ministers will spend <u>MOST of</u> <u>their Yom Kippur sermon time on Satan</u>, instead of on our Savior Jesus Christ. Imagine that! But I used to as well! I had to lay my head down on my bedroom carpet bowing before my Holy God and begged for his forgiveness for teaching God could share his exclusive atoning love and mercies for us all, with – of all beings – the Adversary. I did it in ignorance, but that ignorance has stopped. Today you will see that <u>to teach Satan is azazel is</u> to teach that he shares in the titles of the Son of God – redeemer, savior. That's not going to happen with me!

<u>So I want to have this sermon in my list of sermons</u>, so when the topic comes up, people can see clearly why I do not want to give Satan the time of day in a normal sermon about Day of Atonement. In future I'll just refer people to this particular sermon when they wonder why I didn't talk much about Satan as the second goat – the so-called "scapegoat" or azazel goat of removal in future sermons. I'll just refer them to this sermon.

And now that **FIVE red heifers have arrived** in Israel for eventual use of their ashes for cleansing the priests and temple furniture in the new third temple they envision, we may be seeing this all play out in the years ahead. I understand also that **a whole team of documented descendants of Aaron** – **priests** – are already finishing their training and practicing their roles in all matters pertaining to priests. This could get very interesting.

I believe the MAIN reason that people believe the azazel goat of removal is Satan is because that is what's taught in the **Book of Enoch chapter 10:1-12**, a book that was NOT written by Enoch but written between 200-100 BC. Neither was this book ever accepted as being inspired and which should be a part of the canon of inspired scripture. There's truth in it, but it's not all truth, so it could not be added to the canon of scripture.

Just because **Jude** (vs 14-15) quotes something "spoken" or prophesied by Enoch – and he did not say "written" by Enoch – is not proof by itself that the so-called Book of Enoch is inspired. **Paul** also quoted someone, and he was a pagan poet. Does that mean everything that poet or prophet wrote was inspired? Of course not.

#### <u>Titus 1:12-14</u>

<u>"One of them, a prophet of their own, said</u>, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 **not giving heed to Jewish fables** and commandments of <u>men</u> who turn from the truth."

That's exactly what Yeshua said (Matthew 15:5-7). Jews too often see Jewish traditions and teachings as more important than scripture itself. Go by the Bible, not Jewish traditions.

Not one verse says even a single one of our sins is <u>placed upon Satan. You won't be able to</u>, <u>because there isn't one. I will go by scripture</u>, not from a book of Enoch that isn't scripture.

Show me a single verse that says Satan takes away ANY of our sins far, far away. You won't be able to. But here IS what the Bible does say. Let's read who really takes our sins away!

#### Psalms 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west,

So far has HE removed our transgressions from us".

WHO takes away the sins of the world? Scripture tells us:

#### <u>John 1:29</u>

"The next day John saw **Jesus** coming toward him, and said, "Behold! <u>The Lamb</u> <u>of God WHO TAKES AWAY the sin of the world</u>!"

<u>People believe Satan has to accept our sins because they've bought into the non-scriptural</u> <u>teaching that Satan is RESPONSIBLE for all our sins and **therefore** deserves to be cast out <u>and punished and take the blame for our sins</u>. Years and years ago, I taught that too. But it's unscriptural. I changed, though it was hard at first to acknowledge having been so wrong.</u>

# If Satan's already responsible for all our sins, then why would there need to be a transfer of sins to him, if he already bears our sins?

And here's something else: the animal upon which all sins are applied had to **be a goat without blemish**. Faultless. Picturing sinlessness. *This was picturing a perfect Being* who could accept on himself our sins since he didn't have any sins. And since he was the son of God, his one life was worth more than all humans put together. <u>NONE of what I just</u> <u>said could apply to Satan.</u>

Could that second goat without blemish actually picture Satan by the wildest of one's imaginations? Of course not. Satan couldn't take anyone's sins, because he had his own sins on himself already – which disqualified him from being able to sacrifice himself for others' sins! **So in no way could the second goat without blemish picture Satan**.

