

Lesson No. 27/117 - The Process of the Atonement:
Becoming One With ELOHIM

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Brothers and Sisters, tonight we are once again focusing on Lesson No. 27/117 – The Process of the Atonement, Becoming One With ELOHIM. The Old Covenant consistently shouts out loud to the then vineyard of YAHWEH, the Children of Yisrael (COY). That theme is highlighted by the following words written by the Prophet Jeremiah (Yeremayah).

- Jer 3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* forever. Jer 3:13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

This plea was to the northern House of Yisrael. Later, Yeremayah would be led to plead with the House of Judah (Yehudah) to return to YAHWEH, i.e., repent of its evil ways.

- Jer 4:6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

Again, here we see where YAHWEH is telling Yehudah to set up the standard, which we know is “YAHWEH above all other gods”. If not, “evil from the north”, Babylon, will be brought upon Yehudah. Before we read what is written next, lets establish the historical context.

- Dan 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. Dan 7:4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
- Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

History, and other scriptures, identify the first of the four (4) beasts as Babylon. We know from what the scriptures provide us about the end time that it is the spirit of Babylon that will thrive until it is taken down by YESHUA. It was this lion which was sent to take down, amongst all other nations, Yehudah.

- Jer 4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

So now we know that the lion is Babylon. And, according to this KJV translation, Babylon was “the destroyer of the Gentiles”, which some Hebrew Yisraelites teach to be the Europeans. However, we have reasoned together that this makes no sense, based on all the scriptural evidence. Babylon was the destroyer of all the known nations of the earth. And so also were the remaining three beasts written about in Daniel the 7th chapter.

The Europeans are gentiles, or nations, commissioned by the MOST HIGH to accomplish a major component of HIS plan for mankind. However, they only represent a leadership role and not an exclusive role as gentiles. All non-Yisraelite nations are gentiles. The WORD of the MOST HIGH, under the Old Covenant”, was given exclusively to the COY.

Individuals from the other nations began to be grafted in through the New Covenant, beginning with the gentiles that were in charge during the “times of the Apostles”, those of the 4th beast, Rome. However, this grafting in was only a metaphor of the ultimate grafting in of members from all the other nations.

- Mat 24:14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations**; and then shall the end come.
- Mat 25:32 And **before him shall be gathered all nations**; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

We now know that the plan is to all nations; not just Yisrael, not just Rome; not just Greece; not just Media/Persia; and not just Babylon; it is for “all to repent and come to the knowledge of ELOHIM”. Look at the great commission to YESHUA’s apostles.

- Mat 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Howbeit, the gentile nations, in the form of the 4 great beasts to devour the earth, were and still are a major factor in the overall plan of salvation. They will maintain their leadership role until YESHUA returns. And so, we see that there was no respect of persons given to the European nations alone. They are simply a part of a global engrafting of all nations outside of Yisrael into the spiritual family of YAHWEH/YESHUA; i.e., all of the gentiles/nations of the world.

And that brings us to where we are today. I am repeating this because of the need for each and every “called out one” to humbly take a step back and truly understand each of our roles in this great plan.

This night, most of us on this line, if not all of us, are inflicting our souls before the MOST HIGH ELOHIM of Yisrael. Why? Hopefully we will answer this question as we study tonight's lesson.

Now, some of us are very close to fellow Brethren who have been taught that this Appointed Time of Atonement is all about the "putting away of Satan. As such, I want to state right up front that Atonement is, and has always been, about YAHWEH/YESHUA. We must understand that Satan's ONLY role in the process of salvation is to keep each us from obtaining the Atonement. I state this because tomorrow, many will unintentionally teach that his role is somehow honored on this MOST HIGH of all the Holy Days. Let's understand what I am talking about.

- Lev 16:5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. Lev 16:6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. Lev 16:7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Two goats are commanded to be presented before YAHWEH. **Very important, verse 5 informed us that both goats were for a sin offering.** Now this word translated atonement is the Hebrew word "kaphar" which means to cover, cleanse, disannul, forgive or make atonement. As we read this, I ask myself, is it even possible that Satan could be represented as being presented before YAHWEH in the context of this High Day? Let's see.

- Lev 16:8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. Lev 16:9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.

