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1. INTRODUCTION

When I first wrote this article back in 2017, the Day of Atonement seemed as though it should be such a simple annual “holy day” to understand by all those who had some prior familiarity with the Day. Since that time, the impact by a number of opposing forces towards this understanding has grown tremendously. Now (not that these may be new (perhaps only new to me), we have 1) the Book of Enoch and its teachings about “azazel”, 2) the lack of the knowledge about the relationship between YAHWEH (the LORD) and HIS chosen people, 3) the lack of knowledge about the relationship between YAHSHUA (Jesus) and HIS disciples/apostles, and 4) a continuous belief by many brethren in the teachings of the so-called Jews (widely accepted to be the ancestors of the Children of Yisrael (COY), to contend with in modernity.

As a result, a major understanding about the annual “holy days” taught in the 23rd chapter of the Book of Leviticus is being challenged by these new teachings applicable to the Day of Atonement, as well as certain factors applicable to the Feast of Weeks/Harvest (called Pentecost), which the so-called Jews call it Shavuot.

Now, a relevant point I have learned is that the “holy days”, Biblically speaking are actually “appointed times”, as taught by YAHWEH HIMSELF.

- Lev 23:1 And **YAHWEH spake unto Moses**, saying, Lev 23:2 **Speak unto the children of Israel**, and say unto them, *Concerning **the feasts of YAHWEH**, **which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations**, even **these are my feasts**.*

So much of Christendom has not been taught that these so-called “holy days” were YAHWEH’s and not Yisrael’s to begin with. The COY were the people chosen by YAHWEH to implement this part of the redemptive plan of the family of God (ELOHIM). In verse 2, both instances of the word feasts are “moed”, or “appointed times”. These were first spoken of in the beginning of the creation.

- Gen 1:14 And ELOHIM said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, **and for seasons**, and for days, and years:

The Hebrew word for seasons is also “moed”, or “appointed times”. Thus, these “appointed times” were established or planned out in the beginning of creation, whose timing are dependent on the lights in the firmament (the sun and the moon).

However, the implementation of the commandments for these “appointed times” did not occur until YAHWEH “called-out” HIS chosen nation, the COY. We read how that these were codified in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus.

While this article shall focus on only one of these “appointed times”, the Day of Atonement, I have learned that I can never take anyone for granted about one’s Biblical knowledge. So many of us have read different levels of the Bible, which is the Word of ELOHIM (WOE). As human beings, we are creatures of habit, and thus we tend to forget what we may have read before, if not continually practiced or repeated. Perhaps it has not been emphasized enough, or not at all. Perhaps we never read it in the first place. And if this is the case, we have lost the spiritual battle before we started. Why?

- Joh 14:26 But **the Comforter**, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom **the Father will send in my name**, he **shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

These words spoken by the MESSIAH HIMSELF teach that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, shall teach all things by bringing all things to our remembrance. If we don’t read for ourselves what the MESSIAH has spoken, what is there to bring back to our remembrance? This is why I choose to restate rather than simply reference most of the scriptures used in my articles.

And because of our short memory span, I have also adopted a repetitive stance in my articles towards the inclusiveness of important and necessary protocols found in the WOE.

First, why do I call the Bible the WOE? Note these words by Samuel to Saul, the King of Yisrael.

- 1Sa 9:27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that **I may shew thee the word of ELOHIM (God).**

Samuel was perhaps the first great judge in the history of the COY. And it is the lack of knowledge of the history of the COY that at times paralyzes our ability to become spiritually as one. We know who ELOHIM is here by the following:

- Gen 1:26 And **ELOHIM said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Every believer should know that the word God was translated from the Hebrew word ELOHIM, a group of omnipotent deities who made man in THEIR image and after THEIR likeness. I capitalize this word whenever it relates to the CREATORS, because the same Hebrew word is sometimes used to denote false gods, or “elohim”, as noted below in the Ten Commandments.

- Exo 20:2 **I am YAHWEH thy ELOHIM,** which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Exo 20:3 **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

Here, YAHWEH thy ELOHIM commands that the COY, and HIS believers in modernity, “shalt have no other gods before” HIM. This word “gods” is also “elohim”, never to be capitalized in this context. I believe you get the picture.

So, Samuel, the Prophet/Judge, was about to show Saul the Word of ELOHIM. And when we get to the New Testament (Covenant), we read MESSIAH’s own words.

- Luk 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, **blessed are they that hear the word of ELOHIM, and keep it.**

Yes brethren, “blessed are they that hear the Word of ELOHIM” (WOE), and “keep it”. And as such, we want to now present a needed update to this article on the Symbolism of the Atonement, Becoming One With ELOHIM.

Each year, after celebrating the memorial of the Blowing of Trumpets, those of us who have been called to an understanding of the WOE begin to prepare ourselves for a day of affliction. We prepare ourselves for a 24-hour period in which we shall eat no food nor drink any water, called the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:27). This is what we know we are commanded to do because it is one of ELOHIM’s annual “appointed times”.

Yet, the story of this day is far more than our simply going without food and water.

And here is where we must better understand the symbols of this “appointed time” YAHWEH gave to Moses to give to the COY. Here is where we have encountered stumbling blocks. ELOHIM obviously chose to provide us with symbols and protocols throughout the WOE to metaphorically enlighten us to HIS plan of redemption/salvation.

And yet, this plan is so powerful to those who accept the WOE that it was never meant to be easy to understand. It was presented to engage our faith in ELOHIM. However, our human minds love to operate in a spirit of indifference towards one another, and ultimately towards the WOE. We don’t want to agree on much. And so it is with the symbolism provided to the COY on this very special day.

Sadly, the typical so-called Christian churches of this world of modernity do not honor the “appointed times” YAHWEH commanded the COY in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus. Most of the so-called Jewish people in modernity honor the day called Yom Kippur. And in so doing, their commemoration of this day does not consider the person the world calls Jesus Christ, referred to as HIS Hebrew name YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC in this article, as the focal point of their belief.

I am also learning that some teachings about the Day of Atonement (and the Feast of Weeks) push against what I once thought was the accepted protocol about all of ELOHIM’s annual “appointed times”. That is, that all of these annual “appointed times” point to ONE person, and ONE person alone. And that person was, is, and forever shall be YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, known to the world as Jesus Christ.

Subtly, we are seeing a wind of teaching within what the WOE calls the Household of Faith (HOF) (Galatians 6:10) that we shall see in this article is teaching some within the HOF to minimize a major and required action needed in order for the plan of redemption/salvation to come unto fruition. This teaching dear brethren, is the failure of certain pockets within the HOF to understand the awesome importance of the resurrection of YAHSHUA to our understanding of the Feast of Weeks (called Pentecost) and the Day of Atonement.

However, this article is primarily all about the Day of Atonement. Please read my article [Can You Count To Fifty, the Appointed Time Of Weeks](http://www.elohimworksop.com), on my website www.elohimworksop.com, for more detail on the Feast of Weeks.

As we shall read, those groups who keep the Day of Atonement know that the main characters in this drama include two (2) goats. The accurate identity of these two goats is being challenged in an unprecedented manner in modernity. Do both of these goats represent YAHSHUA, or, as some vehemently now teach, does one goat represent YAHSHUA and the second represent Satan?

In this revised version of this article, allow me to emphasize a Biblical protocol that should profoundly impact our understanding and desire for truth, that is, if we profess a belief in the WOE.

During our annual Passover observances, many of us will read John (Yochanon) chapters 14 – 17 to conclude our services. It is in chapter 17 that YAHSHUA offers a final prayer to HIS FATHER, just prior to HIS death.

- 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.**

As HE was about to be put to death, YAHSHUA prayed these words about the twelve men whom the FATHER had given HIM, who became HIS primary disciples. These men received and kept the FATHER's word. Notice what HE specifically proclaims in this prayer about these men.

- 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.**

YAHSHUA first prays ONLY for these men, who were HIS disciples and would later become HIS apostles (also to later include Paul). HE prayed not for the world. And as HE continued in this final prayer, HE spoke the following words that should be the foundational guidance and protocol in all of our spiritual knowledge and understanding of the New Covenant, and of the WOE in its entirety.

- 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.

If we learn nothing new from this article, please let us all get what we are being taught here by YAHSHUA. In praying ONLY for HIS disciples/apostles, YAHSHUA then additionally prays ONLY “for them also which shall believe on me through their word”. Whose word is it that YAHSHUA prays that HIS believers should follow? By the words of YAHSHUA HIMSELF, the only followers whom HE prayed to the FATHER for, are those who shall believe on HIM through the word of HIS disciples/apostles. And just as importantly, **HE proclaimed in HIS prayer that it is by believing in HIM through the word of these disciples/apostles, we may become one.** I.e., my brethren, **this is the only way for the HOF to become one,** as YAHSHUA and HIS FATHER are one.

Now, another of these disciples, the Apostle Paul, taught the following.

- 1Co 5:7 **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump,** as ye are unleavened. **For even HAMASHIACH our Passover is sacrificed for us:**

Knowing that YAHSHUA, again, whom the world calls Jesus Christ, has become our PASSOVER, we observe the eight-day period of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread at the beginning of the first month of the Hebrew calendar, to purge out the old leaven (the old sins) that we may become unleavened (sin free) before the MOST HIGH. The focus point of this period is on what YAHSHUA accomplished for HIS believers on the Passover.

These words represent the major foundation of “called-out ones” who accept the WOE as their spiritual guides, rather than sources that continually teach false doctrines that cannot be read in the WOE. To any so-call Christian of modernity that maintains such days as Sunday, Easter and Christmas, ask yourselves this question. Do you disagree with the Apostle Paul’s words spoken to the “called-out” saints of Corinth? He called YAHSHUA, or Jesus, our PASSOVER. Is HE your PASSOVER?

With this understanding of what may be the most important of all of the New Covenant protocols, let us return to the Day of Atonement.

As “called-out ones”, the emphasis of YAHSHUA’s prayer does not leave room for our indifferences. Either YAHSHUA prayed only for HIS disciples here, or HE didn’t. I maintain that this is not something that we should be operating in a spirit of indifference. HE specifically states that HE did not pray for the world. HE then said that these belonged to the FATHER. They were HIS.

The question is, do we have space left in our mindsets to allow us to absorb the flow of what the MOST HIGH’s WORD has to offer, as provided to us by these disciples/apostles of YAHSHUA. As we seek to understand these most important symbolisms, shouldn’t the words of YAHSHUA the HAMASHIACH, our PASSOVER, be the guiding force to our understanding of the symbolism of the Day of Atonement.

As mentioned earlier, there is disagreement about the two goats of the Day of Atonement. Ultimately, this article shall identify that on this Day of Atonement, YAHWEH presented four key characters (the high priest, two goats, and YAHWEH HIMSELF) to the COY, who metaphorically represent only two key characters (YAHSHUA the SON and YAHSHUA the FATHER), later presented to the HOF.

As we get into this study, please, remember the following. What was, is, or should be so special to “called-out ones” about the Day of the Atonement? Most of know the following:

- 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.**

One of those disciples/apostles, the Apostle Yochanon (John), taught us that the blood of YAHSHUA “cleanses us from all sin”. The Apostle Paul taught us that YAHSHUA is our PASSOVER. All Christians should absolutely know that YAHSHUA became our PASSOVER, when HE shed HIS innocent. And **it is HIS innocently shed blood that cleanses all of our sins.**

In order for us to discern the individual parts we are about to read, we must first understand the stated purpose as to why these symbols were commanded by YAHWEH ELOHIM in the first place. Notice the words that Moses spoke to the COY at the end of providing them with the detailed commandments for the Day of Atonement.

- 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.**

This statement says it all. Now this word translated atonement throughout this 16th chapter of Leviticus is the Hebrew word “kaphar” which means to cover, cleanse, disannul, forgive and/or make atonement. We shall learn that we can see all of these meanings in verse 30 as **an atonement was made for the COY, to cleanse them, so that they might be clean from all their sins before YAHWEH,** which was the sole purpose for why this Day of Atonement was commanded. The words “the priest” in italics were inserted by the KJV translators. Notice the NASB version.

- Lev 16:30 for **it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you will be clean from all your sins before YAHWEH.**

Let’s make something adamantly clear about the Day of Atonement. **It is not a day for the cleansing of the world.** The reason I decided to place these conclusionary scriptures first, is so that we are all of one mind on what this Day of Atonement is designed to accomplish. Under the Old Covenant, the design was ONLY for the atonement and cleansing of an entire nation of people, the COY. Why? YAHWEH later instructed one of HIS prophets to answer this question.

- Amo 3:1 **Hear this word that YAHWEH hath spoken against you, O children of Israel,** against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, Amo 3:2 **You only have I known of all the families of the earth;** therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Amo 3:3 **Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**

The COY was the only family of the earth YAHWEH knew; which also is why they would receive such a great punishment for their disobedience before YAHWEH.

So, if the sole purpose was to cleanse the entire nation of Yisrael under the Old Covenant, what is different under the New Covenant? We shall find out.

- Lev 16:31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and **ye shall afflict your souls,** by a statute forever.