I'm going to use scripture throughout. And I am going to demand scripture be given to me if someone wants to prove azazel was Satan. But there aren't any scriptures. Not one.

Those preaching the azazel pictures Satan also claim HE is responsible for ALL human sin. But who does scripture say is responsible for human sin coming into the world according to your Bible? It's NOT Satan. Or <u>show me a SINGLE</u> <u>scripture that says Satan is responsible for our sins</u>. So who brought human sin into the world? Adam. Yes, he was influenced by Satan, but scripture puts the entire onus on someone else. Do you remember who?

<u>Romans 5:12, 19</u>

"Therefore, just as **through ONE** <u>MAN</u> **sin entered** the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned"

**19** For as by **<u>one man's disobedience</u>** [Adam] many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience (Jesus) many will be made righteous." (second phrase on video should say "obedience", not disobedience).

So Paul clearly says the beginning of <u>human sins</u> was with Adam, not Satan. He says through one <u>MAN</u> – Anthropos – which never applies to angelic or spirit beings.

As you continue reading Romans 5 – we see that Satan is never discussed as being responsible for the sin, or it's removal. So I hope you see we cannot accept the teaching that Satan is RESPONSIBLE for our sins and must take ACCOUNT for them.

The way out of this, is for our sins to be placed on Jesus, who became SIN FOR US, became a curse for us (Galatians 3:13), so we have no sin, have no curse on us.

2 Corinthians 5:21

"For He made **HIM** (Jesus) who <u>knew no sin to be sin for us</u>, that we might <u>become</u> <u>the righteousness of God in Him</u>."

All our sins are transferred *to Jesus – not EVER to Satan* – and Jesus became sin for us and took our sins away (John 1:29).

Here's another point: **Can anyone else**, **other than myself**, **be punished for my sins or yours? Ezekiel 18** is all about that topic. The answer is a resounding "NO!" (except when a sinless Person accepts our sins and its punishment as Jesus did) But normally, Ezek 18 says a <u>child can't be responsible for the sins of his parents and vice versa</u>. **So scripture again is clear: Satan cannot be blamed for my sins or carry any of my sins**. Satan may have <u>influenced</u> us to sin, even caused us to sin, but as you'll see in Ezek 18, God holds <u>each of us responsible for our own sin</u>. The one who sins bears his own guilt, and "the soul who SINS shall die." (Ezek 18:4, 20). We cannot blame our faults, sins and weaknesses on our parents, as many are wont to do today.

And remember Jesus says Satan is "the father" of sinners (John 8:44), and Ezekiel 18 makes it clear, we can't blame or penalize parents for our sins, and neither can a father bear the guilt of his children. We can only blame ourselves. <u>So no, we cannot make</u> <u>Satan suffer because of OUR sins</u>. We either have to suffer for our sins, or transfer them to a SINLESS, INNOCENT creature like the second goat of removal – picturing Jesus Christ.

#### Ezekiel 18:20

"The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, <u>nor the</u> <u>father bear the guilt of the son</u>. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

Again, remember Jesus called Satan the father of sinners. Ezek 18 says he can't pay for our sins.

**Remember in Genesis 3:13-18, Eve** tried to blame the serpent for her sin. "The devil made me do it" – but God didn't buy that. Eve had her own penalties to face. The serpent had his own sins and penalties – for HIS sins. Not hers.

**ONLY Yeshua, or Jesus Christ, is shown as bearing our sins**. Nowhere is it said in SCRIPTURE – and that's all that counts -- that he SHARES that saving work with anyone else, least of all – Satan!

### <u>1 Peter 2:24</u>

"**who** <u>*HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS own body*</u> on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed."

# Hebrews 9:27-28

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 <u>so</u> <u>CHRIST was offered once to BEAR the sins of many.</u> To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

OK, those who preach azazel = Satan, it's your turn now to show me your verses and scriptures that say clearly Satan is azazel, and Satan bears our sins. I'm waiting. There's no such verse. You can't find it.

