

DAY OF ATONEMENT

This is a day of repentance and reconnecting with Jehovah God. It also looks forward to the time when Satan will be judged for his crimes.

Blow Shofar/Trumpets
Songs of Praise
Opening Prayer

This is a day of convocation and affliction: Leviticus 23:26-32 (CHCOG Trans):

Lev 23:26 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying:

Lev 23:27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh new moon 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 Jehovah.

Lev 23:28 "And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before Jehovah your God.

Lev 23:29 "For any soul who is not afflicted of soul on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.

Lev 23:30 "And any soul who does any work on that same day, that soul I will destroy from among his people.

Lev 23:31 "You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Lev 23:32 'It shall be to you a sabbath of sabbath observance, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the new moon at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath."

Fasting is recommended for Christians too:

Mat 9:14 Then the disciples of John approached Him, and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"

Mat 9:15 Jeshua said to them, "Why would the sons at the wedding feast fast as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

Fasting is not to force God to do something for us because we are doing something 'righteous', but is to remind us how fragile and sinful we are and how much we need God's forgiveness, love and support. It is intended to help us draw closer to God. See the results of Israel's attempt to force God to obey them: 1 Sam 4:1-11

On this particular day fasting is especially to remind us of our personal sins, of everyone's sins, and of our repentance of sin. Jonah 3:3 to 10, Psm 69:5-17

The Example of Azazel and Jehovah's Goats Leviticus 16:2-34:

Lev 16:2 And Jehovah said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron your brother and *say* he shall not come at all times into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, and he shall not die; for I appear in the cloud on the mercy seat.

Lev 16:3 "With this shall Aaron come into the Holy Place: with a young bull, a son of the herd for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

Lev 16:4 "He shall put the holy linen tunic on, and linen trousers on his body; and with a linen belt he shall gird *himself*, and with the linen turban he shall wrap *himself*. They are holy garments. And he shall bathe his flesh in water, and shall put them on.

Lev 16:5 "And from the congregation of the children of Israel he shall take two males of the goats

for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

Lev 16:6 “And Aaron shall bring the young bull of the sin offering, which *is* his own, and shall atone for himself and for his house.

Lev 16:7 “And he shall take the two goats and stand them before Jehovah *at* the door of the tent of the appointed times.

Lev 16:8 “Then Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats: one lot for Jehovah and the other lot for Azazel.

Lev 16:9 “And Aaron shall bring the goat on which Jehovah’s lot fell, and shall make it a sin offering.

Lev 16:10 “But the goat on which Azazel’s lot fell shall be stood alive before Jehovah, to atone by it, and to send it away *as* Azazel into the wilderness.

Lev 16:11 “And Aaron shall bring the young bull of the sin offering, which *is* his own, and shall atone for himself and for his house, and shall kill the young bull of the sin offering which *is* his own.

Lev 16:12 “Then he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Jehovah, *with* his hands full of fragrant incense beaten fine, and bring *it* inside the veil.

Lev 16:13 “And he shall put the incense on the fire before Jehovah, and the cloud of the incense will cover the mercy seat which *is* on the Testimony, and he shall not die.

Lev 16:14 “He shall take *some* of the blood of the young bull and sprinkle *it* with his finger eastward on the front of the mercy seat; and at the front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle *some* of the blood with his finger seven times.

Lev 16:15 “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which *is for* the people, and shall bring its blood inside the veil, and shall do with its blood as he has done with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.

Lev 16:16 “And he shall atone 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 tent of the appointed times which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Lev 16:17 “There shall be no man in the tent of the appointed times 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.

Lev 16:18 “And he shall go out to the altar that is before Jehovah, and make atonement for it, and shall take *some* of the blood of the young bull and *some* of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around.

Lev 16:19 “Then he shall sprinkle *some* of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and sanctify it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

Lev 16:20 “And when he has finished atoning for the Holy Place, the tent of the appointed times, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat;

Lev 16:21 “and 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, and all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it into the wilderness by the hand of a chosen man.

Lev 16:22 “The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an isolated region; and he shall send the goat into the wilderness.

Lev 16:23 “Then Aaron shall come into the tent of the appointed times, shall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and shall leave them there.

Lev 16:24 “And he shall bathe his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people.

Lev 16:25 “The fat of the sin offering he shall burn as incense on the altar.

Lev 16:26 “And he who released the goat for Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterwards he shall come into the camp.

Lev 16:27 “The young bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. And they shall burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal.

Lev 16:28 “Then he who burns them shall wash his clothes and shall bathe his body in water, and afterwards he shall come into the camp.

Lev 16:29 “This shall be a statute for you forever: In the seventh new moon, on the tenth day of the new moon, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether* a native of your own country or a stranger who sojourns among you.

Lev 16:30 “For on this day he shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you. You shall be clean from all your sins before Jehovah.