To the COY, it was a Sabbath of rest and the affliction of their souls by fasting.

We know that this affliction of souls was a commanded fast by the following words.

- 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?**

The Day of Atonement requires a total fast, which allows for an ultimate form of humility for those whose hearts partake of it as desired by YAHWEH.

- 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**.

On this Day of Atonement, the priest was responsible for making an atonement/cleansing for the 1) sanctuary, 2) the tabernacle of the congregation, 3) the altar, 4) the priests, and 5) for all of the people of the congregation (the COY); with the ultimate goal as follows.

- 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 YAHWEH commanded Moses.

All that we see in verse 33 was a statute forever unto the COY, for the sole purpose of making an atonement/cleansing for them for all their sins once a year. Before we begin to read through all of the commanded details, it is important to understand that this was accomplished only on the Day of Atonement, and only once a year. And, under the Old Covenant, the Day of Atonement was commanded only for what we read in verses 30 and 34, no more, no less.

Knowing that the ultimate purpose of the Day of Atonement was nationalistic under the Old Covenant, like all of YAHWEH's commandments, we shall see that there shall be a shift towards an individualistic purpose under the New Covenant.

And yet in the end, the duality of this nationalist approach shall once again be reflected in what shall ultimately be fulfilled by this Day of Atonement. So, as we consider all that we shall read in Leviticus 16 about the COY and their high priest, allow yourself to consider what it all means to the “called-out ones” of the New Covenant.

That being read and said, I want to try and present what my study of the subject has shown me. And please, don't allow yourself to be led by anti-thoughts because my conclusion may agree with one group versus another. I have concluded strictly based on what we shall read in scripture and could care less about who I agree with, except for what I can read in the WOE.

I would like to believe that all “called out ones” (those led to understand that the “appointed times” of the 23rd chapter of Leviticus are still requirements for Christians of today) who understand the true identity of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, inherently desire to know truth. However, YAHSHUA warned us of the following:

- Mat 24:24 For **there shall arise false hamashiachs, and false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, **they shall deceive the very elect**.

The “called-out ones” are the New Covenant elect, who tend at times to be swayed by their church leadership's teaching, rather than “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of ELOHIM” (Mathew 4:4). Hopefully, all who read this study will approach the subject at hand with a sincere desire to understand the truth, whatever the end result. So, let's see where this takes us.

And to start, I want to profoundly set the stage by stating right up front that all of the MOST HIGH's “appointed times”, including the Day of Atonement, are and have always been about YAHWEH/YAHSHUA. YAHSHUA is our PASSOVER, through whom we become unleavened, having begun HIS New Covenant church through HIS disciples/apostles, adding to HIS church on the Feast of Weeks (called Pentecost), announcing **HE will return with trumpets for those who are HIS**, who have tabernacled in these fleshly temples, to finally establish HIS government on this earth for a prophetic day (1,000 years). Did you get all of that? I believe those that have eyes to see will digest the statement.

All Biblical roads lead to YAHSHUA, the HAMASHIACH, our PASSOVER. Yet, there are some within the HOF community that accept and believe that Satan has a role in this redemptive plan that cleansed the COY, and now us, of all our sins, as provided in the Day of Atonement ceremony. Thus, we need to be clear. YAHSHUA informed us exactly who and what Satan has always been.

- Joh 8:44 **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth**, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it**.

He was and is a liar and murderer; and in fact, he is the father of liars. Yet we must remember something very important. **Each of us is responsible for our own thoughts and actions**, not Satan. If he alone is responsible, then the Lake of Fire would not be the ultimate end for unbelievers, but for Satan alone. We know the story of Job. We also know the story of the beasts of Revelations.

Satan serves his purpose, which is to deceive the weak and to thwart those who are of the HOF, just as he thwarted the archangel Gabriel in Daniel 10:13. As we are allowed to see, we must make our own choices after having “counted the cost”. In fact, we of the HOF should clearly understand the following:

- Rev 12:9 And **the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our ELOHIM, and the power of his HAMASHIACH: for **the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our ELOHIM day and night**. Rev 12:11 And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony**; and **they loved not their lives unto the death**.

Satan (the great dragon, that old serpent, called the devil) deceives the whole world. He indeed is our accuser, a point many focus on; those who believe him to be the second goat of the Day of Atonement ceremony. There should be absolutely no disagreement on what the WOE clearly states. And our agreement must also focus on verse 11. All of the HOF have been given both the ability and the opportunity to overcome Satan, **only by the blood of the LAMB**.

And, we shall ensure that “the LAMB” is clearly identified to us as YAHSHUA, the PASSOVER for the “elect” of the New Covenant.

That being said, let’s turn our attention to identify and understand all of the main characters, who set the tone for what is accomplished on the Day of Atonement as it relates to the plan of salvation established by ELOHIM from the beginning. And who better to begin with than YAHWEH HIMSELF.

2. YAHWEH ELOHIM

Now, in order for the HOF to ever become as one, we must do something that it appears so difficult for us to do at times. Yes, we must be as little children (Mathew 18:3-4). And yet we must incorporate the following:

- Heb 5:14 But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

We must also begin to eat strong meat, if we are to discern the words we are reading. This is how we defeat the errors that are creeping into the HOF in modernity.

So, articles written about the Day of Atonement typically speak primarily of Aaron the high priest and the two goats that are presented. In this important update, I realized that there is another key character that must be addressed. And that is the identity of YAHWEH ELOHIM. Who was YAHWEH? Who is YAHWEH today?

We have already read how that in Genesis 1:26 ELOHIM said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". Obviously, this teaches us that ELOHIM is a family of two or more omnipotent deities. This family of omnipotent deities designed a salvational plan centered around the "appointed times", of which the Day of Atonement is a critical part.

The entire 1st chapter of Genesis details how that ELOHIM designed the heavens and the earth, prioritizing the earth and its inhabitants. Mankind was created and designed on the sixth day of this creation to become the primary emphasis of this creation. The WOE begins to provide the details of the creation of man in the second chapter as follows.

- Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, **in the day that YAHWEH (the LORD) ELOHIM made the earth and the heavens,**

After being presented all that was created during the six days of creation week, we are taught that "the LORD ELOHIM made the earth and the heavens". The Hebrew for "the LORD", where LORD is in all caps, is "YHWH", a tetragrammaton historically pronounced YAHWEH.

However, if we look at the tetragrammaton, while there appear to be but two syllables (YH and WH), it is not unreasonable to see that HW might also be a syllable. And in the absence of further direction given in the WOE, both YAHWEH and YAHAWAH may appear to be reasonable pronunciations of this name. I do not take issue with anyone's translation here. It is the knowledge of who and what YHWH represents that is important to our understanding of the WOE.

So, it was YAHWEH, of the family of ELOHIM, that actually made the earth and the heavens. A few verses later we learn the following:

- Gen 2:7 And **YAHWEH ELOHIM formed man of the dust of the ground,** and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Now we learn that it was YAHWEH who formed man. We shall see the significance of these two verses very shortly. What else are we taught about YAHWEH? We also know that many in modernity refer to YAHWEH as Jehovah because of the following verse.

- Exo 6:2 And ELOHIM spake unto Moses, and said unto him, **I am YAHWEH:** Exo 6:3 And **I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by EL SHADDAY (God Almighty),** but **by my name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH) was I not known to them.**

In these verses YAHWEH identifies who HE truly is to Moses. And we need to clear up a few translational issues. The words "God Almighty" in verse 3 are the Hebrew words "EL SHADDAI", wherein "EL" is singular version of ELOHIM. YAHWEH had previously appeared to the fathers as EL SHADDAY (the all-powerful deity). Now, HE is clearly telling us that YAHWEH, or JEHOVAH, is HIS name, not simply a title or a description, as was EL SHADDAY.

Now, verse 3 is the first time the translators chose to use the word JEHOVAH. And notice, they have it in all caps. Why? In fact, it is the same Hebrew word as it was for "the LORD", or YAHWEH, which also was in all caps. Let's get some understanding of this important knowledge.

Why did the translators change the name from YAHWEH or YAHAWAH, to JEHOVAH? Why didn't they simply write "YEHOVAH" using the "Y", which they knew would be more accurate. They knew that the letter "J" was a more recent European creation in 1611. Think of the great confusion that now exists because of this. This is a European thing that the COY continue to accept because of a lack of self-study.

The HOF should know, beyond a shadow of doubt that the transition of the creation of the letter "j" began in 14th century Europe, and wasn't completed until the 17th century. While I previously understood this truth, my research has more recently discovered the following.

"It wasn't until 1524 when Gian Giorgio Trissino, an Italian Renaissance grammarian known as the father of the letter J, made a clear distinction between the two sounds."

Are we seeing this? An Italian grammarian, Gian Giorgio Trissino, is known as the father of the letter J. What culture does this fine scholar belong to? He was of the "holy Roman empire", which is the beast described in the Books of Daniel and the Revelation. Brethren, as we grow in our understanding of the WOE, the consequence of this knowledge needs to marinate in your thoughts. My article "Understanding the Biblical Presentations of God and LORD" presents further details on the subject of the names that have been hidden from us.

And so, who was the EL of the COY?

- 1Ch 17:24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified forever, saying, **YAHWEH of hosts is the EL of Israel, even a EL to Israel:** and *let* the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee.

So, it was the Prophet King David who taught us that YAHWEH ELOHIM was the EL of Yisrael. And later, YAHWEH HIMSELF would eventually identify HIS future role in this great salvational plan to us.

- Zec 12:4 **In that day, saith YAHWEH,** I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

This verse is presented simply so that we know it is YAHWEH ELOHIM speaking these words. Later, we read this.

- Zec 12:10 And **I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him,** as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

YAHWEH here prophesies that when the COY are returned to their land “in that day” (HIS prophesied 1,000-year reign on the earth), they will look upon HIM (YAHWEH), whom they have pierced. Even modernity’s Christians should know who was ultimately pierced and fulfilled this prophecy. But, let’s read it.

- Joh 19:33 But **when they came to YAHSHUA, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:** Joh 19:34 **But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side,** and forthwith came there out blood and water. Joh 19:35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. Joh 19:36 **For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled,** A bone of him shall not be broken. Joh 19:37 And again another scripture saith, **They shall look on him whom they pierced.**

By now, even the novice student should be getting and embracing what is being taught us by the WOE. YAHWEH, the EL of Yisrael, is HE who came into the world as YAHSHUA (or Jesus if you prefer), the SON of EL (the FATHER), who would teach us the following facts about the FATHER, whom we now know made the worlds through YAHWEH.

- Joh 4:24 **EL is a Spirit:** and **they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.**

And this is probably the most important verse in the WOE for all who claim to believe in ELOHIM. We must believe that HE IS. And by these words, we also know that the FATHER is also a spirit.

YAHSHUA prayed the following words, after HE kept the New Covenant Passover with HIS disciples.

Notice these words very carefully.

- Joh 17:1 **These words spake YAHSHUA**, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee**: Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true ELOHIM, and YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, whom thou hast sent. Joh 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. Joh 17:5 **And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

Now, YAHSHUA is preparing to return to the former glory HE had with the FATHER before the world was. Who was HE in that former glory? HE was YAHWEH ELOHIM, who became the EL of Yisrael. And HE had provided further details about the FATHER's role in the relationship between ELOHIM and mankind.

- Joh 1:18 **No man hath seen EL (the FATHER) at any time**; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.
- Joh 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**
- Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of ELOHIM. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Joh 6:46 **Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of ELOHIM, he hath seen the Father.**

YAHSHUA proclaims loudly that no man has seen or heard the voice of ELOHIM the FATHER, at any time. And yet there are several examples of man seeing the EL (God) of Yisrael documented in the WOE such as the following:

- Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: Exo 24:10 And **they saw the EL of Israel**: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.

- Exo 24:11 **And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand:** also **they saw EL, and did eat and drink.** Exo 24:12 And YAHWEH said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Moses received the Ten Commandments from YAHWEH HIMSELF. When that happened, he and the elders of Yisrael actually saw YAHWEH, the EL of Yisrael. They did not see the member of the family of ELOHIM, who is presented in the New Covenant as the FATHER. Obviously by plan, **YAHWEH is the only member of the family of ELOHIM that has dealt with mankind in the flesh.** In fact, **the FATHER does not even show up until Revelations 21,** when all shall be restored.

And we know by the testimony, the New Covenant, that YAHWEH could not have been the FATHER. So, who was the EL of Yisrael? It was YAHWEH. The WOE is sure for all who desire its truth.

The bottom line is that we are all creations of the family of ELOHIM, consisting of whom we now know to be the FATHER and the SON, YAHSHUA (whose former name was YAHWEH).

We should now clearly see that by studying Zechariah 12:10 and Yochanon 19:34 and 37, that YAHWEH ELOHIM is the same member of the family of ELOHIM who as the WORD, came into the world and was given the name YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC (whom the world of modernity calls Jesus Christ). And finally, YAHSHUA confirms that mankind has never heard the voice of the FATHER, nor has man ever seen the FATHER.

The Apostle Paul further taught us this about the COY and YAHWEH/YAHSHUA, whom they followed.