**Now before I forget**, <u>there's an even more evil understanding that a FEW</u> <u>promote</u>. First, many teach that azazel is Satan. They get that mostly from **Book of Enoch chapter 10:1-12**, an apocryphal book that teaches this evil. It says Raphael, an angel of God supposedly, binds Azazel (or Azazyel) and confines him in a wilderness named Dudael, covers him in darkness and eventually his end is the lake of Fire.

But the goat of removal, **azazel** – **is NOT a name, but a function or description** in scripture. I go by scripture which NEVER calls Satan the azazel.

But now there's a second, and more evil teaching, that – according to Jewish fables and the Kabbalah, this second goat was sent TO an evil desert spirit named Azazel, as a way of satisfying him. How utterly evil! Those teaching this are saying GOD told Israel to assuage that evil desert demon by sending it a goat. But demons obey and FEAR Jesus and God the Father. God "is above ALL principality, might, power and dominion and every name that is named" (Eph 1:21). This terrible teaching has made its way into the NLT, ESV, Holman and NRSV. This is total IDOLATRY and worshiping demons!

# Leviticus 16:10 ESV

"but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away **into the wilderness TO Azazel**." TO Azazel.

Be careful with these newer translations that use a different source text. Check out scripture in the Hebrew and Greek when you can.

# Leviticus 16:10 NLT VERY BAD exposition on this

"The other goat, the scapegoat chosen by lot to be sent away, will be kept alive, standing before the Lord. <u>When it is **sent away TO Azazel** in the wilderness</u>, the people will be purified and made right with the Lord."

This is total idolatry! To assuage a <u>demon</u> named Azazel? Are you kidding me? In the very next chapter, worshiping demons is denounced, so don't buy into it! Leviticus 17:7

"*They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demon*s, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations."

You see what happens when you move from scripture for your authority and start relying on Judaism and apocryphal books and conjecture.

I strongly warn many of you in Hebrew Roots and Messianic groups to wake up and realize that Yeshua and the apostle Paul often WARNED against Judaism (Matthew 15:3-6; 1 Pet 1:18; Mark 7:9; Gal. 1:14). You're letting too much Judaism into your assemblies. Many of you can't even lead a PRAYER without using ancient Judaism prayers written by rabbis who renounce Messiah! Not me. I won't lead those prayers. They're not of God. Our Father would much rather hear our own prayer from your own heart.

So we have believers in Messiah who <u>believe they have to repeat the same prayers over and</u> <u>over because Jewish rabbis said so</u>, long ago. So praying over the wine for example, it's the same blessing, over and over. God would much rather hear my heart – rather than a vain repetition!

"Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen."

"Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine."

Nice words, but Yeshua said to avoid vain repetitions. When his disciples heard Jesus praying, they realized he wasn't praying the "official" Jewish prayers like they probably were, and they asked him to teach them how to pray.

The Jewish prayers over sabbath candles – it's not Biblical folks! It comes from Judaism's <u>traditions</u>, condemned both by Yeshua and Paul. The prayer claims the lighting shabbat candles comes from one of God's commandments! It does NOT. It's a lie. It comes from their Judaism traditions!

I realize Yeshua and his disciples were Jews. <u>But don't mix up being Jewish with Judaism</u>. I promise you, Yeshua condemned Judaism's traditions. I promise you; Moses would not have recognized modern Judaism as the "religion" that he practiced. I promise that.

**Brothers and sisters in Messiah: Pray your heart**, not Judaism's prayers by rabbis who reject Yeshua the Messiah! It's from these same Jewish myths that the second goat ends up glorifying – Satan! Stop it!

The second goat is called "azazel" – and that word means "removal, departure." It's not a NAME, so never capitalize "azazel." It means "removal," depart.

So again, Christ became sin for me, Christ took all my sins off of me and gave me HIS righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21; Phil 3:8-11; Rom 5:16-18)

#### <u>The azazel goat of removal is to "bear on itself ALL their iniquities."</u> <u>Leviticus 16:20-22</u>

"And when he (the High Priest) has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, <u>he shall bring the live goat</u>.

