

The Day of Atonement – Is It Salvation

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Tonight, we are discussing The Day of Atonement – Is It Salvation, as we are appearing before the MOST HIGH ELOHIM of Yisrael in obedience to the following:

- Lev 23:26 And YAHWEH spake unto Moses, saying, 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 YAHWEH.

So, this da is to be a holy convocation as we afflict our souls. And we know from the following scripture that this affliction is a commandment to fast on this solemn day.

- 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 YAHWEH?

So, we see that to afflict one's soul is the Biblical equivalent of a fast. And as such, this is what we are doing on this day.

- 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 YAHWEH your ELOHIM. 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.

On this tenth day of this seventh month is this Day of Atonement, in which we will fast for this entire day while doing no manner of work, and we are having a holy convocation as we speak, even though some of us will also convocate with others later on this day. And this commandment to do no manner of work carries a similar penalty as was for the circumcision. That soul that does any manner of work on this solemn day was cut off from among his people. Notice the circumcision commandment.

- Gen 17:13 **He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised:** and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. Gen 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Now, today in modernity, the physical circumcision is just one of the many controversial teachings faced by the descendants of the Children of Yisrael (COY) concerning the appointed times of YAHWEH. We all know that the physical circumcision became an intricate requirement for all males to partake in the Passover under the Old Covenant. And obviously, if one was not physically circumcised, one could not have observed the Day of Atonement. Why, because that uncircumcised male was cut off from among his people.

Today, those of us who accept and believe in the “whole armor of ELOHIM”, understand that the physical circumcision has been replaced by two new commandments, the second of which many descendants of the COY do not honor nor accept. The first was amplified by the Apostle Peter as he spoke to the members of the Nation of Yisrael at the first New Covenant Feast of Weeks.

- 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** Act 2:39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as YAHWEH our ELOHIM shall call.**

Baptism into YAHSHUA became the primary action that all believers in YAHSHUA, male and female, must do in order to qualify for the remission of sins under the New Covenant. And just when does this action become truly recognized by ELOHIM?

- Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

We are baptized for the remission of sins. Yet, it is the blood of the New Covenant, YAHSHUA's blood, which was necessary for the remission of sins. It was with the shed blood of YAHSHUA that this remission of sins actually was ratified by ELOHIM. This was the Passover. So, under the New Covenant, a male or female had to first repent, and then be baptized into YAHSHUA.

This, as we shall shortly see, became the first New Covenant requirement for partaking in YAHSHUA's Passover. And as YAHSHUA was about to become our PASSOVER, HE made the following statement to HIS disciples that many COY in modernity do not accept.

- Joh 13:3 **YAHSHUA knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,** and that he was come from ELOHIM, and went to ELOHIM; Joh 13:4 **He riseth from supper,** and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

- Joh 13:5 After that **he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Note how that this action by YAHSUA is predicated by the fact that HE knew that the FATHER had given all things into HIS hands. Us knowing this very vital point should of necessity help us understand that whatever is about to occur is of the utmost significance. This was HIS final Passover before HE returned to the FATHER. HE had first eaten the Old Covenant supper with these disciples. Now HE is implementing a new and different set of protocols/commandments for a different purpose.

HE next washed HIS disciples' feet. And then came something of great consequence to every believer in the fact that the FATHER had given all things into YAHSUA's hands.

- Joh 13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

By now, we all know that this disciple, at this time, had already been given the keys of the Kingdom. As such, this set of events on this Passover night was no coincidence and carries strong relevance.

- Joh 13:7 **YAHSUA answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.**

Isn't this the same for all of us? We chose to accept and do what we read that YAHSUA said and directed to Peter and the other disciples before the Spirit of Truth opened our eyes to the fulness of understanding this new Passover protocol/commandment.

- Joh 13:8 **Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. YAHSUA answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.**

With these words to Peter, YAHSHUA put the act of foot washing on a spiritual level that could have caused Peter to lose out on his spiritual salvation. Isn't that what would happen, if Peter's part with YAHSHUA was taken away?

We must fully understand these words spoken to Peter by YAHSHUA.

When the Day of Atonement was commanded to the COY, the following was provided to us.

- 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 YAHWEH.

By these words we should all agree that for the COY, this was the purpose of this day; to cleanse them so that they might be clean from all their sins before YAHWEH. This was the result of every ritual commanded to be performed on this day. The question for those of us who have been drawn and called-out to YAHSHUA, and accepted HIS invitation under the New Covenant, is this what this day will accomplish for us this evening.