- 1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, **how that all our fathers were under the cloud,** and **all passed through the sea;** 1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 1Co 10:3 **And did all eat the same spiritual meat;** 1Co 10:4 And **did all drink the same spiritual drink:** for they drank of that spiritual Rock **that followed them: and that Rock was HAMASHIAC.**

Not only was YAHSHUA the ROCK that the COY followed, the prophets teach us one additional major point of knowledge we should not forget.

When the COY were led by judges such as Samuel, they showed forth a part of their DNA that has plagued them even until this day; they wanted to be like other nations. They demanded a king.

- 1Sa 8:6 But **the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us.** And Samuel prayed unto YAHWEH. 1Sa 8:7 And **YAHWEH said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee:** for they have not rejected thee, but **they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.** 1Sa 8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith **they have forsaken me, and served other gods,** so do they also unto thee.

The COY rejected and forsook YAHWEH to serve the gods of the nations. In seeking a king, they rejected their true KING. The Prophet Isaiah makes it plain.

- Isa 44:5 One shall say, I *am* YAHWEH'S; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto YAHWEH, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel. Isa 44:6 **Thus saith YAHWEH the King of Israel, and his redeemer YAHWEH of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no ELOHIM.**

Regardless of the sentiments and desires of the COY, in fact, YAHWEH was the KING of YISRAEL. HE was YAHWEH of HOSTS. YAHWEH was the first, and shall be the last. When we get to the New Covenant, we find the following expressions about YAHSHUA, the SON of ELOHIM.

- Joh 1:49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, **Rabbi, thou art the Son of ELOHIM; thou art the King of Israel.**
- Joh 12:12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that YAHSHUA was coming to Jerusalem, Joh 12:13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: **Blessed is the King of Israel** that cometh in the name of the ADON.

- Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and **the Lamb shall overcome them**: for **he is Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful**.

When we get to the New Covenant, YAHSHUA's disciples knew who HE was. And finally, HE was identified as the LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS who shall overcome the nations of this world. When HE HIMSELF gave the messages to be given to the seven churches to the Apostle Yochanon, notice how HE identifies HIMSELF.

- Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on YAHWEH's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Rev 1:11 Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last**: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

As YAHWEH ELOHIM, HE told HIS Prophet that HE was the first and the last, as we read in Isaiah 44:6. As YAHSHUA, the SON of ELOHIM, HE told HIS Apostle Yochanon, that HE was the first and the last. YAHWEH and YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC are one and the same.

Let's confirm what we should already know by now about YAHWEH ELOHIM, as taught to us by those same disciples/apostles we learned about in Yochanon 17:6-9 earlier.

The Apostles Yochanon and Paul described HIM as follows:

- Joh 1:1 **In the beginning was the Word**, and **the Word was with ELOHIM, and the Word was ELOHIM**. Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with ELOHIM. Joh 1:3 **All things were made by him**; and without him was not anything made that was made.
- Heb 1:1 **ELOHIM**, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets**, Heb 1:2 Hath **in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds**;

YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC (Jesus Christ) is the WORD, who was in the beginning, was with God (EL the FATHER), and was ELOHIM (of the FAMILY of ELOHIM). This WORD made all things (just as we read about YAHWEH in Genesis 2:4 and 7). The Apostle Paul teaches us that ELOHIM spake unto the fathers of Yisrael by the prophets, and in the last days has spoken to us (the apostles) by HIS SON, “by whom also HE made the worlds”.

As YAHWEH ELOHIM, it was YAHSHUA who commanded the “appointed times” we read of earlier in Leviticus 23:1. I pray that we are all of one mind and spirit at this point in all that the WOE has presented to us about YAHWEH ELOHIM.

Now, I went through the Biblical knowledge of who it was in fact that gave the commandments to keep the Day of Atonement to the COY, so that when we study the events of the New Covenant, we are all on the same level of Biblical context. So, we must never forget this most fundamental knowledge about the identity of YAHWEH/YAHSHUA.

As such, we now should totally understand that it was this same YAHSHUA, who as YAHWEH, also gave Moses the commandments to instruct Aaron how to fulfil his role as the high priest on the Day of Atonement.

3. THE HIGH PRIEST

Although the Day of Atonement was codified along with all of the “appointed times” in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus, the key details of what was commanded to the COY about the Day of Atonement are found in chapter 16 of Leviticus.

And, we should face and all agree that all of the characters associated with this Day metaphorically represent future persons and events yet to be presented, based on what we have so far read. The details of this Day of Atonement began with perhaps the primary key character, Aaron, the high priest.

In the beginning of this ceremony, we read the following:

- 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**. 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**.

We know that Aaron was high priest because only the high priest was allowed to come “into the holy within the vail before the mercy seat”. When we read from the New Covenant in a moment, this will become even more obvious. This Day of Atonement was the only day in which he was allowed to come “within the vail before the mercy seat”. Why? It was because YAHWEH HIMSELF would “appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat”. So, on this Day of Atonement, YAHWEH was actually within this second vail in which the high priest was allowed to enter.

- 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.

So first, the high priest was required to prepare himself by being physically clean and then to put on the holy garments for what he was commissioned to accomplish on this Day.

- 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**.

Aaron next was commanded to take two goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. However, even though Aaron had physically cleansed himself by washing his flesh in water, he had to be symbolically atoned and cleansed by YAHWEH before he could execute the metaphorical role of high priest on this important appointed time.

- 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.**

So, first Aaron had to offer a bullock of the sin offering for himself; to make an atonement for himself and his house. And remember, the bullock was unblemished. With this Aaron was now qualified to act in this role as the high priest. Subsequent high priests of the COY had to perform these same rituals each year on the Day of Atonement before they could fulfill this role as high priests that represented so much more.

Most so-called Christians have not been taught about the role of the high priest on this Day. I said earlier that all of the “appointed times” point directly to the one so-called Christians call Jesus Christ. We know HIM as YAHSHUA.

This cannot simply be an idle statement. It must be verified by the WOE. Does the WOE present some future person to whom the role of this high priest directly points to? Thankfully, we do have those disciples/apostles to bridge these gaps for us.

What I have become constantly amazed at is the consistency of the WOE. YAHSHUA, who by HIS own mouth taught us that HE came in the flesh in the name of HIS FATHER (Yochanon 5:43), also taught us to believe on HIM through the word of HIS disciples/apostles (Yochanon 17:20). Everyone who bethinks themselves to be members of the HOF also believe they are being led by the Spirit of Truth. If that is the case, can we all stop and meditate on this Apostle’s word presented to us here. For in these few words, we are taught the answer to the metaphoric and prophetic purpose of the symbolism of the entire Day of Atonement ceremony.

- Heb 2:17 Wherefore **in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to ELOHIM, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**

The HOF should understand that the person we know as YAHSHUA/Jesus was presented in the Old Covenant as YAHWEH ELOHIM.

Through the Prophet Zechariyah, YAHWEH taught us that it would be HE HIMSELF who would be pierced in HIS side (Zechariyah 12:10). It was the Prophet/King David who spoke following words about YAHWEH.

- Psa 72:18 **Blessed be YAHWEH ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of Israel**, who only doeth wondrous things. Psa 72:19 **And blessed be his glorious name forever**: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

YAHWEH ELOHIM was the only ELOHIM known to the COY. In fact, the Prophet Yeramiah was commissioned 42 times to proclaim YAHWEH ELOHIM as the ELOHIM of Yisrael. So now, after YAHWEH ELOHIM has come “unto HIS own” (Yochanon 1:11) in the flesh, we are taught by HIS Apostle Paul that YAHWEH was made “like unto HIS brethren” (in the flesh) when HE came into the world as YAHSHUA. Why?

Well, the Apostle is teaching us that YAHSHUA did this in order “**that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to ELOHIM**”. We shall read how that being HIGH PRIEST represents but one of the four characters YAHSHUA would play on the Day of Atonement under the Old Covenant.

So now, YAHSHUA’s disciple/apostle is shedding light on the metaphorical role that Aaron and those other high priests of the COY, that would directly point to YAHSHUA in the future, if we can see it. Just as the Apostle Paul informed us about all of the “appointed times” in Colossians 2:11, Aaron was simply an Old Covenant “shadow of things to come”; that is YAHWEH HIMSELF becoming YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH, our HIGH PRIEST. Let’s further verify this connection by the words of YAHSHUA’s own disciple.

It is important for us to remember that what happened on this Day of Atonement was a one-time annual event in which the high priest of the COY was allowed to enter into the holiest of holies. This is what we read in Leviticus 16:2. The Apostle later makes the specific connection between the high priests of the COY by teaching us the following.

- 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.*

This “once every year” was the Day of Atonement. Why was the high priest only allowed to enter into the second veil once a year? This ceremony indeed was very special. And the first answer to this question is because that was how ELOHIM designed it. However, the truer answer is that once a year, this Day accomplishes a temporary form of redemption for all of the COY. As we continue to read, we shall see that the ultimate result of this one day shall be the redemption for all of those whom the WOE refers to as “called-out ones”.

Because of the misteaching that has arisen within the HOF about the unique symbolisms of this day, I am now including the following scripture in this article, because of its relevance to the Day of Atonement.

- Mat 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but **he that endureth to the end shall be saved**.

These words were spoken by our HIGH PRIEST YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH to HIS disciples. However, they are applicable to all HIS believers that both keep HIS words and HIS commandments (Yochanon 14:15 & 23 and 15:1) until the end. As we shall see written, this is the true fulfillment of the Day of Atonement.

In Hebrews 9:8, the Apostle profoundly teaches us that the true holiest of all was not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle was still standing. And as such, these symbols did not make the high priests of the COY perfect. I.e., **the symbols of Leviticus 16 were only meant to be temporary, until the true and perfect HIGH PRIEST would come**.

- Heb 9:11 But **HAMASHIACH 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.**

YAHSHUA became HIGH PRIEST “by a greater and more perfect tabernacle”. This HE did enter by HIS own blood, in which “HE entered in only once into the holy place”. This is the heavenly holy place in which HE entered to obtain “eternal redemption”, which HE and the FATHER designed for THEIR primary creation, man. **This is the first fulfillment of the role that Aaron played in the 16th chapter of Leviticus.**

For the COY, Aaron and the subsequent high priests of the COY obtained a temporary form of redemption. However, the symbols of what was performed by Aaron as high priest on this day were simply a metaphor of future events that would result in this eternal redemption by the efforts of one person, **YAHWEH/YAHSHUA ELOHIM, who would shed HIS own blood to become our PASSOVER, and, our HIGH PRIEST.** This is why the symbolism of this day was and is so very special.

Now knowing who Aaron metaphorically represented as high priest, let’s get back to these beautiful symbols of what Aaron was to accomplish on this day.

4. THE CLEANSING POWER OF YAHWEH

The foundation of the symbolism of the Day of Atonement began with the fact that the high priest had to become clean to officiate this ceremony. After all, he was representing YAHWEH HIMSELF in HIS future metaphorical role as YAHSHUA. He then was instructed to take two goats for a sin offering.

At this point, we must simply accept what we are told. **The WOE states that the two goats were taken “for a sin offering”**. Is that not clear? Whatever their purpose, two goats were needed to complete the sin offering.

Now, what am I saying here? Leviticus 16:5 identifies that these two goats were both taken “for a sin offering”. We know that each year, one of these is eventually killed/sacrificed for a sin offering. As I read these words, I wondered why it was not stated here that these two goats were required to be unblemished in this ceremony. After all, they are two of the four key characters on this Day. And, yet as we read of other sacrifices (including the sin offerings) of other “appointed times”, as well as day-to-day atonements made during the year, these were always unblemished.

Why? We shall read shortly how that all of the sacrifices under the Old Covenant metaphorically represent the one sacrifice of our PASSOVER, YAHSHUA. We have already seen how that the high priest had to be cleansed by the blood of a bullock before he could carry out his role as high priest, which represents YAHSHUA, the ultimate HIGH PRIEST. So, what about this bullock and these two goats that were taken for the greatest sin offering under the Old Covenant, which we shall also see, both represent YAHSHUA.

Well, further study led me to the following:

- Deu 17:1 **Thou shalt not sacrifice unto YAHWEH thy ELOHIM any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil favouredness: for that is an abomination unto YAHWEH thy ELOHIM.**

The WOE offers this universal law regarding all sacrifices unto YAHWEH. They ALL had to be unblemished, or YAHWEH would consider them to be abominations.

Now, there may be some who are thinking that the Passover sacrifice was a lamb. Remember, YAHWEH calls the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). HE knew man would have doubts.

I have heard some question whether the goat to be sacrificed in the Atonement ceremony was metaphorically the lamb that was sacrificed on the Passover. YAHWEH spoke to this issue through HIS instructions to Moses regarding the Passover lamb.

- Exo 12:5 **Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:**

The Passover lamb was commanded to come from either the sheep or the goats. And as such, this scripture (Deuteronomy 17:1) alone should shift the dynamic in which anyone within the HOF would teach others that one of the two goats could represent Satan or some “fallen angel”. **There is absolutely no circumstance in the WOE where Satan can ever be represented by an unblemished bullock or goat.** With all due respect to fellow brethren, that teaching should stop right here. We shall see why shortly.