21 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it <u>all the</u> <u>iniquities of the children of Israel, and all THEIR transgressions,</u> <u>concerning all THEIR sins, putting them on the head of the goat</u>, 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."

#### So who in scripture is identified as BEARING on himself all our iniquities?

Show me one single verse that says Satan bears our iniquities. You won't find it because it's a terrible, terrible lie. <u>Satan is trying to steal credit from Jesus Christ</u>. Don't help him be successful in that!

So WHO bears all our iniquities? Speaking of the righteous servant – pointing to Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah we read in Isaiah 53:4-6

#### Isaiah 53:5-6

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; **And the LORD has** <u>*LAID ON HIM*</u> <u>*the iniquity of us all.*</u>"

It's so clear, isn't it?

How can Satan be involved with anything to do with ATONING for our sins? FOLKS, that is entirely the role of our Savior Jesus Christ, and no one else.

#### Leviticus 16:10

"But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat [azazel] shall be presented alive before the LORD, <u>to make atonement upon it</u>, and to let it go as the scapegoat [goat of departure] into the wilderness."

#### Young's Literal translation:

#### Leviticus 16:10

'And the goat on which the lot **for** <u>*a*</u> <u>goat</u> <u>of</u> <u>departure</u> [azazel in Hebrew] hath gone up is caused to stand living before Jehovah <u>to make atonement by it</u>, <u>to</u> <u>send it away for a goat of departure</u> into the wilderness."

The Israelites didn't and couldn't see the first goat being sacrificed. They had to stay in their tents on Atonement. But with this second goat, hundreds and thousands would have seen this going on – the goat upon whom all sins were placed – being led out. They got to SEE this one. Another reason perhaps for having two goats.

#### **Psalms 65:3** "Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, **You will provide atonement for them**."

GOD provides atonement. Not a single verse says Satan provides atonement for us. It angers me that too many ministers are still teaching this falsehood that our sins are put on Satan and HE carries away our sins. False!

You see – <u>azazel is NOT The NAME of a being, but the word for its FUNCTION</u> – the goat for sending away the sins of the people. "Scapegoat" is such a horrible mistranslation.

#### Leviticus 16:10 NEW CENTURY VERSION Interesting recounting....

"The other goat, which was chosen by lot to **remove the sin**, must be brought alive before Yehovah. The priest will use it to perform the acts <u>that remove Israel's</u> <u>sin</u> (for atonement) so they (Israel) will belong to the LORD. Then this goat will be sent out into the desert **as a goat that removes sin**."

**ANOTHER point: HEBREWS 8-9** – when discussing the Day of atonement in detail, and the High Priest's role, never ever once is the word or name Satan ever mentioned in the book of Hebrews. *Neither is the second goat discussed – at all!* Never once! You would think, based on the importance many ministers place on the second goat, the azazel goat of departure, that surely the author of Hebrews would have said something! He does not mention Satan at all, in his entire book of Hebrews.

#### Now how about Rev. 20:1-3? Get these points:

- <u>Day of Atonement is not mentioned in Rev. 20 at all.</u> This action could happen any time after Christ lands on Mount of Olives maybe the same day, or next day. It doesn't have to take 9-10 days to get this done.
- We don't read of a single sin being put on to Satan's head. Not a single one.
- Satan is not released into a wilderness to roam freely but sealed in a bottomless pit.
- There, after Christ's return, Satan is bound and placed into an abyss, the bottomless pit for one thousand years. That is NOT at all like Lev 16 being released into a wilderness.

Many of us used Rev 20:1-3 to fit the Book of Enoch and Judaism's explanations of the azazel. They're not the same. Rev. 20 simply says one of the first things Christ does upon his return is cast out the trouble-maker Satan.

Revelation 20:1-3 is NOT about Lev 16 azazel goat at all, though that's what's been taught.