One thing we know is different about the New Covenant is that it is all about each of us as individuals. Wives cannot simply rely upon their husbands to qualify to partake in YAHSHUA, or to cleanse them of their sins before YAHWEH. No one in modernity can simply qualify to partake in YAHSHUA because physically, they are descendants of the COY. The drawing and calling are to individuals, and must be individually accepted. And, we have seen that the atonement ceremony was all about the cleansing of the COY of their sins. How are we cleaned under the New Covenant?

YAHSHUA would go on to state these words.

- Joh 13:10 YAHSHUA 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.

Again, these words have flown over the heads of many descendants of the COY in modernity. YAHSHUA said that he that is washed needed not save to wash feet, but is clean every whit. Verse 10 perhaps was better translated by the NASB.

- Joh 13:10 YAHSHUA *said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you.*"
- Joh 13:11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

The essence of this is that if you have met the requirement of being washed or bathed in baptism, one simply needs to now wash his or her feet in order to become completely clean, or clean every whit. We know that Judas was not clean because he came into this Passover night with evil and unrepentant intentions. So, he could not be made clean by the washing of feet. Even though he may have been previously washed or bathed, the rituals of this Passover did not cleanse him.

By these words, those being led by the Spirit of truth have come to recognize that this is on the highest spiritual level. First, this is the first Passover under the New Covenant. YAHSHUA is now setting the tone for those who will come to HIM in order to be a part of HIM, under the New Covenant.

Second, YAHSHUA bridged together the three most important New Covenant spiritual protocols/requirements; repent and be baptized as an acceptance of our drawing and calling, and then wash one another's feet at the Passover as a form of acceptance of YAHSHUA's body and blood for the remission of our sins, which is what it truly means to be a part of HIM.

Let's remember what happens when we are baptized?

- Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA have been baptized into His death? Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as HAMASHIAC was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

When we were bathed/washed, we were baptized into YAHSHUA's death for the remission of our sins. We were then raised with HIM in a clean manner, because our sins were then remised. However, we still had to come under HIS blood at the Passover. HE said that if we are washed/bathed, once we wash one another's feet, we are then clean every whit, or completely clean. This is how important this act of washing feet was. It is only with the washing of each other's feet that we become completely clean, so that we can partake in YAHSHUA's body and blood; the sin offering of the Atonement. Notice a special point made on the following occasion.

- 1Ti 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed. 1Ti 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before ELOHIM. 1Ti 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in ELOHIM, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

The Apostle is giving Timothy guidance on those widows, who were worthy of honor by the Household of Faith.

- 1Ti 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, 1Ti 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, **if she have washed the saints' feet**, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

The Apostle Paul specifies that the widows that are taken in must have washed the saints' feet. Is this something casual, or is it something that had made these widows a part of YAHSHUA's Passover? You decide.

- Joh 13:12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Joh 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am. Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

And this is why HE commanded HIS disciples to follow HIS example; not just any man-made example. We are to follow HIS example in order to be made whole. Let's finish HIS words at this, the most important of all YAHWEH's appointed times.

- Joh 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. Joh 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

HE said, if you know these things, happy are you, if you do them. Did we catch this? We are only happy at the New Covenant Passover, if we know these things and do them. Consider what things HE is referring to.

- Joh 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

Look carefully at these words tonight on this Day of Atonement. What do they say to you? HE then lets us know that it is those whom HE has chosen, who know these things. If those whom we know choose not to do these things, perhaps they have not been chosen. Perhaps they have allowed themselves to choose and follow the wrong leader.

And this is just as important as we observe this day of affliction which involved a ceremony under the Old Covenant with two primary goats; one for a sin offering, and another to confess the sins of the COY on its head and to bear their sins into a place uninhabited. Notice I chose to ignore a name for this goat, and rather focus on that was accomplished by this goat.

Under the Old Covenant, we all remember that the protocol/commandment for partaking in the Passover was the physical circumcision of the males. There was no specific commandment for the females, except to exist in the houses of circumcised males.

The commandment to partake in all of the other appointed times was for the priest to offer a goat for the sins of the COY for the atonement of their sins. And yet, did those actions, as well as the physical circumcision of males, actually clean the COY of their sins?