If we note what follows next in this ceremony, we should also discern that **cleanliness is the top priority of the Day of Atonement.** This is because what is being cleansed represents something that is heavenly, or that has the potential to be heavenly. Satan is no longer heavenly, nor does he have this potential.

With this backdrop, let’s read what the high priest accomplished each year on this Day of Atonement.

- Lev 16:7 And **he shall take the two goats, and present them before YAHWEH** at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

First, the high priest presented both unblemished goats before YAHWEH for acceptance. So, immediately we are immersed into three other key parts or characters that are metaphoric, and yet prophetic symbols of this very special day. We already have the cleansed high priest officiating over this entire ceremony. Second, we have these two goats, both taken for a sin offering. And then we have YAHWEH HIMSELF, before whom **both goats must be presented.**

What do these four characters represent to the HOF? Because HE is the one giving Moses all of these instructions, let’s take YAHWEH first.

We have already seen that YAHWEH HIMSELF also plays a metaphoric role of whom HE shall become, YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH (Jesus Christ), the true HIGH PRIEST of ELOHIM. We shall soon read how that YAHWEH HIMSELF is also playing a metaphoric role as the FATHER. We shall soon allow the disciples of YAHSHUA to teach this further. In fact, Hebrews 2:17 teaches us much more, if we are willing to see it. YAHWEH would come in the flesh in HIS FATHER's name to become a merciful and faithful HIGH PRIEST in things to ELOHIM, the FATHER.

All of this was done in order for YAHWEH, now as YAHSHUA (HIS FATHER's name), "to make reconciliation for the sins of the people". And then we have the two goats, both taken for a sin offering, now being presented by the high priest before YAHWEH; metaphorically playing the role of the FATHER.

What we shall understand is that this was the ultimate and sum total of Aaron's commission under the Old Covenant on this precious day, was to make atonement /reconciliation/cleansing for the sins of the COY. Now that we are under the New Covenant, the focus brings attention to the potential for members of all the families of the earth to be given this unique opportunity for eternal redemption/salvation.

Having this greater metaphorical and prophetic understanding of Aaron, the first high priest of the Old Covenant, and YAHWEH, who became the true HIGH PRIEST as YAHSHUA, we need to focus our attention further on the commission of the office of the high priest on the Day of Atonement.

- Lev 16:8 And **Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for YAHWEH, and the other lot for the scapegoat.**

So, after presenting both goats before YAHWEH, Aaron the high priest was commanded to cast lots to select which goat was "for YAHWEH" and which goat was "for the scapegoat".

As we are about to read, both goats shall function as separate, yet equal and co-parts of the annual cleansing of sin that this day accomplishes. **We shall see how that the commission of YAHSHUA cannot be accomplished by just one goat.** And finally, ELOHIM (both YAHWEH and YAHSHUA, the FATHER) established THEIR plan of redemption on this Day of Atonement with two goats to be taken for a sin offering. Who are we to question this? It is what it is. Accept it, as I have, or not. That is your choice to make.

- Lev 16:9 And **Aaron shall bring the goat upon which YAHWEH'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.**

So now we know that the purpose for one of the two goats was to be chosen by lot “for YAHWEH”, to “offer him a sin offering”. But remember, verse 5 clearly informs us that **both goats were taken for a sin offering.** This is also how we know that both of these two goats were unblemished. Each had the potential to be chosen by lot to be offered.

Well, what is the difference? Both goats had to be “presented before YAHWEH”. Yet they would serve separate functions; both necessary to complete the Day of Atonement ceremony. One of the two goats would serve in the role to actually “be offered”, or killed, as a sin offering. And yet, the other goat’s role will prove to be equally important to the COY of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant believers.

Next, we get to that second goat, which was also taken for a sin offering and had been previously presented before YAHWEH along with the first goat.

- 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.**

This goat was chosen by lot to be the scapegoat and to once again be presented alive before YAHWEH, who was within the second veil, to be let go into the wilderness.

The word “scapegoat” was said to be translated from the Hebrew word “azazel”, meaning scapegoat, departure and/or dismissal. We shall discuss much more on “azazel” in the next chapter of this article.

Thus this scapegoat was actually presented before YAHWEH twice. In Leviticus 16:7 it was presented before YAHWEH along with the first goat, which was for YAHWEH. And remember, it had to be unblemished in order to be taken as a sin offering. Now, upon its selection as the “scapegoat”, it is again presented before YAHWEH a second time, alive. These presentations were for acceptance.

Why were both of these two goats presented before YAHWEH, with the “scapegoat” also presented “alive before YAHWEH” a second time? We shall discuss further a little later how that YAHWEH also plays another metaphoric role.

So far, we have a summary of all that the high priest accomplished. And think about the more important thing we have also learned. All that the high priest accomplishes on this Day of Atonement represents YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, the true HIGH PRIEST, who has come into the world to fulfill all of the symbology of this great “appointed time”.

Now we must focus on the details of what has been summarized so they we can totally understand the total purpose of all of this symbolism. And as we do so, we must trust in the WOE to provide us with the complete understanding of the foundational purpose of what was, is, and shall be accomplished by the HIGH PRIEST throughout all of the symbology of the Day of Atonement.

We now clearly know that Aaron and all of the subsequent high priests of the COY under the Old Covenant metaphorically represented YAHSHUA, the only HIGH PRIEST under the New Covenant. The focus now shall turn to what these high priests accomplished for the COY under the Old Covenant, and then present what the WOE teaches that the YAHSHUA our HIGH PRIEST has and continues to accomplish under the New Covenant.

The ceremony now immediately returns to the purpose of the bullock.

- 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:**

Aaron finally kills the bullock of the sin offering to make an atonement for himself and his house. So, whatever purpose this bullock was offered/killed for, its first focus was on accomplishing an atonement/covering/cleansing for Aaron and his house. Isn't this what it is all about for us even in this day of modernity?

Remember, Aaron had to prepare himself before he could carry out the responsibilities of a high priest on the great day.

- Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before YAHWEH, 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 YAHWEH, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not:

Next, a cloud of incense had to cover the mercy seat. Remember, YAHWEH was there. We know that no man in the flesh can look upon YAHWEH's glory and live. Obviously, HIS presence upon the mercy seat was so powerful that without the cloud of the incense, Aaron and subsequent high priests would have died.

- 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.**

Next the mercy seat had to be cleansed; first by sprinkling it with the blood of the same bullock that atoned for Aaron and his house seven times. Next, we get to the first goat.

- 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:** 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.

After first killing the bullock for both himself, his house and the mercy seat, Aaron now kills the goat of the sin offering and sprinkle its blood seven times upon the mercy seat.

The sprinkling of the blood of both the bullock and the first goat atoned for the holy, and for the tabernacle of the congregation **to cleanse the mercy seat of the uncleanness of the COY.** This atoned for the holy place.

- 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 the sum of all that the high priest accomplished within this temporary veil was to make “an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel”. According to verse 11, it was the killing of the bullock that atoned for Aaron and his house. According to verses 14, 15 and 16, the blood of the bullock and the goat for YAHWEH that atoned for the mercy seat and for all the congregation of Yisrael. This major point must not be underemphasized. What congregation? It was for the COY, only. Strangers were included, only if they had attached themselves and accepted YAHWEH (see Exodus 12:48 & 49).

- Lev 16:18 And **he shall go out unto the altar that is before YAHWEH, 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.**

Finally, Aaron had to sprinkle the altar before YAHWEH to cleanse the altar by the blood of both the bullock and of the goat of the sin offering. Now we see the true meaning of this Atonement process as it is made for the altar. Verse 19 elevates our minds to the ultimate translation of the Atonement process, which was to cleanse the altar from the uncleanness of the COY, as was the mercy seat.

So, the mercy seat and the altar were sprinkled with both the blood of the bullock and the goat of the sin offering, so that they both might be cleansed of the uncleanness of Aaron and his house, and then the uncleanness of the congregation of Yisrael. And note, this sprinkling of the blood of both the bullock and the goat for YAHWEH was also performed seven times.

We have now seen what was accomplished by the blood of both the bullock and the first goat. However, it is important now that we remember the metaphoric fulfillment of what Aaron the high priest accomplished under the Old Covenant, when he killed the bullock and the goat.

This first goat was chosen to metaphorically fulfill the following:

- Heb 10:10 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC once** *for all.*

It is the body of YAHSHUA which has now been offered, through which we (the HOF) are now sanctified. As such, this goat represents the sacrifice of YAHSHUA as our PASSOVER. This one action involves the blood of YAHSHUA.

We read this earlier.

- 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.**

All of the uses of the unblemished blood of the bullock and the goat metaphorically represent YAHSHUA's one sacrifice by HIS own blood. And when did this sacrifice occur?

To all so-called Christians who have been taught all of your lives to celebrate the day called Easter, please remember the words we read earlier in 1 Corinthians 5:7, how that "HAMASHIACH our PASSOVER was sacrificed for us". This was what happened when YAHWEH came into the earth as YAHSHUA to die and become the true PASSOVER LAMB of ELOHIM. This HE did on HIS final Passover, before HE ascended into heaven.

This is why I refer to modernity's Christians as "so-called". It is not to pass judgement. It is to entice these souls to consider the consequences of keeping this day called Easter, rather than honoring YAHWEH ELOHIM, as HE has commanded us.

HE is our PASSOVER, the LAMB of ELOHIM (Yochanon 1:29 & 36). And for you, notice a Biblical clarification that may have been hidden from your eyes, which is also relevant to our learning more about this Day of Atonement.

- Act 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; **intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.**

This of course is the King James Version (KJV). The word Easter was translated from the Greek word “pasha”, which means Passover. In fact, I looked at 26 other translations of the WOE (including the NKJV, NIV, Berean Study Bible, NASB, Amplified Bible, etc.), noting that these all correctly translated this word as “Passover”. I urge all of these “so-called” Christians to take note of this, as well as the verse that preceded it.

- Act 12:3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (**Then were the days of unleavened bread.**)

The Feast of Unleavened Bread directly follows the Passover. It is directly connected to the Old Covenant Passover because unleavened bread was required to be eaten with the Passover lamb the first night of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

However, was this all that was needed to complete the purpose of the Day of Atonement? Although our HIGH PRIEST has also become our PASSOVER LAMB, to obtain eternal redemption for us, we must consider another important step, necessary to complete the atonement process. Did HIS blood take away our sins? Maybe the answer to this question can be answered by whether or not the blood of the goats and calves that Aaron the high priest killed actually took away the sins of the COY. Again, we turn our attention to the Apostle.

- Heb 10:4 For **it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**

I believe that this answers the question about whether or not the blood shedding actions of Aaron the high priest took away the sins of the COY. They did not.

During many discussions with brethren of the Churches of God congregations, who have been taught that the second goat is Satan, they typically ask the following question. Why couldn't YAHWEH accomplish what we shall further read about the second goat, by the first goat, which was for YAHWEH; i.e., why was there a need for 2 goats, if both goats represent HAMASHIACH?

Well, I believe Hebrews 10:4 offers the first of several answers to this question. The redemptive plan of **ELOHIM never intended for the blood of the bulls and goats that Aaron sacrificed to “take away sins”**. While they were temporary cleansing mechanisms, they never took away the sins, nor were they meant to. And if the blood of these animals could never take away the sins of the COY, there had to be another mechanism to accomplish this. The Apostle Paul continues.

- Heb 10:5 Wherefore **when he cometh into the world**, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me**: Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Heb 10:7 **Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O ELOHIM.**

These verses proclaim the foundation of ELOHIM’s plan of redemption. Who is it that “cometh into the world”? Isn’t this YAHWEH HIMSELF, as YAHSHUA (Jesus)? And then the Apostle speaks to someone else as “thou”. Who is this “thou”? Isn’t this the second member of the family of ELOHIM identified to us as the FATHER?

Now, we learn that it was FATHER ELOHIM that prepared a body for YAHWEH, so that HE (YAHWEH) could come into the world as the FATHER’s SON, YAHSHUA, in the flesh. And, this YAHSHUA would come “in the volume of the Book”, which is the entire WOE.

- Heb 10:8 Above when he said, **Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein;** which are offered by the law; Heb 10:9 Then said he, **Lo, I come to do thy will, O ELOHIM. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.**

It is “in the volume of the Book” that YAHSHUA ended the first covenant, to establish the second covenant.

- Heb 10:11 And **every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:**

- Heb 10:12 But **this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of ELOHIM;** Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. Heb 10:14 For **by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.**

I wanted to ensure that these words are forever remembered by each of us because of those who seek to distinct the bulls from the goats as well as from the lambs, when it comes to what the sacrifices our PASSOVER replaced. All blood sacrifices under the Old Covenant were metaphors of the blood of YAHSHUA.

But notice the words we are given here. The blood of these animals **could never take away sins.** I.e., the blood did not take away the sins of the COY, even metaphorically. Why not? It is because ELOHIM set the symbols of this day that way. What we are learning is that those animals sacrificed under the Old Covenant could not accomplish the totality of what the Day of Atonement was designed to accomplish. Thus, the first had to be replaced by the second.