Lev 16:31 “It is a Sabbath of Sabbath observance for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

Lev 16:32 “And the priest who he anoints, and whose hand he shall consecrate to serve as priest instead of his father, shall make atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, the holy garments;

Lev 16:33 “then he shall atone for the Holy Sanctuary, and for the tent of the appointed times and he shall atone for the altar, and he shall atone for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

Lev 16:34 “This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to atone for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year.” And he did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

The Day of Atonement is established as an Everlasting Statute, as stated in vs 31.

The goat for Jehovah (representing Jeshua) must be slain and its blood sprinkled onto the altar (in heaven) to free the people (all of us) from their sins.

Azazel essentially translates as “goat of departure” and is a symbol for Satan, who finally has all the sins he is responsible for placed back onto his own head. He is then removed from any further contact with people until the end of the Millennium, as we will see below.

This is a day of very serious judgement, where sin must be acknowledged and dealt with.

Atonement must be made for:

the High Priest (the earthly one prior to the crucifixion of the Messiah)

the Sanctuary

the Meeting Place

the Altar

all the priests

all the people

Atonement includes the concept of "At One Ment" -bringing us back from our separation from God and into an intimate relationship with him.

Israel needed God's forgiveness

Daniel 9:1-19

We also need God's forgiveness:

Proverbs 28:13

And 1 John 1:5 to 2:6:

1Jo 1:5 This is the Good News which we have heard from Him and we declare to you, that God is light and there is not any darkness in Him at all.

1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and we walk in darkness, we lie and we do not understand the truth.

1Jo 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 His Son Jeshua cleanses us from all of our sins.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin in us, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and He will cleanse us from all our evil.

1Jo 1:10 And if we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1Jo 2:1 Children, I write these things to you, that you will not sin. And if anyone sins, we have the Redeemer of the cursed with the Father, Jeshua the righteous Messiah.

1Jo 2:2 For He is in Himself the atonement because of our sins, and not in our place only but also in place of the whole world.

1Jo 2:3 Now by this we can tell that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1Jo 2:4 For he who says, "I know Him." and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jo 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is completed in them. By this we know that we are in Him.

1Jo 2:6 He who says "I am in Him.", it is necessary for him to walk just like He walks.

Like Daniel, we should pray for forgiveness.

Pray for patience with each other (Book of Jacob, aka James):

Jac 5:7 But you, my brethren, be patient in your spirit¹ until the coming of the Lord Jah². Be like the farmer who waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently in his spirit for it until he receives the early and latter rain.

Jac 5:8 You also be patient in your spirit and strengthen your hearts, for the coming of our Lord draws near.

Jac 5:9 Do not grumble against one another, my brethren, lest you be judged. For behold, the Judge is standing before the gate!

Jac 5:10 My brethren, take the example of the prophets for patience in spirit in your afflictions, those who spoke in the name of Jehovah.³

Jac 5:11 For behold, we give our blessings to those who endure. You have heard of the endurance of Job and you have seen the end that Lord Jah made for him; because Jehovah⁴ is very compassionate and merciful.

Jac 5:12 But above all else, my brethren, do not swear vows, neither by heaven nor by earth nor with any other oath, but let your word "Yes," be "Yes," and "No," "No," lest you be condemned in judgement.

Jac 5:13 And if anyone among you is suffering? Let him pray. And if anyone is rejoicing? Let him sing psalms.

Jac 5:14 And if anyone among you is ill? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of Jehovah⁵.

Jac 5:15 And the prayer of faith will heal the one who was ill, and Jehovah will raise him up.⁶ And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven for them.

Jac 5:16 But you, confess your offenses to one another, and you must pray for one another to be

¹ Literally 'long in spirit'

² As in the Peshitta.

³ As in 2 Chron 36:15-16, given as Lord Jah (MarJah) in the Peshitta.

⁴ As in the Peshitta and Psalm 103:8

⁵ As in 1Sa 16:13, given as our Lord in the Peshitta.

⁶ As in Psalm 41:10, given as our Lord in the Peshitta.

healed, for the power of prayer of a righteous man is great.

Jac 5:17 For Elijah was a man subject to suffering like us, and he prayed that rain would not fall on the land, and it did not come down for three years and six months.

Jac 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its fruits.

Jac 5:19 My brethren, if anyone of you wanders from the way of truth, and someone restores him from his error,

Jac 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way saves his soul from death and covers a multitude of his sins.

Let us never underestimate the power and necessity of prayer.

Pray for forgiveness for others:

Mat 5:43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’⁷

Mat 5:44 “But I say to you, love your enemies and bless those who curse you. Do what is good to those who hate you, and pray for those who take you by force and persecute you,

Mat 5:45 “so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He makes His sun rise on the good and on the evil, and causes His rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Mat 5:46 “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the publicans do this?

Mat 5:47 “And if you only greet your brethren in peace, what more are you doing? Do not even the publicans do this?