The Apostle of YAHSHUA taught us the following:

- Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. Heb 10:2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. Heb 10:3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. Heb 10:4 **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**

We either accept these words or not. By these words, as well as others we have been provided, we know that these rituals given to the COY were for a temporary purpose; i.e., a temporary cleansing. They looked forward to something greater and more permanent. And yet, there remains one requirement for the cleansing of sin that we must partake in.

- Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of ELOHIM;

This is the first understanding that everyone must first admit for themselves. We have all sinned. And the only way for sin to be removed is as follows:

- Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

First, without the shedding of blood, there is no remission, which we know means a pardon or forgiveness. As such, the blood of the bulls and goats offered a temporary form of remission that required these bulls and goats to be sacrificed every year; because there was remembrance of sins every year. ELOHIM, in THEIR mercy and longsuffering for THEIR prize creation knew there was of necessity, the need of a more permanent solution.

- Heb 9:23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

There was the need for a heavenly source of sacrifice, rather than those bulls and goats.

- Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA: Rom 3:25 Whom ELOHIM hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of ELOHIM;

Now, we are justified by grace; meaning we are being given something we have not, and cannot earn. It is just that big a deal.

The FATHER's redemption is only in YAHSHUA, whom the FATHER has set forth a propitiation through our faith in HIS blood, which declares YAHSHUA's righteousness for the pardoning/forgiveness of our sins that are past, through the forbearance (i.e., tolerance) of ELOHIM.

Interestingly, the word propitiation here is the Greek word "hilastērion", which actually means "mercy seat". The words "to be" are in italics and thus are inserts by the translators that sometimes work, and sometimes doesn't. This word "mercy seat" was only used one other instance in the New Covenant.

- Heb 9:5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

So, the cherubim shadowed the mercy seat. What was this mercy seat? Was it YAHWEH, now YAHSHUA, or was it something else?

During our recent discussion on the Atonement with Brethren of the Church of God movement, there were statements made about the role of the high priest, which were used to imply that Satan was one of the commanded goats in the atonement ritual commanded to the COY. As we are now reading about this mercy seat ELOHIM has set forth. Let's do what we should have done during that discussion. Let's go and do what the Apostle Paul admonished us to do, study it by also reading it.

- Lev 16:1 And YAHWEH spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before YAHWEH, and died; Lev 16:2 And YAHWEH said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the **holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark**; that he die not: for **I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.**

So, now we know that the mercy seat was not YAHWEH HIMSELF. And as such, it cannot be YAHSHUA.

It represents a seat of mercy that YAHWEH appeared upon in the cloud. It appears to be reasonable to say that YAHWEH probably sat upon this mercy seat.

In the New Covenant, the FATHER has made a mercy seat for YAHSHUA. Why, so that through faith in YAHSHUA's blood, the FATHER has declared YAHSHUA's righteousness for the remission of sins that are past. I.e., YAHSHUA has qualified for the pardoning and forgiveness of our past sins, if we have attained faith in HIS blood. So, we see that the inserted words by the translators preceding the word propitiation, do not fit what we are told elsewhere in ELOHIM's WORD. This is what studying is all about.

Aaron the priest was warned to not come into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which was upon the ark of the covenant, because YAHWEH would appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. That is, not until the following:

- Lev 16:3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. Lev 16:4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

Not until this was performed on this Day of Atonement, could Aaron come into the “into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy seat”. Failure to do so would have resulted in his death.

Now, it was said that in my reading of what we have been provided by YAHSHUA's apostles about this Day of Atonement, I had not considered the role of the priest in this ceremony. Well, I am always willing to learn from my mistakes. So, before we go on, let us understand what the role of the priest in this was, or any other commanded ritual before YAHWEH. The priest in the Atonement ritual was Aaron.

- Exo 28:29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before YAHWEH continually. Exo 28:30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before YAHWEH: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before YAHWEH continually. Exo 28:31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue. Exo 28:32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent. Exo 28:33 And *beneath* upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: Exo 28:34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. Exo 28:35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy *place* before YAHWEH, and when he cometh out, that he die not. Exo 28:36 And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO YAHWEH. Exo 28:37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. Exo 28:38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before YAHWEH. Exo 28:39 And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle *of* needlework. Exo 28:40 And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. Exo 28:41 And **thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, in the that they may minister unto me priest's office.**

This was the role of Aaron and his sons, to minister unto YAHWEH. The Apostle Paul also spoke about this role. Notice how in verse 38 Aaron was to bear the iniquity of the holy place. Who could that possibly represent? Notice the Apostle Paul's take on this.