**Goats and sacrificial animals presented for sacrifice or to God, had to always be without visible blemish – depicting perfect sinlessness** and **INNOCENCE**. BOTH goats in Lev 16 had to be like that. **(See Deut 17:1; Lev 22:17-25).** An "innocent" goat or sheep was selected to bear the sins of someone guilty. And then the sins of that guilty person were transferred to that *innocent* animal. In no way could that be Satan.

In what nightmare or dream could any of us ever say that Satan, the Dragon of old, the serpent of old, was innocent, or is sinless and perfect? He was a liar and murderer from the beginning. Do you see how far off-base the teaching is, that Satan was the second goat!?

**More on the Book of Enoch, the single "best" source for the very false teaching** that azazel is a being, is Satan – and that our sins are placed on Satan's head, contrary to scripture as I've shown you.

**Book of Enoch also claims the Nephilim giants of the pre-flood world were 300 cubits tall.** At the 18-inch cubit, that puts them at over 442-450 feet tall! (137 meters tall). Really? Any of you believe the Genesis 6 giants were as tall as a 44-story building! Or if they were lying down on the ground, they would far exceed the length of a football field (300 ft)? And somehow those giants having sex with pre-flood women would have caused the death of women who could not have had sex with someone so big, so tall. Come on folks. You can't

believe the book of Enoch here! It had a correct statement here and there, so Jude quoted from Enoch's words or prophecy, but that doesn't justify the whole book.

Those of you who love the Book of Enoch may have a decision to make here. Do you accept the Book of Enoch teaching that azazel is Satan and that all sins of humanity are placed on Satan's head for removal – or <u>do you accept what SCRIPTURE says</u>? And of course this one point by itself also repudiates the validity of the Book of Enoch. Just to be clear: I do NOT accept it as scripture as it has several <u>serious doctrinal errors</u>. One day I'll have to give a teaching on why Book of Enoch should be rejected.

So please, please, wake up all of you who got swept into the serious error of believing Satan takes our sins upon himself, and that he is what the second goat pictures. For though he causes many sins, the Bible says we are all responsible for our own sins.

My challenge for many years remains unanswered:

- Show me ONE verse that says Satan is azazel goat. He's not. The azazel is depicting a glorious work that Jesus does: he takes our sins on himself and marches them all FAR away from us.
- Show me in scripture, even one time, which says even one of our sins is put on Satan and HE takes them away. No, Christ does that! John 1:29; Isa 53:6.
- Show me one verse that says Satan is responsible for our sins. He deceives the whole world, yes but he can't pay for my penalties. Ezek 18 says each of us is responsible for our own sins. Only a sinless, <u>innocent</u> Being can take on himself someone else's sin, to pay for their sin, to receive the wrath of God and that ain't Satan!
- Show me where Satan is even mentioned in book of Hebrews 9, about this day. Not a single word about Satan. But Jesus sure is mentioned.

This holyday, Yom Kippur, is such a beautiful day of God working hard on this day sanctifying, cleansing, purifying, covering and accepting us. It's all his work, and please, let's stop sharing the work of Christ – with Satan, of all people. It's so wrong, it's so bad, and let's glorify Christ alone on this day.

When the Messiah returns on the mount of Olives with us and his millions of angels, he and we with him, will go to the nations and proclaim the wrath of God is over. It's not time to reconcile and bring them into covenant and atonement with God. I'm sure you and I will have a part in that. This day is beautiful. We will lead people to Christ and explain we went through the same process.

We will explain that THIS day is about ATONING for all their sins, putting all those sins on to their sinless Messiah King and ALL their sins will be taken far, far away from them – just like happened to us (Psalm 103:12). We'll explain – "Look, we the Bride, were just like you. We had sin. Lots of sin. But we confessed our sins and repented. Our king Yeshua – meaning Savior – took away all our sin. So he saw no more sin on us. IN fact he gave us HIS gift of his righteousness." We will lead millions to a covenant relationship with their King.

Satan has NO PART in this day. What a beautiful day this is. A liberating day. Amen!