- Lev 16:10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

And here is where Satan will unknowingly be honored by many on this day. Note carefully what was just commanded. The “so-called” scapegoat was to be presented alive before YAHWEH “to make an atonement with him”. Now again, let’s reason. Why is there a need to make a covering or cleansing for anything representing Satan? His fate in the plan of salvation has been sealed. There will be NO atonement for him.

- Lev 16:11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself:

Now we see Aaron making a covering or cleansing for himself and his house. Isn’t this what it is all about for the Household of Faith, even today in modernity? How does this process in any way fit Satan?

- Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the vail: Lev 16:13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not: Lev 16:14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. Lev 16:15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

Here, those Brethren who have been taught the Satan theory reason that because verse 15 refers to the slain goat as “the sin offering”, this adds validity to their teaching. Somehow, they have forgotten, or perhaps they never knew that verse 5 has clearly established that both goats are “for a sin offering”. And even more important, verse 15 establishes that this sin offering is for the people. Who are the people? They are the COY, and any stranger that has attached themselves to them, only. I.e., this is not an atonement for the nations of the world. We shall see the consistency of this concept of the Atonement under the New Covenant.

- Lev 16:16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. Lev 16:17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

Now we see this covering or cleansing being performed for the mercy seat. I keep wondering as I see this process, where is Satan?

- Lev 16:18 And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about. Lev 16:19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

Now we see the true meaning of this Atonement process. Atonement is made for the altar and verse 19 elevates our minds to the ultimate translation of the Atonement process. This process is to cleanse the altar. So, it was also to cleanse the mercy seat.

So, it was also to cleanse Aaron and his house. And so, it was also to cleanse the scapegoat, as well as the COY.

- Lev 16:20 And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: Lev 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: Lev 16:22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

This scapegoat metaphorically took on the role having all the sins of the COY placed upon it, which did what? It cleansed the COY. Can this be Satan's role in this process?

As the Household of Faith continues to grow and “endure until the end”, I encourage all of us to comely take periodic steps back, take deep breaths, and prayerfully accept ONLY what the WORD of ELOHIM teaches us.

- Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

YESHUA is the LAMB of ELOHIM that takes away the sin of the world. This should be clear to the Household of Faith.

- Heb 9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

- Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews makes it plain how YESHUA takes away the sin of the world. HE offered HIMSELF once, “to bear the sins of many”. This is the process. Our only concern with Satan should be our cleansing ourselves of this lying spirit in the world. And another point I raised earlier. The Old Covenant Atonement was strictly for Yisrael. Who is the New Covenant Atonement for? Is it the world? Shall YESHUA redeem the world initially on HIS coming? Well, let’s continue and see.

We are here on this humble evening to accept our one and only Atonement, YESHUA HAMASHIAC.

- Lev 16:23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put 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 wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. Lev 16:25 And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

So, after his role in this process, the high priest must again be atoned or cleansed.

- Lev 16:26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

The person that led the scapegoat out of the camp must be atoned or cleansed.

- Lev 16:27 And the bullock *for* the sin offering, and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. Lev 16:28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. Lev 16:29 And *this* shall be a statute forever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

Up until this point, we read only of the roles of those assigned specific duties in the process. However now, we see the role assigned to each of the COY, and now to each of us. We are to “afflict our souls” on this the 10th day of the 7th month of the MOST HIGH’s year.

- Lev 16:30 For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. Lev 16:31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever. Lev 16:32 And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments: Lev 16:33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. Lev 16:34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Let's look at another perspective on this day.

- Lev 23:27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

So, we see that besides the affliction of our souls, we are commanded to have a holy convocation and make an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH.

- Lev 23:28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

Now here, we have another word in play. The word translated atonement here is “kippur” which means expiation. We often here some refer to this day as “Yom Kipper”, the Day of Atonement. Now this word should be of profound interest to each of us. Expiation is the act of making amends or reparation for guilt or wrongdoing; i.e., the act or process of atonement or cleansing. And the very next scripture shows how serious YAHWEH sees this day.

- Lev 23:29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. Lev 23:30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Lev 23:31 Ye 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* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

These words speak powerfully for themselves.

Now, if we accept the MOST HIGH's words, if we humble ourselves, if we take a step back, and allow HIS spirit to guide us, we began to see the process. HE defines the process, not us. And HE taught us more of this process through HIS prophets.