- Heb 9:6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of *ELOHIM*.

This is what those priests did, the service of YAHWEH of ELOHIM. Isn't this the same thing as their ministering unto YAHWEH?

Once Aaron performed the required preparations to perform this ministering service unto YAHWEH, he did the following:

- 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.

He had to make an atonement for himself. This is because he represented something greater to follow. Just for remembrance sakes, once the lots were drawn to determine which of the goats would die for the sin offering of the Atonement, and which would be the goat of confession to bear the sins of the COY, this too had to happen.

- 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:

Do we remember who will sit on this mercy seat? It had to be totally cleansed for YAHWEH's presence. Also notice how the blood was sprinkled upon the mercy seat eastward? When the COY are back in the land during the millennium, we note the following:

- Eze 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the ELOHIM of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. Eze 43:3 And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. Eze 43:4 And the glory of YAHWEH came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east.

This will be the direction in which YAHWEH shall enter into the temple; from the east. All of the dots connect in ELOHIM's WORD.

- 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. 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. 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:

If we are accepting what we are reading, the bullock killed for the atonement of Aaron and his house was also used to atone for the holy place, which housed the mercy seat. And get this, this had to be done before the live goat could be brought forth. Does this in any way picture a necessity for bringing forth Satan? Remember also that the following had to occur even before all of this cleansing of the holy place took forth.

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

The live goat was presented alive before YAHWEH to make an atonement with HIM before it would be let go into the wilderness. Doesn't this tell us something significant?

The Brethren of the Church of God movement must reason for themselves why Satan would ever be presented alive before YAHWEH, to make an atonement with him. Is Satan to be cleansed and reconciled to YAHWEH before he receives his sentence, which we already know he is guilty?

And then, Aaron did the following after all of the cleansing took place and he brought forth 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 could not be done until this goat was accepted by YAHWEH and the holy place, the tabernacle of the people, and the altar had been cleansed and reconciled before YAHWEH.

In my discussions with the Brethren who believe in this Satan teaching, their discussion points on these verses always concentrate on where Satan is sent in the future and his guilt I always ask. Is there one verse in ELOHIM's WORD that teaches that the sins of the COY, or of the Household of Faith, will be laid on the head of Satan? I have never received an answer. They revert back to Satan being an "instigator" or "perpetrator". However, we must accept the role of this goat, and what it accomplishes.

So, the alter had to be cleansed as well. Could this be because this goat actually represented something quite precious to YAHWEH? Let's understand what Aaron and all of this symbolism truly represented.

- Heb 9:7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: Heb 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Heb 9:9 Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Heb 9:10 Which *stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation.

These priests served an imperfect service, because they offered both gifts and sacrifices that could not make them perfect. They simply were there to perform a temporary service before YAHWEH for the COY.

- Heb 9:11 But HAMASHIAC being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Now, we now know that the priest's role was to minister unto YAHWEH.

In the Old Covenant ritual, the high priest had to offer a bullock for his atonement before he could enter into the holy place. YAHSHUA, by HIS own blood, entered into the heavenly holy place. Isn't this why the holy place had to be cleansed by Aaron, before he could bring forth the live goat? This goat also represented YAHSHUA in another necessary role of the Atonement ceremony.

A point was made about the priest confessing the sins of the COY upon the live goat in the Atonement ceremony. Was he placing the sins upon himself? I.e., was YAHWEH as YAHSHUA confessing these sins upon HIMSELF. These bulls and goats were an offering which the priest offered for himself and the sins of the people. We know that these offerings were made unto YAHWEH.

By ELOHIM's WORD, which we just read, we clearly see that Aaron was simply a substitute for the heavenly HIGH PRIEST, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. So, now knowing that YAHSHUA became our HIGH PRIEST, what did HE offer, and to whom?

- Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: Heb 9:14 **How much more shall the blood of HAMASHIAC, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to ELOHIM,** purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living ELOHIM?

YAHSHUA, our HIGH PRIEST, offered HIMSELF to FATHER ELOHIM without spot, to purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living ELOHIM. Aaron performed his duties of ministry unto YAHWEH on the Day of Atonement in the place of YAHSHUA. His own death was not capable of accomplishing what is pictured by this day. And as such, he was simply a substitute, and had to sacrifice the blood of the bulls and goats, until the time of reformation.