However, under the Old Covenant, prior to the coming of YAHWEH as YAHSHUA, these animals were necessary for the following reasons.

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

The high priest, the tabernacle, and the altar were all “patterns of things in the heavens” that had to be purified with blood in order to accomplish the overall purpose of the Day of Atonement, the cleansing of the sins of the COY. This was necessary, until the true HIGH PRIEST shed HIS blood once and for all.

We know and read earlier by the word of YAHSHUA’s Apostle in 1 Yochanon 1:7, that YAHSHUA’s blood cleanses us from all sin. However, there is more that we must understand of what must be accomplished on this Day of Atonement.

- 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**:

Now, before we get to what can truly be called the “post Passover” activity of this special Day with the second goat, we read how that the reconciling was done by the blood of the first goat, prior to bringing in the second goat. The Apostle Paul was commissioned to teach the HOF so very much about this ceremony that we simply must pay attention to.

- 2Co 5:18 And **all things are of ELOHIM, who hath reconciled us to himself by YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation**; 2Co 5:19 To wit, **that ELOHIM was in HAMASHIACH, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them**; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

We are reconciled to the FATHER by YAHSHUA, not imputing our trespasses unto us. Let’s ask another question. How did YAHSHUA accomplish this reconciliation?

And as we are answering these necessary questions, consider this as well. These instructions were given to us by YAHSHUA’s disciple/apostle. They were 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 New Covenant began by YAHSHUA. It is also the clarification of the intent of the Old Covenant. It explains grace. It explains baptism. It explains spiritual salvation. It sheds redeeming light on YAHWEH HIMSELF.

In doing so, YAHWEH, now as YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH, called a Pharisee of the COY to clarify the intent of HIS Old Covenant to the world, not just to the gentiles (the nations of the world); but to the entire world, which includes the COY.

Let’s look at what the Apostle Paul taught us about the Atonement.

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

We know the Apostle is writing to the “called out ones” in Rome. However, is anyone so naive as to believe that HAMASHIACH died only for those in Rome? No, HE died for us all. The Apostle shall make the reconciliation plain and bring clarity to the total planned process very soon. However, we must be patient and read of the plan in its order. Earlier we read this scripture about the goat for YAHWEH.

- Lev 16:9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which YAHWEH'S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.

As we step back and consume all of ELOHIM's WORD, we see that the 1st goat, which was YAHWEH's lot, was for YAHWEH's eventual death as YAHSHUA, initially for the COY, and then for all others that will come to accept and obey HIM. It was fulfilled when YAHSHUA died for us.

Did the blood of YAHSHUA both cleanse us, and take away our sins? Perhaps this question will be answered for us as we now get back specifically to the second goat.

We last read about this second goat in Leviticus 16:10 and were told that the lot fell on the goat to be “the scapegoat”, who was “presented alive before YAHWEH to make an atonement with him, to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness”.

What we have read is how that the blood of bullock and the first goat sacrificed by Aaron were for cleansing purposes. They cleaned the mercy seat and the altar. They cleaned the COY. It certainly could appear to our human intellects that the ceremony should end with those actions. What then did the scapegoat accomplish?

We read and discussed Leviticus 16:7, where Aaron was to present BOTH goats before YAHWEH, who was upon the mercy seat, inside of “the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all” (Hebrews 8:3). The question is, why.

As you consider this, remember the metaphoric understanding of how the WOE has been presented. Aaron is metaphoric of YAHSHUA, our HIGH PRIEST. YAHWEH is metaphoric of both YAHSHUA and the HOF's FATHER ELOHIM. As such, **who is it that shall be presented before our FATHER, for the purpose of becoming an acceptable sin offering by our FATHER?**

We read how that the high priest presented both of the goats taken for a sin offering before YAHWEH. We read how that the high priest killed both the bullock of the sin offering, and the goat for a sin offering, which was for YAHWEH. That leaves the second of the two goats that were taken for a sin offering.

We also read how that the high priest was to present this goat “alive before YAHWEH, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness”. Why was this goat presented “alive” before YAHWEH?

This question must be addressed, for in so doing, we dismiss all of the disinformation that continues to circulate within our midst, and allow the WOE alone to teach us the beauty of these unique symbols created by ELOHIM to showcase THEIR love for the one species that is created in THEIR image and likeness. As such, let’s understand the symbolism of the second goat on this Day of Atonement. What did it/he accomplish?

Well, before we learn what Aaron was further instructed to do with this goat, it is important that we understand why was he was first commanded to present it before YAHWEH. We all need to step back and simply praise ELOHIM for this magnificent plan that THEY developed for mankind. Every step was so wonderfully crafted and consistently presented in the WOE, from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

On several occasions, the COY were instructed to present themselves before YAHWEH. However, except for one other metaphoric presentation that was before YAHWEH, there were no other presentations under the Old Covenant of the magnitude of what was commanded on the Day of Atonement. It reads as follows.

- Lev 23:9 And YAHWEH spake unto Moses, saying, Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest:** Lev 23:11 And **he shall wave the sheaf before YAHWEH, to be accepted for you:** on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. Lev 23:12 And **ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto YAHWEH.**

These verses teach us of a sheaf of the first fruits of the COY's annual harvest in their land, which was waved before YAHWEH, **for HIS acceptance for the COY.**

So, we have a live goat and a sheaf of the first fruits both metaphorically presented and waved before YAHWEH, respectively. And specifically, the sheaf of the first fruits was waved to be accepted for the COY, by YAHWEH. Was this metaphorical? Well, why was the live goat presented before YAHWEH? Isn't this also a metaphorical presentation? Remember, the first goat metaphorically is fulfilled by YAHSHUA becoming our PASSOVER LAMB.

So, who is it that was being presented and waved? Most of the HOF agrees, I believe, that the sheaf waved before YAHWEH pictures the risen HAMASHIACH being presented to HIS FATHER. Note the following:

- Joh 20:17 **YAHSHUA saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father:** but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my ELOHIM, and your ELOHIM.

Here, YAHSHUA appeared unto Mary and spoke these words after HIS resurrection from the dead. HE spoke of HIS need to first “ascend unto” HIS “FATHER” before HE could be touched. This teaches us that YAHSHUA's mission could not be completed simply by HIS death and now resurrection. There was something else needed. The Prophet Daniel was given a vision of this presentation.

- Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, **behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.** Dan 7:14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him:** his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

This was the actual presentation of YAHSHUA before HIS FATHER, after HIS resurrection and seeing Mary. Notice HIS words to HIS disciples upon HIS return to the earth after YAHSHUA's presentation before HIS FATHER.

- Mat 28:18 And **YAHSHUA came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

These verses describe the actual events that the presentation of both the second goat and the sheaf of the first fruit metaphorically represent. This was and is the purpose for the presentation of the scapegoat before YAHWEH. It was for approval. It metaphorically represented YAHSHUA's presentation before HIS FATHER, for approval, to receive HIS Kingdom, and to be given all power. HE now had the power to remove all sin, which the WOE shall explain what this truly means.

Is it even possible that in the context of this High Day of cleansing and the removal of sin, that Satan would ever be represented as being presented before YAHWEH, and in these contexts? Let's see. Whatever or whoever this "so-called" scapegoat represents, it was "presented alive before YAHWEH to make an atonement with him", which was to "cover, cleanse, disannul, forgive, or make atonement" with the second goat. Again, does the WOE present some presentation of Satan being presented alive before ELOHIM, to make an atonement with him? This question is vital to each of our understanding of the symbolism of this very special day. The answer to this question is NO! The WOE teaches of ONLY one person who metaphorically fits this description. And that person is YAHSHUA. Soon, the Apostle of YAHSHUA will make it plain.

Now let's read what Aaron was commanded to do with this second goat, after he presented it before YAHWEH.

- 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:**

First, Aaron lays both his hands upon the head of the live goat to confess over him all the iniquities of the COY. The high priest then sent the live goat away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness.

So, what does this placing of hands upon the head of this live goat essentially do with the sins of the COY? It obviously metaphorically transferred the blame. The blame for the sins of the COY were metaphorically transferred from the COY upon the head of this live goat once each year on the Day of Atonement.

What about the blame for the sins of the HOF? We too afflict our souls each year on this Day of Atonement. We do not either kill a goat, nor do we have a physical high priest that confesses our sins upon the heads of a live goat, to send it away into the wilderness. So, what about us?

As we continue to grow in our understanding of the WOE, we are admonished to do so with maturity. The Apostle continues.

- Heb 5:12 For **when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of ELOHIM; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.** Heb 5:13 For **every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.**

When it comes to understanding these two goats of the Day of Atonement, members of the HOF must already have knowledge of the first principles of the oracles of ELOHIM. We must be of full age, exercising our senses to discern good for evil. One thing is absolutely sure about our approach to the symbols of this Day. Whether one believes that the second goat is Satan or YAHSHUA, one belief is a lie. One is evil. One is good. We are about to find out which is which.

When it comes to understanding the Day of Atonement, the Apostle's words are clear as to their applicability. The high priest was commanded to perform a series of tasks that are presented to the HOF in symbolic language. YAHSHUA spoke to the hordes of those who followed HIM in parables. HE spoke plain to HIS disciples. What we are failing to understand here is that HE has spoken plain to these same disciples about the symbolism of the Day of Atonement. Our failure to accept the word of these disciples to discern the purpose of the two goats renders us as milk drinkers, rather than eaters of strong meat.

Here is where we must start, and at the same time discern good from evil. As such, we must decide how to accept the truth in what we are reading right from the inception, the introduction of this goat.

It is first presented before YAHWEH with the first goat, both who had been taken by the high priest for a sin offering. This means that both would have the opportunity to be offered.

Thus, both were unblemished because when taken, each would have the opportunity to become the goat for YAHWEH. Knowing this background, how could any member of the HOF teach that one of two unblemished goats that were both presented before YAHWEH metaphorically represented either Satan or a fallen angel?

For if one of these goats is to be chosen to represent the PASSOVER LAMB, YAHSHUA, and, at the same time the other goat is to be chosen to represent Satan, wouldn't this place the commissions of both YAHSHUA and Satan on the same level? What do we think is happening during this first presentation?

Both goats are presented before YAHWEH. Does the WOE teach us that Satan was or shall ever be presented before YAHWEH for the possibility of becoming a sin offering? The answer is no. And, what role does YAHWEH play in this presentation symbolism?

After the lots are selected, the second goat must be presented alive before YAHWEH. This is a second presentation, but this time it was specifically stated that he must be presented "alive".

So, brethren, after being selected, does the WOE ever present Satan before YAHWEH for any purpose? And, did we notice that an atonement occurred while this second goat was being presented before YAHWEH?

There is an emphasis on the fact that the second goat was presented "alive" before YAHWEH. We know the first goat was killed. We now know that it reconciled us to the FATHER. And, we know that **after HIS resurrection from the dead, YAHSHUA for sure was presented alive to the FATHER.** Thus, we now see how that YAHWEH metaphorically represented the other family member of ELOHIM who became FATHER ELOHIM.

The Apostle now brings it all home.

- 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 ELOHIM 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 ELOHIM through our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH, **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. He also gave clarity to both of the goats commanded in the Old Covenant.

We are reconciled/justified to the Father by the death of YAHSHUA; one goat. 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 and forgiveness also once a year, which is a temporary spiritual salvation. Remember, we must endure until the end.

The purpose primary for any sin offering is to cleanse something or someone. We know that the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement was to cleanse the COY, so that they would be cleansed of all their sins before YAHWEH once a year. Knowing that YAHWEH metaphorically represented the FATHER, the Day of Atonement is to cleanse the HOF, so that it will be cleansed of all their sins before the FATHER. Is it all making sense now?

Well, we must complete the metaphoric ceremony first. Once Aaron laid his hands on the head of the second goat, he confessed all the iniquities and all the transgressions of the COY over it, putting those iniquities and transgressions upon the head of the goat. He then sent the goat into the wilderness by the hand of a fit man. Let's continue.

- 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.**

It is important that we understand exactly what we are reading. The context of this verse is that this "goat shall **bear upon him** all their iniquities". What does that teach us? The word "bear" is translated from the Hebrew word "nasa" which means to lift, bear up, carry, take. The essence is that this goat is lifting, bearing up, carrying and/or taking upon himself all of the iniquities of the COY, once a year. And then he was let go in the wilderness, a land not inhabited. So, once let go, this goat carried upon his head all the iniquities of the COY. This is all that we have been given about this goat.

So, let's recap the symbols provided about the second goat.

1. It was first presented before YAHWEH, along with the first goat, taken for a sin offering.
2. It was chosen to be a scapegoat, or, as some would have us to believe, Satan.
3. It was presented alive before YAHWEH a second time, to make an atonement with him and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.
4. All the iniquities and transgressions in all their sins of the COY were confessed over him, putting them upon his head, and he is sent into the wilderness by the hand of a fit man.
5. He shall bear (lift, bear up, carry, take) upon him all of the iniquities of the COY unto a land not inhabited in the wilderness.