- Isa 58:5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

We see it was YAHWEH that defined what the afflicting of our souls was to be on this day. HE is questioning not only the COY's mannerisms during their Atonement affliction; but also, us today. And for anyone who can't see this, the ONLY fast chosen by YAHWEH is on the Day of Atonement. There have been other instances of men fasting, however those were not chosen nor commanded by YAHWEH.

Now, YAHWEH shows that this fast is for our spiritual growth and further development as HIS people.

- Isa 58:6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen?* to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Isa 58:7 *Is it not* to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

The Prophet Isaiah was commissioned to teach us an important element of how YAHWEH intended our mindsets to grow during this process. It was never meant to be just our going without food and water for a day. It was meant to be a day of our reflecting on how we can be better followers of HE, who is THE ATONEMENT.

HE would give us the ultimate example to follow when HE BECAME OUR PASSOVER! We are to serve one another, and pay specific attention to those in the most need amongst us. Have we even scratched the surface yet? If we begin to understand the process of Atonement, look at what THE ATONEMENT says to us.

- Isa 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. Isa 58:9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; Isa 58:10 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday: Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. Isa 58:12 And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

And in the midst of HIM telling us what HE will do for us IF we follow the process, HE said this.

- Isa 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: Isa 58:14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

It is in the context of instructing us how to make the proper atonement for ourselves that HE also instructs us on what it truly means to keep HIS Sabbath Day.

Brothers and Sisters, the Household of Faith should all be in total awe right now of what this all means. It means, we can't just wait on this Day of Atonement and do a 24 hour fast and believe we have obeyed YAHWEH's commandments. In fact, with this understanding, we clearly must recognize that we cannot wait until any Holy Day to simply teach on the Holy Day itself, about what the Holy Day means, and believe we have done our duties. If we wait until that day and ask whether or not we have "loosed the bands of wickedness", undone "the heavy burdens", "let the oppressed go free", broken every yoke, dealt thy bread to the hungry, brought the poor that are cast out to thy house, covered the naked when we saw them, and finally, not hide ourselves from our own flesh, we have not understood the process.

The process does not begin on the Day of Atonement. It began on the Passover. It is a process that we must retrain ourselves to reflect on every day of the year. And what does Passover teach us; we cannot do it alone. If we don't get these simple instructions, we are so full that we could miss the essence of it all.

When YAHWEH began to open HIS plan as it was intended for all mankind, not just Yisrael, HE began to bring clarity to the plan through HIS apostles.

- Jas 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: Jas 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Jas 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

- Jas 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: Jas 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. Jas 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Remember, we are to judge ourselves to determine our own worthiness.

- Jas 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.

We all know that this is referring to each one of us. The smallest organ in our body gets us in the most trouble.

- Jas 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Now doesn't this add clarity to Isaiah 58? We remember how that the Apostle Paul was led to teach both the natural born and the nations that were "called to YESHUA".

- 1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 1Co 5:6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

- 1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. 1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

After reading about the intent of the fast in Isaiah, I now know that these instructions given by the Apostle Paul are for all of the MOST HIGH's Holy Days. Remember, the Day of Atonement is all about our cleansing. Even as we make our attempts to obey, we will not be perfect until this flesh is removed. This flesh won't be removed until YAHWEH/YESHUA returns. The fast is YAHWEH's mid-year cleanse of whatever filth we have consumed since the Passover.

- 1Co 11:30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 1Co 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. 1Co 11:33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. 1Co 11:34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

We are supposed to judge ourselves. When we do, verse 32 tells us that we are chastened by YESHUA. Now let's understand, the coming together to eat reference is all about the bread and the wine being consumed at the Passover in a worthy manner. As such, verse 34 has to refer to the man that has deemed himself to be unworthy, and has not yet repented.

As such, he should eat the bread and drink the wine at home, until he has examined himself. We know that this is talking spiritual and not physical because he says "that ye come not together unto condemnation".

We are condemned when our actions are spiritually out of order.

Now consider this as well, these instructions were given to us by YESHUA's Apostle. These instructions and this level of clarity was not given in the Old Covenant. We cannot be hypocrites when we come to the MOST HIGH's WORD. It is all or nothing. The New Covenant, as we all know is also referred to as The Testimony.