YAHWEH, under the Old Covenant, was a substitute for FATHER ELOHIM, until the time of the reformation. When YAHWEH came, in the FATHER's name as YAHSUA, HE offered HIMSELF unto the FATHER. HIS entire service was unto HIS FATHER. So yes, in the metaphorical sense, the high priest did offer himself.

For a temporary remission of the COY's sins, a temporary high priest and the blood of animals, all representing the real deal to come, YAHSUA HAMASHIAC, was needed. Is this so difficult to understand?

- Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Now is YAHSUA the mediator of the New Covenant.

As we are this night appearing before FATHER ELOHIM on this same Day of Atonement, there is a mercy seat prepared in heaven on which YAHSUA HAMASHIAC our HIGH PRIEST, sits to mediate to FATHER ELOHIM on our behalf.

- Heb 9:24 For HAMASHIAC is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of ELOHIM for us: 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 HAMASHIAC 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.

Notice that YAHSHUA appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF. HE offered HIMSELF to bear the sins of many. Satan could not, did not, and will not accomplish this necessary action. Now, let's get some understanding of what we are reading.

It was said that the cleansing by the high priest of the holy place was necessary because it represented heaven. And thus, after the death of YAHSHUA, HE is now in heaven on our behalf. On this we can agree.

However, the additional thought was that when HE returns from heaven is when the ritual of the "live" goat will occur by the putting away of Satan. This is when HE shall confess the sins of the people on the head of Satan, and Satan shall bear upon him all of the sins of the people into a land uninhabited. Sadly, my Brethren have accepted this teaching, even though it cannot be taught without outside sources. There simply is not one scripture in ELOHIM's WORD that states that our sins shall be confessed on the head of Satan, and he shall bear our sins unto an uninhabited place.

Well, sadly, my Brethren reject the Apostle Paul's words about the Atonement. We all agree that it is a two-part institution. However, is the death of YAHSHUA the first part, and the putting away of Satan the second part?

Well, once we are forgiven by HAMASHIAC, the sins for which we were forgiven are remembered no more. However, even though we were forgiven as a result of the blood of YAHSHUA, it did not save us.

- Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to ELOHIM by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by his life**.

HIS death reconciled us by justifying us. It passed over our past sins. Each year, we once again place ourselves under the protective and cleansing blood of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC at the Passover.

- 1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

This is why we not only must be baptized; we must acknowledge our faith in the blood of YAHSHUA at the Passover. This also is why we must do what HE told HIS disciples to do; wash those feet. We were washed/bathed at our baptism. However, we only became clean throughout at the Passover.

- 1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Who do we confess our sins to, Satan or YAHSHUA? There will be NO additional protective blood to put ourselves under at the Day of Atonement, now or in the future. In our humble state of affliction, we are reminded of the awesome sacrifice of YAHWEH ELOHIM for cleansing of our souls. And yet, this does not complete what is necessary for our complete atonement. The Apostle Paul states firmly that we are saved by HIS life. And it is because we have been reconciled by our cleansing by the blood of YAHSHUA, and, we are saved by the life of YAHSHUA, that the Apostle wrote the following.

- Rom 5:11 And not only *so*, but we also joy in ELOHIM through our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, **by whom we have now received the atonement.**

We already have received the atonement. What my Brethren conveniently ignore is the significance that ELOHIM's WORD teaches about the resurrection of YAHSHUA. As we answer the question about the Atonement and salvation, it is Biblically obvious that our being saved is dependent on both YAHSHUA's death and resurrection.

Consider this, without the resurrection, YAHSHUA could not enter into the heavenly holy place. Without HIS resurrection, the following exists.

- 1Co 15:17 And if HAMASHIAC be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins. 1Co 15:18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in HAMASHIAC are perished. 1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in HAMASHIAC, we are of all men most miserable. 1Co 15:20 But now is HAMASHIAC risen from the dead, *and* become the first fruits of them that slept. 1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in HAMASHIAC shall all be made alive.

As we consider this Day of Atonement, the Apostle Paul declares to the saints who are in HAMASHIAC, we have now received the atonement. But his declaration includes the little point that we have received it by both YAHSHUA's death and HIS life. Why others cannot, have not, or worse yet, refuse to study and accept this declaration by the Apostle Paul is a mystery to me. But we, on this most humble of nights, accept and praise the ELOHIM of Yisrael for this important disclosure by YAHSHUA's Apostle.