Mat 5:48 “Therefore you should be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Pray for God to remove our sins Psalms 51:1-19

Jeshua is the sacrifice for our sins: Is 53:3-12. Also in Hebrews:

Heb 9:11 But Messiah came and has become the High Priest of the good things that He does, and He entered the great and perfect Booth that was not made with hands, which is not of this creation.

Heb 9:12 He did not enter with the blood of yearling goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Holy Place that one time, and He achieved eternal redemption.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and calves and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkled on the defiled, sanctifies them for the purifying of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 therefore, how much more will the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works, that we may serve the Living God?

Heb 9:15 Because of this, He is the Mediator of the new covenant, for by His death, He became salvation for those who transgressed against the first covenant, that we who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Do not underestimate the value of our Messiah's sacrifice:

Heb 10:12 But He offered one sacrifice for sins forever, then He sat at the right side of God,

Heb 10:13 and there He remains until His enemies are placed as a footstool under His feet.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; who says,

Heb 10:16 “This is the covenant that I will give them after those days, says Jehovah: I will place My Instructions into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts,”⁸

⁷ This must have been a common saying then, but is not from Scripture.

⁸ As in Jer 31:33, rendered as MarJah (Lord Jah) in the Peshitta.

Heb 10:17 and their evils and their sins; I will not remember them.”

Heb 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness of sins, an offering for sins is not required.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, for us there is boldness to enter the Holy Place by the blood of Jeshua,

Heb 10:20 and the Way of Life, Who renewed us within the veil, which is His flesh.

Heb 10:21 And there is, for us, a High Priest over the house of God.

Heb 10:22 Therefore, let us approach with a true heart and confident faith, having our hearts sprinkled and purified from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold tightly to the confession of our hope and let us not waver, for He who promised us is faithful.

Heb 10:24 And let us look after one another by encouraging love and good works,

Heb 10:25 and we should not forsake our assemblies, as is the manner of some persons, but look after one another, and all the more as you see that Day approaching.

Do not turn back:

Heb 10:26 For if a person chooses to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, after that there not a sacrifice that can be offered in place of the sins,

Heb 10:27 but that terrifying judgement is ready, and fiery zeal which devours the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 For if anyone violates Moses' Instruction, he dies without mercy on the words⁹ of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much more will his punishment be, do you think, when he has trampled upon the Son of God, and regarded the blood of His covenant by which he was sanctified as a common thing¹⁰, and he has despised the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:30 We know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine; I will repay.” And again, “Jehovah will judge His people.”¹¹

Heb 10:31 It is a very fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.¹²

Heb 10:32 Therefore remember those first days when you received immersion,¹³ and you endured a great struggle with suffering and shameful affliction;

Heb 10:33 and you became a spectacle and you also became companions with people who endured these things;

Heb 10:34 and you were grieved concerning those who were imprisoned. You endured the theft of your possessions with joy, because you know that you have a greater possession in Heaven which will not pass away.

Heb 10:35 Therefore do not throw away your boldness, for there is a great reward coming to you because of it.

Heb 10:36 For it is necessary for you to have endurance to do the will of God and receive the promise:

Heb 10:37 “For there is very little time, and He who is coming will come and will not delay.¹⁴

Heb 10:38 But the righteous one shall live by My faith; and if he gives up on it, My soul has no

⁹ Literally ‘by the mouth’.

¹⁰ Literally ‘like that of every person’ - that is, ordinary, common blood, not the blood of God’s only true Son.

¹¹ As in Deu 32:35-36, rendered as MarJah (Lord Jah) in the Peshitta.

¹² Under these circumstances of unforgiveable sins.

¹³ The Greek manuscripts have ‘enlightenment’. Bauscher believes this to be a mistranslation of similar Aramaic words.

¹⁴ Similar to Habakkuk 2:3

pleasure in him.”

Heb 10:39 And we are not despondent, which can lead to destruction, but *are* those of the faith which gives our souls to us.

Satan will be bound when Jeshua returns, as indicated by Azazel:

Rev 20:1 And I saw another angel from heaven, who had with him the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Rev 20:3 and he cast him into the abyss, and shut and sealed the top of it, that he would not seduce all the nations again. After these years it is allowed to release him for a little time.

Jubilee marks beginning of freedom: Lev 25:8-17 (Especially Vs 8, with Seven Sabbaths of years).

People will be free to obey God: Jer 31:31-34

Saints will help rule during the Millennium under Jeshua:

Rev 20:4 And I saw seats, and they sat on them, and judgement was given to them and the souls of those who were cut off¹⁵ for the testimony of Jeshua and for the word of God, and because these had not worshipped the beast nor its image, nor received the mark between their eyes or on their hands. They lived and reigned with Messiah for one thousand years.

The Millennium, a joyous time, will be the focus of the next Holy Day, the first day of the week-long Feast of Booths.

Closing Prayer

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¹⁵ As in the Peshitta, meaning that all who were killed for their faithfulness to God are included. The Greek instead (and incorrectly) has “beheaded”, restricting this group to only one unusual method of death.