This scapegoat metaphorically took on the role of bearing all the iniquities/sins of the COY, which accomplished what? If anyone shall bear the iniquities/sins of another person (s) upon themselves, do they not perfectly satisfy the definition of a "scapegoat", particularly if they themselves are not guilty of those same sins and transgressions? On the other hand, what if this is truly placing the blame, as some say, on Satan where it belongs?

Well, the question is, in what context is this blame assessed on this Day of Atonement, and further developed as we read the WOE.

In verse 21 the high priest was to send the live goat away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. Some have interpreted some form of great importance to the need to use a fit man here. My only comment is to ask this question. Would it have been better to send the live goat into the wilderness by the hand of a weak man? We simply must be reasonable as we read through the WOE.

This land not inhabited, the wilderness, is where this live goat was taken, along with the sins of the COY. In so doing, this live goat shall bear (take away) upon himself all of the sins of the COY. This represents the transfer of blame from the COY, which is now taken away into this land not inhabited; i.e., the wilderness. It is nowhere suggested implicitly, explicitly or metaphorically, that this second goat is guilty of any sin. It is implicitly, explicitly and metaphorically teaching that this goat was a conduit for the sins and transgressions of the COY.

As a result, these iniquities are now on the head of this goat into the land not inhabited in the wilderness, i.e., away from the COY. They no longer exist inside the camp of the COY. Based on the conclusion of what we already know about the purpose of this day, the COY would then be pure to appear before YAHWEH on this Day of Atonement, which continues to be what ELOHIM desires, even unto this day of fasting.

During several Bible studies with fellow brethren, I have asked for just one scripture that states implicitly or explicitly that Satan shall bear the sins of anyone other than himself. I have never been given an answer. If there is no answer to that inquiry, it obviously does not exist. And if that does not exist, the teaching about Satan and this second goat of the Day of Atonement must end.

Verse 22 of this 16th chapter of Leviticus ends the official duties of Aaron and all following high priest of the COY each year on this Day of Atonement. As I walked through these verses, I am struck by several observations which may be relevant. After Aaron washed, put on the priestly linen garments, his major duties are summed up as follows:

1. Take two unblemished goats for a sin offering, giving each an equal opportunity to be chosen to be offered and sacrificed as the sin offering.
2. Present both goats before YAHWEH, to be accepted by YAHWEH.
3. Choose (through lots) which goat was for YAHWEH and which goat was for the scapegoat.
4. Present the scapegoat before YAHWEH for final acceptance.
5. Kill the bullock (first for himself) of the sin offering and then the goat of the sin offering, and then sprinkle the mercy seat and the altar with the blood of both the bullock and the goat, because of the uncleanness of the COY. This made an atonement for Aaron, his household and for all the congregation of Yisrael (Leviticus 16:17). This also completed the role of the first goat, which was for YAHWEH.
6. Lay hands on the head of the live goat to confess the iniquities of the COY, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the scapegoat
7. Send the scapegoat away into a place uninhabited by the COY, called the wilderness. As such, the live goat bear upon him all the iniquities of the COY unto a land not inhabited, also called the wilderness.

Wow! As I now write this update to this article, it is with the utmost awe and praise to ELOHIM to learn that **there were seven major tasks that the high priest was commanded to accomplish on the Day of Atonement.** These seven accomplishments complete the commission of the office of the high priest of the COY on the Day of Atonement.

Many of the HOF have been taught that the number seven pictures completion. If this is so, what did these seven key tasks accomplish, if not completion? This shall become perfectly clear as we continue.

The live goat's final achievement was to bear the sins of the COY into a land uninhabited, the wilderness. This is something that could not be accomplished with the goat of the sin offering. It had to be with a live goat. What we are about to read shall explain why.

Now, does the WOE teach of someone who shall actually bear our sins? Once again, the Apostle of YAHSHUA does not disappoint. We simply must accept the WOE.

- Heb 9:28 So **HAMASHIACH 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.**

In all of the WOE, this is it. HAMASHIACH ONLY, was once offered for the sole purpose of bearing the sins of many. Not only are we taught that HAMASHIACH, YAHSHUA, shall bear the sins of many, but also that when HE returns, it will be without sin unto salvation. Why state that when HE returns, it shall be without sin, if, HE did not metaphorically leave with sin?

As we read this verse, we must consider what we are reading. HAMASHIACH was once offered, which we know means HE was sacrificed. HE was offered this one time for the purpose of bearing the sins of many. The word "bear" here is translated from the Greek word "anaphero" which means to carry, bring up, and/or lead up to. Correct me if I am wrong, but this Greek word seems to be amazingly equivalent to the Hebrew word "nasa". As such, HAMASHIACH was once offered to carry, bring up, lead up the sins of many. Did this also result in a transfer of iniquities, as did the second goat? We shall see.

We are then told that HE shall return a second time without sin unto salvation. Obviously, after HE was offered, HE was made alive, so that HE might bear the sins of many. Obviously once HE bears those sins, HE left with them. How do we know this? It is because we are told that HE shall return without sin. There is an emphasis here that cannot be ignored.

The Apostle of HAMASHIACH also teaches us of this scapegoat concept which is strictly applicable unto YAHSHUA, the HAMASHIACH.

- 2Co 5:21 For **he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of ELOHIM in him.**

Once again, the Apostle Paul provides an answer. YAHSHUA was made sin for us, although HE knew no sin. Isn't this why HE was offered? HE was made a sin to pay our penalty, and then carried, brought up, and/or led up with the sins of many. Now we know who the many are. The result of this was that YAHSHUA, HAMASHIACH, was made a sin for the church/saints (who the Apostle was writing to), and was offered to pay the penalty for the sins of the church/saints, so that the church/saints might "be made the righteousness of ELOHIM in HAMASHIACH".

Isn't this what was accomplished by the second goat for the COY? Brethren, isn't this actually describing a scapegoat? The scapegoat is innocent, and yet it takes on the guilt of the guilty. This is what YAHSHUA became for us of the New Covenant. This is what the second goat became for the COY under the Old Covenant.

Knowing now whom the WOE explicitly teaches to us is the fulfillment of the identity of this metaphoric second goat, we must understand what HE did with those sins HE takes on. The goat was sent into a wilderness, bearing upon HIMSELF the iniquities of the COY unto a land not inhabited by the COY.

Some have hinted that it was impossible that YAHSHUA took our sins unto heaven, which is sin free. I sometimes wonder do brethren still not accept that this is all metaphoric. Please allow and accept the Apostle's teaching. If you are a saint, this is what offering and bearing has accomplished for you.

- Col 2:10 And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power: Col 2:11 In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of HAMASHIACH**: Col 2:12 **Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of ELOHIM, who hath raised him from the dead**. Col 2:13 **And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

It is clear by the WOE that it is and shall always be YAHSHUA that takes away our sins. Verse 13 teaches how HE does so. HE forgives us. HE did so by becoming a sin for us. In so doing, **HE takes upon HIMSELF our sins to this metaphoric uninhabited wilderness, by forgiving us of all trespasses**. It is simply a place where we do not inhabit. This wilderness is taught to be uninhabited by anyone because it is metaphoric of the ultimate resting place of forgiven sins/trespasses/iniquities. They no longer exist. Why?

The WOE, like all things, explains what actually happens.

- Heb 8:12 For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness**, and **their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more**.
- Heb 10:17 And **their sins and iniquities will I remember no more**. Heb 10:18 Now **where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin**.

YAHSHUA forgives our sins by first becoming a sin for us through HIS death and resurrection. **In order to take on and bear our iniquities, HE must be alive**. What actually results from this is the forgiveness of our sins, which once forgiven, HE and the FATHER remembers them no longer. This is the place uninhabited in a wilderness of none existence. Isn't that simple?

Is Satan anywhere spoken of in this process? Obviously not. Our only concern with Satan should be our cleansing ourselves of this lying spirit in the world, which is Satan himself and his followers.

Before we look at verse 22 of Leviticus 16, I want to respond to a question made since the last update about verse 21, which is also relative to this verse.

In verse 21 Aaron laid his hands on the head of this live goat confessing all the sins and iniquities of the COY, and putting them on the head of this goat. He then sent this goat away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. The question was this. If this second goat represented HAMASHIACH, why wasn't these actions simply placed on the head of the first goat that was offered as a sin offering?

I accepted that this was a very interesting question that deserved an answer. Three things happened to this live goat here. 1) The sins and iniquities of the COY were confessed on the head of the live goat, thus 2) putting them on the head of this goat. And finally, 3) this live goat was sent this goat away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. Can one do this to a dead goat?

So first we have a confession of sins placed on this live goat's head, by Aaron the high priest. These sins and iniquities of the COY were then placed on the head of this live goat. What does this all suggest? Doesn't it appear that this second goat is taking on the guilt of the sins of the COY unto itself? Isn't this what a "scapegoat" actually does? Wasn't YAHSHUA our "scapegoat? Only HIS disciples/apostles can answer this question.

- 2Co 5:14 For the love of HAMASHIACH constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 2Co 5:15 And *that* **he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.**

YAHSHUA died for all, and rose again.

- 2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known HAMASHIACH after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. 2Co 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in HAMASHIACH, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

As a result, if we are in HAMASHIACH, we are new creatures. The old things (our past sins) are passed away. As long as we remain that way through our endurance, we are forgiven.

- 2Co 5:18 And **all things are of ELOHIM, who hath reconciled us to himself by YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 2Co 5:19 To wit, that ELOHIM was in HAMASHIACH, **reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them**; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

We are reconciled to the FATHER by YAHSHUA, not imputing our trespasses unto us. How has YAHSHUA done this? The FATHER has made HIM, who knew no sin, sin for us. Get that?? YAHSHUA, “who knew no sin” has been made “sin for us”. HE now is our “scapegoat”. But there is more to understand about this confession and the placing of sins on the head of the live goat versus the dead goat.

We know that the dead goat represents the death of YAHSHUA, our PASSOVER. The Apostle Paul makes it even clearer in his first epistle to the “called-out ones” at Corinth.

- 1Co 15:12 Now **if HAMASHIACH be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?** 1Co 15:13 **But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is HAMASHIACH not risen: 1Co 15:14 And if HAMASHIACH be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.**

You see, there is universal agreement that the slain goat represents the slain YAHSHUA, which is why it was “for YAHWEH”. **This goat was “for YAHWEH” because it represented the blood of the ONLY person whose blood could cleanse the COY or us.** HE died for our sins, with HIS cleansing blood. **Yet, the Apostle is telling us that even though HE died for our sins, without the important second part of HIS mission, HIS resurrection from the dead, our faith is in vain.**

Obviously, metaphorically, though cleansed by the blood of YAHWEH/YAHSHUA, another important step was needed in order for our now cleansed sins to be taken away, which apparently, could only be performed by a live entity. Thus, the second goat.

- 1Co 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not HAMASHIACH raised: 1Co 15:17 And **if HAMASHIACH be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

The Apostle repeats himself here in verse 17, but puts it in perspective. **If HAMASHIACH is not raised, not only is our faith in vain, we are still in our sins.** Remember, Leviticus 16:5 informed us that both goats were for a sin offering. Only one was killed. There had to be a live goat to represent the taking away of sin.

Remember how that we were told that the scapegoat was presented before YAHWEH “alive”? Once sacrificed and raised, HAMASHIACH appeared alive before the FATHER to be approved for a mission well accomplished.

It is a two-part mission, death and resurrection. Without HIS resurrection from the dead, we would have the following:

- 1Co 15:18 **Then they also which are fallen asleep in HAMASHIACH are perished.**

Can we see what the Apostle is teaching us? If only there was the PASSOVER LAMB, without the resurrected HAMASHIACH, those who have died in HAMASHIACH are perished. Do we believe these words? How can anything that is dead forgive something? It can't. Without the goat being “alive”, and YAHSHUA's resurrection from the dead, the eternal redemption would be totally incomplete.

- 1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in HAMASHIACH, we are of all men most miserable. 1Co 15:20 But **now is HAMASHIACH risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.**

Earlier we spoke and read about the sheaf of the first fruits, which was waved before YAHWEH for acceptance. Here we are reading about its fulfillment, which is ONLY completed by the resurrected HAMASHIACH. YAHSHUA became the sheaf of the first fruits, “the first fruits of them that slept”, ONLY by HIS resurrection. This is why there was a need for a second, live goat.

Please consider this very, very carefully. If there was no live goat in the ceremony on this very special day, would the atonement be complete? If Satan was the second goat, would the atonement be complete? We all know that the answer to both questions is NO!

- 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 HAMASHIACH shall all be made alive. 1Co 15:23 But **every man in his own order: HAMASHIACH the first fruits; afterward they that are HAMASHIACH 's at his coming.**

In these verses, we are taught how we must begin our count of fifty days to reach the Feast of Weeks (called Pentecost by those who have been misinformed); begun by HAMASHIACH who now is the FIRST FRUITS, and culminating in HIS saints, who shall become first fruits at HIS coming at the first resurrection. **We (the New Covenant vineyard) are saved by HIS life after HIS resurrection, and as a result of both missions being accomplished, we then have the atonement. Both are needed for our spiritual salvation.** As we have read in other scriptures, we shall become first fruits at YAHSHUA's coming, which interestingly enough shall occur when the "last trump" shall sound on some future Day of Atonement, as prophesied by the Jubilee (Yubilee) in Leviticus 25:9.