What this teaches us is that before YAHSHUA could become the HIGH PRIEST, HE had to die and be raised. HE could not simply die, as symbolized by the goat of the atonement. Before HE could enter into the holy place in heaven, HE first had to be raised. What is amazing about this wonderful revelation, is that we can see it in our own baptisms.

Let's reread something here.

- Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as HAMASHIAC was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Our old selves died at our baptism. We confirmed this when we were washed at the anniversary of HAMASHIAC's death.

We then ate HIS body and drank HIS blood. And because we died and were raised in our baptism, we could then begin to walk in newness of life. This symbolizes the death and the resurrection of YAHSHUA. This metaphorically also symbolizes both the goats of the Atonement ceremony.

- Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

Yes, we now have the atonement because we have committed our lives to this covenant relationship of death and resurrection. Yet, we are not yet in the likeness of HIS resurrection.

- Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

As we afflict our souls on this 10th day of the seventh month of the year, we remember the death that has opened the door for our old selves to also be crucified, allowing our old bodies of sin to be destroyed. This is not by any action relating to Satan. It is by the actions of our HAMASHIAC, YAHSHUA. Where does Satan fit?

- 1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of ELOHIM was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.** 1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of ELOHIM doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of ELOHIM.

It was YAHSHUA that came to destroy the works of Satan. This is not accomplished by the putting away of Satan for 1,000 years. It was accomplished by the actions of YAHSHUA that HE completed, and for what we are remembering on this Day of Atonement.

- Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

It was by YAHSHUA's death that Satan has now been sentenced. By HIS death, we are no longer in bondage.

And yet while we are humbling ourselves, we realize that ELOHIM also provided us with the hope that tells us to hold on.

- 6:8 Now if we be dead with HAMASHIAC, we believe that we shall also live with him:

This is that second part that would be totally left out of the equation of the Atonement if we only had the sin offering of the Atonement and Satan as the ultimate symbolism of the Atonement we are remembering this evening.

- Rom 6:9 Knowing that HAMASHIAC being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Rom 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto ELOHIM. Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto ELOHIM through YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC our Lord.

How many of us remember an old spiritual named "HE Lives, HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA Lives Today"? This is the message of the Atonement that we have. Because HE lives, we who have been washed to be a part of HIM also live. But yet we live in our faith and hope of tomorrow.

Is the Day of Atonement also salvation? Yes.

This is because we have the one-time sin offering and resurrection of YAHSHUA. One action did not stand without the other. However, do we have salvation now? No. Remember, it is by the risen MESSIAH that we have hope of this salvation.

- Rom 8:24 For **we are saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

We know that that there is a physical salvation, such as the COY received as the Red Sea was opened for their escape from the Egyptians. WE also know that there are two phases of the spiritual salvation. Once we accept YAHSHUA through repentance and baptism into HIM, we died with HIM, and we were saved by HIS resurrection to a lively hope, as we rose with HIM in our baptism. Our being saved to a lively hope is a current form of our salvation, as long as we endure. It is our hope that we look forward to. This is why this day remembers the price that was paid for us, with the redeeming quality of a symbolic goat, through which we confess our sins with the assurance that that goat has symbolically taken away our sins by the forgiveness of our sins and the remembering those past sins no more. Through the symbolic actions of both goats, we have a future to look forward to that the human mind cannot fully comprehend.

The Apostle Yochanon ways in on this beautiful opportunity we have been given.

- 1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of ELOHIM: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

This is the greatest love that mankind can receive.

- 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, **now are we the sons of ELOHIM**, 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.**

Just as we are now forgiven by the death and saved by the resurrection of YAHSHUA, “now are we the sons and daughters of ELOHIM”. And yet there is this big “however”. It doesn’t appear yet what we shall be.

And yet we have this hope and belief, that when HE shall appear, we shall be like HIM, and see HIM as HE is”.

We already have the atonement. It is not what we look forward to on this day. What we look forward to each year on this day is the receipt of the promise of the ultimate freedom from these tabernacles of flesh, while afflicting ourselves in remembrance of the price paid for us and the love of our FATHER in YAHSHUA’s resurrection, which is available to all who repented, died with HIM in baptismal water, rose with HIM, and are enduring until the end. This is the ultimate conclusion of the Atonement. This is what we look forward to as we fast, and remember how we have been given this most awesome of all opportunities.

- 1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

On this day, as we continue in this hope, we fast as a symbol of our purification. If our minds are pure on this day, we have at-one-ment with ELOHIM.