It is called this for a reason. It is an attestation of the Old Covenant. It is also the clarification of the intent of the Old Covenant. It explains grace. It explains baptism. It explains salvation. It sheds redeeming light on YAHWEH HIMSELF. In doing so, YAHWEH called a Pharisee of the COY to clarify the intent of HIS Old Covenant to the world, not just to the gentiles, or nations of the world; but to the entire world, including the COY. Let's look at what the Apostle Paul taught us about the Atonement.

- Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

We know the Apostle is writing to the “called out ones” in Rome. However, is anyone so naive as to believe CHRIST died only for those in Rome?

- Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom we have now received the atonement.**

The Apostle Paul in these few written words accomplished much. He testified of both the Old and the New Covenants as he also gave clarity to the 2 goats commanded in the Old Covenant. We are reconciled to the FATHER by the death of YESHUA; one goat.

Yet, we are saved by HIS life; the second goat. Through this process metaphorically pictured by both goats, verse 11 informs us, we receive the atonement, the ultimate cleansing, which is salvation. This salvation was described to us by the Prophet Isaiah in Is 58:8 when he prophesied that for doing the true affliction, the true fast, “thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the YAHWEH shall be thy reward”. What was the prophet saying to you and I? Well, again, the apostles do not leave us hanging.

- 1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

The Apostle John (Yochanon) here explains how the glory of YAHWEH will be the reward for our humbling ourselves in a righteous manner and enduring. YESHUA’s glory shall be our glory. The Apostle Paul continues to share golden nuggets.

- Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Rom 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. Rom 5:16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

- Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

This my Brothers and Sisters is what the goal of the process of the Atonement is all about. At the beginning of the year we are commanded to serve one another by washing one another's feet. If we do this, what did YAHWEH/YESHUA promise?

- Joh 13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

We become spiritually clean, or whole. At the end of the spiritual year, the 7th month, we are again given the opportunity to be cleansed. If we follow the process by maintaining our wholeness given us at Passover, as part of our soul affliction, we mature and grow into our calling; we get closer to what ELOHIM planned in the first place. I want us to revisit the original plan. However, first we need to understand what we are reading here in the New Covenant about the Atonement.

Earlier we read where that the Old Covenant Atonement was for the people, Yisrael. What about the New Covenant Atonement? The writings of the apostles of YESHUA targeted one group, and one group only. They got their instructions from YESHUA HIMSELF. Remember these scriptures?

- Joh 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Joh 17:7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. Joh 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

First, we read how that YESHUA prayed only for HIS disciples; not for the world.

- Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Next, YESHUA prayed for those who shall believe on HIM through the teachings of HIS disciples. Are we beginning to see a pattern here? The disciples concentrated their teachings on these, who would collectively come to be known as “the Church of ELOHIM”, the Household of Faith”, and, “called-out ones”. In Romans chapter 5, it is to these “called-out ones” whom the Apostle describes as having received the Atonement, represented by the death and resurrection of YESHUA HAMASHIAC. These collectively make up the “first fruits”, as we learned on the Appointed Time of Weeks. This is simply another proof that those teaching that the second goat of the Old Covenant rituals is Satan have been horribly misled. These endured Satan by placing themselves under the protection of the true Atonement and shall be rewarded for it. His being put away for 1,000 years has no impact on their reward. These overcame.

Now, let's revisit this plan.

- Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

As we see these metaphors, we need to understand that the garden is metaphorical of the entire earth. This was mankind's commission.

- Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now at first glance this verse has the appearance of saying the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was made to be good for our consumption. However, ELOHIM clarified HIS intent.

- Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

So, it is obvious by these following scriptures that when it said "pleasant to the sight, and good for food", ELOHIM is obviously saying it is simply available for food. For, HE makes it plain "thou shalt not eat of it". For eating of this tree, Adam and his wife lost their access to the ultimate food source.

- Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

This was the opportunity Adam had been given. Don't eat of the wrong tree and you will then have access to the right tree, the Tree of Life. Again, an apostle recorded the clarity in the Testimony.

- Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

Adam was offered the opportunity to eat of the Tree of Life and live forever, as Gen 3:22 tells us. This was ELOHIM's desire. The New Covenant both testifies of and gives clarity the writings of the Old Covenant. YAHWEH came to once again provide mankind the access to the Tree that Adam lost.

Adam was a foreshadow of what would later happen to the COY when they would be driven from their land.

- Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Until YAHWEH came in the flesh, mankind's access was limited and partially unavailable.