And before we continue, Ezekiel 45:21-25 teaches that only the Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles shall be kept by those who shall continue their existence in their fleshly tabernacles during the "millennium". There shall be no Feast of Weeks, no Memorial of the Blowing of Trumpets, no Day of Atonement, and no the eighth day of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles during the "millennium". Why? It is because these all shall be fulfilled by the resurrection of the saints of YAHSHUA from the dead at the beginning of the millennium.

This resurrection is coordinated to bridge the fulfillment of the Yubilee, the Feast of Weeks (the harvest of YAHSHUA's saints), the Blowing of Trumpets (the last trump), Atonement (the day when the last trump shall blow), and the eighth day of Tabernacles (the one-thousand-year reign of YAHSHUA and HIS saints). Thus, we should be seeing how that these "appointed times" of YAHWEH are welded together as a tight-fitting puzzle.

The Old Covenant taught us that the second goat's purpose from year to year was to "**bear upon him all their iniquities**". Whose iniquities? It was the COY. The New Covenant teaches us that "**HAMASHIACH was once offered to bear the sins of many**". Whose sins? Who then is this many?

Obviously, it is for the sins of those who would be the “heirs of salvation”. Don’t these two principles appear to be overwhelmingly alike? We also have this.

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

YAHSHUA came to take away the sin of the world. Someone once asked, “what world”?

It’s simple. This is the world that was created in the first chapter of Genesis. It is the world to whom man was given dominion over, with an opportunity no other creation within this world was given; the opportunity to not only be in the image and likeness of ELOHIM, but to actually join the family of ELOHIM on some future Day of Atonement.

Now, did HE take these sins to this uninhabited place (the wilderness)? **Did not the “scapegoat” take away the iniquities of the COY?** The precursor concept of the “scapegoat” bearing “upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited” and HAMASHIACH taking “away the sin of the world” should be clear. **Wherever YAHSHUA takes those sins is into a place not inhabited by those whose sins HE took away.** In fact, this place is uninhabited by all man.

I believe we all accept that in giving the COY “the Appointed Times of YAHWEH”, there was always both an old and new intention. Yet, we must remember that the concept is basically the same. **The goats chosen for the sin offering in the Old simply represent something to be given for a sin offering in the new.** The goat bearing the sins of the COY, sent “unto a land not inhabited” and let go “in the wilderness”, represents something that shall bear the sins in the new.

Now those that accept the Satan theory seem to concentrate on the goat being “let go in the wilderness”. However, we must also accept the entire Biblical context. The same statement states that this second “goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited”. So, the wilderness is not the true essence of the ritual.

It is the land uninhabited is where the second goat metaphorically bears the iniquities of the COY. Now if the land is uninhabited, why would the HOF accept that this represents a “demon inhabiting the wilderness”?

I believe we now should be seeing that these so-called scholars may be representatives of those that are in fact deceivers.

Unger's Bible Handbook's approach to the Old Covenant ritual has much to offer, as it reads "This goat, once a year, bears the iniquities of the COY into a land not inhabited". This uninhabited land obviously is a place that the COY did not dwell. Why do I know this? Because, its whole purpose was to complete the cleansing and forgiveness of the COY. So, it is Biblically logical that it would be sent away from the COY.

Now, what about the New Covenant? Notice something interesting HAMASHIACH said to HIS disciples.

- Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven. Joh 3:14 And **as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up**: Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Wow! First, HE said "no man" has ever risen to heaven. But HE said something that may be even more profound to our understanding of the second goat. He said in verse 14 that the **Son of Man must be lifted up, just as "Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness"**. So, we see that there is a Biblical concept of YAHSHUA being lifted up in the wilderness, a place uninhabited by man. Notice these words spoken to HIS apostles.

- Joh 13:36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, **Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards**.

We know that the disciples could not follow YAHSHUA after HIS death. We know that when they do follow HIM, it will be into HIS Kingdom on earth. The Biblical context is extremely clear to all, if we have eyes to see.

- 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.**

Yes, through HIS sacrifice, **YAHSHUA put away sin once and forever** for those who continue to walk in HIM.

As the ceremony concludes, we see the following:

- 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 cleansed before reentering the camp. And before we make an issue out of this, as some have, continue to read.

- 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.

After their blood was offered for sin offerings, the bullock and the goat for YAHSHUA was taken outside of the camp and burned completely. The person that burned these outside the camp must also be cleansed before reentering 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, beginning with the high priest.

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.

The purpose for this day is three-fold, as made clear by scripture. It is to first remind us of who has become our Atonement; YAHSUA. It is second to once again cleanse us of our current sins. And third, it is to look forward to when we are totally spiritually cleansed before we enter into that rest at the end, the 1000-year Kingdom of ELOHIM.

As we close this chapter, we also shall repeat a few verses.

- 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. Lev 16:31 **It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever.**

All that we have read in this chapter 16 is for the sole purpose of an atonement being made for the COY to cleanse them so that they may be clean from all their sins before YAHWEH. The COY were to keep a Sabbath rest and afflict their souls. Isn’t it obvious that in order for the COY to appear before YAHWEH on this day, they must be clean from their sins? 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 YAHWEH.

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 YAHWEH your ELOHIM.

Leviticus 23:27-28 teach us why those activities with the two goats were important to the COY. On this Day of Atonement, the COY were commanded to rest on the annual Sabbath, have a holy convocation and afflict their souls. They had to be cleansed, in order that they might appear clean before YAHWEH. The Apostle Peter teaches those of us of the New Covenant a vibrant perspective of what we are reading.

- 1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because **HAMASHIACH also suffered for us**, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 1Pe 2:22 **Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth**: 1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: 1Pe 2:24 **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed**. 1Pe 2:25 For **ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls**. 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 HAMASHIACH his Son cleanseth us from all sin**.

These words sum up the Day of Atonement. YAHSHUA, who did no sin and was found without guile in HIS mouth, suffered for us, bare our sins in HIS own body on a tree, that we should live unto righteousness. It is no longer about the two goats. It is about us walking in the light, which is YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH. If we do so and have fellowship one with another, the blood of YAHSHUA cleans us from all sin. The result is our living unto righteousness as we afflict our souls and partake in a holy convocation, as we appear clean before the FATHER on each Day of Atonement.

- 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**.

The New Covenant Day of Atonement ceremony has no goat to be offered as a sin offering. It has no goat with which a high priest confesses our sins upon its head. There is no goat to bear our sins into an inhabited place, a wilderness.

You see, the true HIGH PRIEST, YAHSUA, has already accomplished the commission of the high priest of the COY. Our HIGH PRIEST, who had no sin nor guile, has already suffered for us on a tree, purging our sins with HIS own blood, so that is remission of our sins. HE paid the penalty for all who choose to walk in the light. The result is the forgiveness of our sins to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. All we have to do is confess our sins, walk in HIM, and endure until the end.

- 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 YAHWEH commanded Moses.

Like the COY, this day atones the New Covenant “called-out ones” of their sins once a year until the final fulfillment of this day, our eventual resurrection from the dead **only through HAMASHIACH, who has become our Atonement.**

Now we have a different 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 next scripture shows how serious YAHWEH sees this day. Who is it that needs to make amends before YAHWEH, us or Satan? And, do we need Satan to in any way make amends for our sins?

- 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.**

I don't know about you, but these words speak powerfully for themselves for our responsibilities for our sins. 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.

We read Isaiah 58:5 earlier and saw 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 this 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 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. It was to break every yoke and let the oppressed go free.

YAHWEH, in HIS infinite wisdom, has provided us another "appointed time" that connects these dots.

- 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, in the Year of Yubilee (the fiftieth year), on the Day of Atonement, the trumpet of the Yubilee shall sound. Why? Remember, this is another day commanded to the COY in the form of an “appointed time”, which always is metaphoric of a major future event.

- 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.

If we have eyes to see, we know that this is describing the year, and the day of that year, that YAHSHUA shall return; on the Day of Atonement, when “called-out ones” who have endured shall all be changed and totally spiritually cleansed, are having a holy convocation in their physical/spiritual affliction. However, what this lesson also says to me, 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.

YAHWEH 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. I don't know about you, but this shows me I haven't even scratched the surface yet. As we begin to understand the process of Atonement, look at what THE ATONEMENT/YAHWEH said to us. The Prophet continues to teach us how it can be done as a result of our adherence to the proper affliction.

- 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 YAHWEH shall be thy reward.** Isa 58:9 **Then shalt thou call, and YAHWEH 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 YAHWEH 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.***

Like the Day of Atonement, there is always duality in the WOE. These words were first spoken to the COY. However, theirs was based on a more physical basis. Ours is based on a spiritual basis.

The Apostle Paul teaches these relevant words of clarity.

- Gal 6:9 And **let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap,** if we faint not. Gal 6:10 **As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

Our priority should always be to the HOF, but remembering that as opportunity presents itself, we must do good unto all.

And in the midst of YAHWEH 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 Appointed Time; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of YAHWEH, 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 YAHWEH; 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 YAHWEH 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. I believe we 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.

Isn't this a wonderful plan ELOHIM has devised for each of us. The cleansing power of YAHWEH begun when HE established those protocols of the high priest Aaron and those two goats. Let me offer the simplicity of the accomplishments of those two goats. One goat cleansed our sins. The second goat bear our sins.

Brothers and Sisters, YAHWEH came in the flesh as YAHSHUA, the SON of ELOHIM to both cleanse us of our sins, and then to bear our sins, though HE HIMSELF had no sin nor guile. And finally, the Apostle Paul makes it so plain.

- Rom 4:7 *Saying*, **Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven**, and **whose sins are covered**. Rom 4:8 **Blessed is the man to whom YAHWEH will not impute sin**.

This is what YAHWEH/YAHSHUA has accomplished, as represented by the Day of Atonement, for those who shall endure until the end while walking in HIM, keeping HIS sayings (Old and New), and accepting HIS protocol of believing in HIM through the word of HIS disciples/apostles (Yochanon 17:20).

Halleluyah!!

5. SOWING DISCORD

We have now read what the saving grace of ELOHIM has accomplished for those who are “called-out”, who choose to keep the sayings of the SON of ELOHIM. Again, it was YAHSHUA’s Apostle who made it plain what this truly means.

- Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of ELOHIM; Eph 2:20 And **are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH himself being the chief corner stone**; Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the ADON: Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of ELOHIM through the Spirit.

These words teach us of a basic protocol for the New Covenant followers of YAHWEH/YAHSHUA. Our foundation should be strictly built through both the apostles of YAHSHUA and the prophets of YAHWEH, with YAHWEH/YAHSHUA HIMSELF being the chief corner. This is how we become like a building fitly framed together. Our purpose should be to exist together for a habitation of ELOHIM through the Spirit of Truth.

We read earlier how that YAHSHUA prayed that we, the HOF, must come to believe in HIM through the word of HIS disciples/apostles. And yet, in this day of modernity, many who express to be of the HOF are walking in a spirit of discord because they have been taught that all that we have read about YAHSHUA is not true. They have been taught that the second goat of the Day of Atonement ceremony actually represents Satan, not YAHSHUA.

This Brothers and Sisters has sown much discord within the HOF. Consider this simple fact. The second goat, regardless of whether we choose to call it “azazel”, the scapegoat, or the goat of departure, accomplished one primary task. It served to bear the sins of the COY. Prophetically and metaphorically, whoever it represents must actually bear the sins of the HOF under the New Covenant.

Here is where the discord is established. In all of the WOE, what we all call the Bible, only YAHSHUA (whom the world calls Jesus Christ) is written to bear the sins of others (Hebrews 9:28 and 1 Peter 2:24). Yet, many brethren continue to teach that the second goat is Satan, a fallen angel.

And as a result, they must be saying that Satan bear the sins of the COY once a year, and consequently, shall bear the sins of the HOF. So, if Satan bears our sins, why, as the WOE clearly states that YAHSHUA did, was there a need for HIM to bear the sins of many? And, where does the WOE state that he does this, as it clearly states that YAHSHUA does? Do they both bear others' sins?

In this chapter we shall spend a little time on some of these assertions with the hope of helping some who may be of the fringes of truth, and yet are not sure because of the discord being sown by leaderships or others within the HOF.

First, some believe that because one goat is “for the LORD (YAHWEH)”, the other goat must be for someone else. As previously stated, this, in part, is because of the word scapegoat, which is translated from the so-called Hebrew word “azazel”. There is so much confusion about its meaning in modernity. And while we have discerned that because all sin offerings had to be unblemished, and as such neither goat could represent Satan, we shall however address “azazel” shortly.

Some question, if both of the goats are representative of YAHSHUA, why were two lots needed? They say there would be no need to cast lots. Whatever the purpose, ELOHIM chose to present THEIR plan based on the choosing between two goats.