After telling us that we have the atonement, the Apostle reminds us what this is all about.

- Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? ELOHIM forbid. Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Rom 6:17 But ELOHIM be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

- Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. Rom 6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death. Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to ELOHIM, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but **the gift of ELOHIM is eternal life through YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC our Lord.**

And we remember the role of the high priest on this Day of Atonement. He ministered unto YAHWEH. HE was a servant unto YAHWEH. We have learned that YAHWEH gave up HIS own name, to come in the name of the FATHER and to serve the FATHER, as the new and true HIGH PRIEST. As we are reminded that we have been made free from sin by the removal of our sins, we now are in the service to ELOHIM. Notice the Apostle Yochanon's words.

- Rev 1:5 And from YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,** Rev 1:6 **And hath made us kings and priests unto ELOHIM and his Father;** to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

On this day, we remember our PASSOVER, YAHSHUA, who loved us, and washed us from our sins by HIS own blood. And get this next text. Now, as a result, we have been made kings and priests unto ELOHIM and HIS FATHER.

YAHSHUA is now back in the family of ELOHIM with the FATHER. We are now priests unto the family of ELOHIM.

We know that ELOHIM's WORD was written in a masculine basis. And knowing that women are now totally responsible for their own salvations, we understand that this priesthood includes them. We are now all servants to ELOHIM, just as Aaron and his sons ministered unto YAHWEH.

This is why, on this day, the following scriptures provide so much light to our understanding of the day.

- 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. 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.

I asked the question during our recent discussion about the atonement. What do these words picture in the future? A response was given that it was the return of YAHSHUA to this earth. And on this, we were in agreement. I believe that when the Brother who responded allows himself to be freed of the false teachings of others about this day, he will think to himself. Wow! There was no trumpet commanded during the Day of Atonement rituals under the Old Covenant.

And yet, in the year of Yubilee, the trumpet shall blow on the Day of Atonement.

We honored the Memorial of the Blowing of the Trumpets ten days ago. There were seven trumpets that shall blow when FATHER ELOHIM so ordains them to do so. It is the seventh trumpet brings about freedom. The Prophet Yoel added this.

- Joe 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

This is that trumpet of the Yubilee that shall blow on the Day of Atonement, while a fast is sanctified during a holy convocation.

- Joe 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Through our other studies together, we know that this is also a time called “in that day”, when the COY shall be released from their current bondage under the heathen to be freed and brought back to their land. Yet, we also sadly know that it will not be without their persecution that will occur during those first six trumpets. And that brings us no joy. This is another reason why we are humbling and afflicting ourselves on this day. This two-part freedom shall come at a cost to this nation of ours. But for those who survive, there is hope of a better day.

- Joe 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of YAHWEH, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O YAHWEH, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their ELOHIM? Joe 2:18 Then will YAHWEH be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

- Joe 2:19 Yea, YAHWEH will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: Joe 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Joe 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for YAHWEH will do great things. Joe 2:22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in YAHWEH your ELOHIM: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*. Joe 2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of YAHWEH your ELOHIM, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. Joe 2:27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* YAHWEH your ELOHIM, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. Joe 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of YAHWEH come.

We know that these events teach us of the Great Tribulation, which is also the time of Yacob's trouble. And yet, at the conclusion is that Day of Atonement in that future year of Yubilee where the following shall happen.

- Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of YAHWEH shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YAHWEH hath said, and in the remnant whom YAHWEH shall call.

And finally, the humility we show this day in our affliction is meant to encourage us by both our remembrance of the price paid for us, and the knowledge of what it has granted to us.

The Apostle who was given the keys of the Kingdom brings us home.

- 1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the ELOHIM and Father of our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC from the dead,

How many times do we need to read the fact that we only have the hope of the salvation to come, by the resurrection of YAHSHUA, symbolized by the confession of our sins unto ELOHIM in HIS name, and HIS taking and bearing our past sins into an uninhabited world of forgetfulness?

- 1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

This is what we now have, a reserved inheritance in heaven where our HIGH PRIEST on this day is again entering into the holy place on our behalf.

- 1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of ELOHIM through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC: 1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

Brothers and Sisters, let us endure our affliction with a purity of our mindsets. Endure the world of modernity in this blessed hope, not allowing anyone or anything to rob you of the end of your faith that shall be given to you on this Day of Atonement during that future year of Yubilee, which shall be the salvation of your souls.

Shalom!