We should see that it was ELOHIM's original intent that mankind had access to the Tree of Life so that he could do what? Live forever. And, by living forever, he would do what? We read some of this a little earlier.

- Joh 17:21 **That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

What does it mean to each of you to be one with the FATHER and the SON? Isn't this the true and ultimate AT-ONE-MENT. The Atonement.

- Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. Joh 17:26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Many of us read these words at Passover, and so that is appropriate. Yet, if we can open our minds to see it, these words predict the coming Atonement, our becoming one with ELOHIM, the FATHER and the SON. This is what this day represents. And in order for our affliction to be acceptable unto ELOHIM, we must elevate our mindsets to serve our Brothers and Sisters in a manner that we have all at times fallen short. In this context, I believe these words should be read during each High Holy Day as a reminder of our spiritual commission to ELOHIM, as well as to one another.

Notice the following about the Atonement process.

- Num 28:17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

Now, verses 18 thru 21 describe other instructions for the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. And yet look at the next verse.

- Num 28:22 And one goat *for* a sin offering, to make an atonement for you.
- Num 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

This is Weeks. Verses 27 thru 29 describe other instructions for the Appointed Time of Weeks. And yet look at the next verse.

- Num 28:30 *And* one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.
- Num 29:1 And in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

This is Trumpets. Verses 2 thru 4 describe other instructions for the Appointed Time of Blowing of Trumpets. And yet look at the next verse.

- Num 29:5 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering, to make an atonement for you:

We already know what was required for the Day of Atonement. YAHWEH commanded two goats for a sin offering, or atonement.

- Num 29:12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:

This is the Appointed Time of Tabernacles.

- Num 29:16 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the first day of the Appointed Time. We know from the previous Holy Days that the goat for a sin offering is to make an atonement, or cleansing for us.

- Num 29:19 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering thereof, and their drink offerings.

This is for the second day of the Appointed Time.

- Num 29:22 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the third day of the Appointed Time.

- Num 29:25 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the fourth day of the Appointed Time.

- Num 29:28 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the fifth day of the Appointed Time.

- Num 29:31 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the sixth day of the Appointed Time.

- Num 29:34 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the seventh day of the Appointed Time.

- Num 29:38 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

This is for the eighth day of the Appointed Time. So, with the exception of Passover, an atonement must be made on each of ELOHIM's Holy Days. For Tabernacles, an atonement must be made each of the 8 days of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles. This is why I said the words from the 17th chapter of John should be read every Holy Day.

This is why we must invoke a mentality of soul cleansing each and every Holy Day, with special attention given to both the Passover and Atonement. We must lift one another up through prayer and constant exhortation. This requires balance.

Now, there are those that have a track record of feeding the hungry and serving those outside of their inner circles, yet, who have not yet been drawn to the SON by the FATHER. Why can I say this? Because at the same time they bow to other gods, primarily through ignorance.

Finally, there is another major lesson we have learned over the years about this day that I will briefly touch upon.

- Lev 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, Lev 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Lev 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

- Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. Lev 25:5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land. Lev 25:6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, Lev 25:7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat. Lev 25:8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Lev 25:9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

So, we see that in the year of Jubilee, on the day of Atonement, the trumpet shall sound.

- Lev 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. Lev 25:11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed. Lev 25:12 For it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. Lev 25:13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

If we have eyes to see, we know that this is describing the year and the day of the year that YESHUA shall return; on the Day of Atonement, when those in CHRIST shall all be changed and totally spiritually cleansed. The COY shall be returned to their land.

All other nations shall be returned to their lands. Satan shall be put away. The world shall be a peace for one thousand years. Halleluyah!

However, what this lesson also says for those who have been drawn to the SON by the FATHER, the lesson of Atonement is simple. We all have much work to do. We cannot do it alone and we must reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves.

- 1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; 1Ti 2:2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1Ti 2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

YESHUA HAMASHIAC gave HIMSELF as a ransom for ALL. For once, the KJV translators got it right. HE has become our “scapegoat”. A scapegoat is one who is innocent, and yet takes the blame for the actions of others. HE HIMSELF was without blame. Yet, HE accepted the blame for the actions of others.

As the result of YESHUA becoming our “scapegoat”, together we all can become as one and become an atonement within ourselves, on a right path towards becoming At-one-ment with ELOHIM. Stay humble Brethren.

Shalom!