Can either of these unblemished goats, who were both presented before YAHWEH, be Satan, the murderer and father of lies? Can anyone read in the WOE where Satan was, is, or ever shall be presented before FATHER ELOHIM, as a potential sin offering? According to the WOE, with the exception of what we can read of Satan being amongst the “sons of ELOHIM in Job (Yob) 1:6 and 2:1, as they “came to present themselves before YAHWEH”, is there any instance of Satan alone, ever being presented alive before YAHWEH or FATHER ELOHIM? To be very honest with you, the debate should simply stop with this question; for the answer is a resounding no.

There continues to be this question as to whether or not this is describing Satan's role in the process because Aaron confesses all the sins of the COY upon the head of the live goat. Is there ever a role in which our sins are confessed to or upon Satan? Is there any Biblical reference to this possibility? I have studied and found none. I have asked the brethren who believe it, and have yet to be given any Biblical text. So, the answer must be no.

Here is where I want to reflect more on this inclusion of Satan into the Atonement ritual by many brethren. I have read many articles and heard many lessons within the HOF about the Day of Atonement. And, when it comes to the two goats that are the focal point of this ritual, these articles kind of jump right into the second goat called “the scapegoat” in the KJV. And here is where those who follow this reasoning turn to “so-called” scholars for answers. Notice the following quotes:

“The connection between the goat for Azazel and the binding of Satan in Revelation 20 becomes more clear when you note that most scholars believe Azazel is the name of a demon inhabiting the wilderness (Dictionary of the Bible, Vol. 1, p. 326).”

A similar quote is as follows:

“Some debate exists as to the exact meaning of “Azazel”. Some believe it was a reference to Satan, for in Jewish tradition Azazel was the name of a fallen angel. However, most scholars believe that the word was derived from the Hebrew word “azel” which carries the idea of “escape. This line of thought led to calling this goat the “scapegoat”, since it escaped death and was instead driven into the wilderness (The Appointed Times of the Lord, p.123).”

In my prior update, I made no comment here. However, as I now read this, I see the utter futility of the words. It is said that this “fallen angel” is being called the “scapegoat” “since it escaped death” by being “driven into the wilderness”. Regardless of the punishment, scapegoats are generally always punished for someone else. Satan shall be punished, and, shall not escape death.

Another reference book agrees with the above interpretations, yet includes the following:

“But in light of modern research, both this interpretation and those that understand it as a place name are incorrect. The word is a proper name and means something like “angry god”. Yet, though Azazel is a demon, he does not play an active role in the rite as corresponding figures do in similar rituals of the Near East (Harper Collins Bible Dictionary, p. 90).”

Obviously, there is a lot of interpretation and guessing applied by the so-called scholars in trying to understand the second goat and who and what is this “azazel”. The first quote above is typical of the various congregations that came out of the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) movement. They tend to be consistent in their interpretation of this ritual. Very noticeable in this line of reasoning is the concept of the Jewish tradition. I wonder, from which group of “Jews” can we find these traditions which relate the second goat to Satan?

Recently, I noticed this quote from a group which descended from the WCG. The bold and underlined words are by me.

“Many have based their understanding of Leviticus 16 on tradition, which claims that *azazel* is the name of a fallen angel. **The original, 58-lesson Ambassador College Correspondence Course says this about azazel:** “**Ancient Jewish literature knew the Devil by this name. It is, for example, spelled Azalzal and Azael in apocryphal literature**” (Lesson 37, p. 4, 1965; emphasis ours).

The updated, 32-lesson edition contains a few more sources (Lesson 29, p. 10, 1986). However, the authors do not use the Bible in their evidence, as the Bible does not identify the live goat as a type of Satan. Instead, the authors quote Arabic tradition that *azazel* is the name of a demon. They quote a book entitled *Islam and Its Founder*. **They also quote a couple of Protestant theologians on their respective opinions.**

The real bombshell, though, is this excerpt:

Let's notice a modern Jewish commentary that makes it clear that the azazel goat represented Satan the devil: "Azazel . . . was probably a demonic being. . . . Apocryphal Jewish works, composed in the last few centuries before the Christian era, tell of angels who were lured . . . into rebellion against God. In these writings, Azazel is one of the two leaders of the rebellion. And posttalmudic documents tell a similar story about two rebel angels, Uzza and Azrael—both variations of the name Azazel. **These mythological stories, which must have been widely known, seem to confirm the essentially demonic character of the old biblical Azazel**” (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, *The Torah—a Modern Commentary*, page 859). (Emphasis ours; ellipses theirs).

This last source is a devastating admission. **Jewish tradition is used as the final and most important proof, yet its foundation is “apocryphal Jewish works, composed in the last few centuries before the Christian era.” The best-known apocryphal Jewish work from that era is the Book of Enoch.**

The Book of Enoch bears the name of one of God’s faithful servants, but what has come down to us as the Book of Enoch was not written by the prophet, but by individuals during the intertestamental period. Scholars estimate that the earlier parts of the book were written around 300 BC at the earliest, while the remainder was written before 100 BC. **While containing biblical themes and names, it also includes many things that directly contradict the rest of the biblical canon.**

In the Book of Enoch, Azazel is a fallen angel who teaches mankind unrighteous ways. **As a result, he is bound and sentenced to the desert forever.** It also contains another tradition typically taught on the Day of Atonement—that Satan is the author of human sin: “And the whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azazel: *to him ascribe all sin.*” In other words, **the ascribing of all human sin to a fallen angel is from the very same Jewish tradition that identifies the azazel as a demon. Yet neither aspect of that tradition is backed up by Scripture.**” (Church of the Great God, “Who Fulfills the Azazel Goat-Satan or Christ? Part One”, by David C. Grabbe)

This is simply amazing information provided by a group that was once a part of the WCG. Just for the record, **the Church of the Great God (CGG) now teaches that both goats must represent YAHSHUA.** However, based on this first-hand information, **it certainly appears that the WCG has some copiability in spreading the false teachings of the Book of Enoch about “azazel” to the world.** The Book of Enoch is not the WOE.

Why would the WCG do this? If we notice, they ascribed the Book of Enoch to “Jewish tradition”. They believe that the Europeans of the United States, Great Britain and other European nations are the descendants of the COY. And, they also believe that the European leadership residing in modernity’s nation of Israel are the true Jews. As such, we are learning that the WCG and other groups coming from it have accepted many doctrines from these so-called Jews.

This is done with a knowledge that the vast majority of these “so-called” Jews do not accept that YAHSHUA is the MESSIAH. Even so, to protect this descendancy belief, they accept some “so-called” Jewish doctrines, even though false.

I want to present one other source on the “azazel” translation that I find most interesting, primarily because it’s a book I have had in my library for 30 plus years and never remember reading about this subject in it. Notice the following quote:

“The live goat, which was dispatched for the “scapegoat” in the wilderness presents that aspect of CHRIST’s atonement which expiates our sin from before God’s presence (Romans 8:33-34; Heb 9:26). Azazel, for Alzalzel, may simply signify “dismissal”, or complete removal of sin from the camp of God’s people (Unger’s Bible Handbook, p.116).”

Now, this is refreshing, because the writer appears to have actually considered the Biblical text, rather than some interpretation by other so-called scholars, or even so-called Jewish leaders. I am not against scholarly research. However, we must never accept such research that is not based on an understanding of the Biblical text. It appears that when you get right down to the context of the various Satan-Azazel beliefs, there is a Middle Eastern influence. To me, that stinks of Satanic influence.

Since my last update of this article, I looked at the verses that speak of the scapegoat (Leviticus 16:8 & 10) in at least twenty-six Bible translations (including the NIV, NASB, CJB, etc., etc.) and noted something interesting. None of the scholars responsible for these Bibles translated the word “azazel” as a demon, or Satan, or fallen angel. Each of these either translated this word as Azazel (11), scapegoat (12), emissary goat (1), or goat of departure (2). When I mentioned this to some brethren, one of them stated that this doesn’t prove that they were correct. Well, what it does prove is that the vast majority of the scholars of the various Biblical texts were at least consistent in that none translated the Hebrew word “azazel” as some demon, Satan, etc. I would like to believe that if there was some evidence that “azazel” was some demonic being or Satan, at least one or more of these would have translated the word as such. They did not. Did these all get it wrong, while some other scholars that apparently have written no translations, got it right?

Remember this message from YAHSHUA HIMSELF.

- Mat 24:24 For **there shall arise false HAMASHIACHs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

We must admit that there certainly appears to be no consistent agreement amongst the scholars. Yet I wonder. How many of these so-called scholars teaching that Satan is the second goat were/are obedient to the commandments of YAHWEH? How many of them know that YAHSHUA and YAHWEH are one and the same? How many of the so-called Jewish scholars actually believe that YAHSHUA is the MESSIAH, the SON of ELOHIM? The last time I looked, most did not. And, more importantly, why are so many of the HOF allowing themselves to become so full of these interpretations that they stop accepting or seeking Biblical context?

I am overjoyed to see that the writers of the Unger Bible Handbook, as well as the leadership of the CGG, looked only at the Biblical context. And, this is where this article will focus as we continue.

We must understand that Satan's ONLY role in the process is to keep each us from obtaining our Atonement. I state this because many of my brethren unknowingly (I pray) teach that his role is somehow honored on this most solemn of all the "appointed times" through the role of this second goat.

Now, it appears that some Bible versions say "to make an atonement" "by him", or "for him", or "upon him", rather than "with him" (Leviticus 16:10). Again, we must accept the process given. Whether it is with, by, for, or upon the scapegoat, what does it matter? We must reason. Why is there a need to make a covering or cleansing "with", "by", "for", or "upon" Satan, or anything representing Satan?

Just for the sake of it, let's look at it from that perspective. What if the WOE purely read the following: "But the goat, on which the lot fell to be Satan, shall be presented alive before YAHWEH, to make an atonement with (by, for, upon) him to let him go for Satan into the wilderness"? Can anyone in the world of Christendom reasonably justify any of these renditions of what the high priest did in this task? He made an atonement with, by, for, or upon Satan? Really?????

Just recently, some brethren offered the fact that there must be an "appeasement" to complete the Atonement ceremony. Where they came up with this is anybody's guess.

Appeasement represents a form of appeasing or satisfying another. These brethren consistently talk about the need for Satan to “pay for his” contributions for the sins of all mankind. One of these brothers seems to now include Satan’s contribution to the corruptness of the entire world (the land, sea, and heavens) in his indictment of Satan in identifying him as the second goat.

This new and interesting concept was apparently offered by someone who admittedly believes in the Book of Enoch, that it should also be a part of the WOE. Well, this new concept is not to be found in the WOE. There is no such presentation of an appeasement needed on the Day of Atonement by YAHWEH. Another of these brethren, who accepts this form of teaching from the one now believing in the Book of Enoch, offered as his proof 2 Samuel 21:3 thru 6.

I will not copy all of these verses. However, the context is that Saul and his family broke a treaty made between Yoshua and Gibeon (Yoshua 9) by apparently seeking to destroy the Gibeonites (2 Samuel 21:1). Because these actions caused YAHWEH to send a three-year famine in the land, King David offered an atonement/appeasement to the Gibeonites.

- 2Sa 21:3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of YAHWEH?

These scriptures were offered as an example of what the second goat of the Day of Atonement ceremony accomplished. According to this theory, Satan must appease for his efforts as an instigator of the sins of mankind.

The Gibeonites responded to King David who later granted their request.

- 2Sa 21:6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto YAHWEH in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* YAHWEH did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.
- 2Sa 21:9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before YAHWEH: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

The suggestion is that King David made an atonement/appeasement with/for the Gibeonites for Saul's treachery, right.

So, what is being suggested is that on the Day of Atonement, the sins of the COY are placed upon the head of Satan to make an atonement/appeasement with/for YAHWEH? I.e., YAHWEH needs to be atoned/appeased for the sins of the COY by Satan. And then, I guess, Satan bears the sins of the COY unto a place uninhabited. I wonder did these brethren forget that the second goat was presented alive, not to be killed, but "to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness". So much for attempting to insert something where it cannot be inserted.

Twice we learn that YAHWEH thinks opposite of this thinking.

- Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Eze 18:32 For **I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth**, saith the ADONAY YAHWEH: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.
- Eze 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the ADONAY YAHWEH, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live**: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Seeing that YAHWEH has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, I can find no reason why HE must be appeased by the second goat. And let us not forget, the second goat is not killed. Satan most certainly shall be.

I was once caught off guard and asked what is a scapegoat. I initially was unprepared to properly answer this question. And perhaps, this was a lesson for me. However, I later reconsidered the question and provided an answer to the person who had previously ask the question. I believe it is relevant to the context, and thus I decided to update this article.

I researched the definition of the English word "scapegoat" and noticed it consistently means "someone who is blamed or punished for another's faults or actions" ([Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary & Thesaurus](#)).

Now this definition can be based on error (i.e., a false accusation) or agreement (someone agrees to accept the blame for another). A major and consistent key in this definition is that **the person being blamed is not being blamed for their own fault or sins, and in fact, are blameless.**

I.e., **a scapegoat is an innocent party.** As such, **the scapegoat concept represents a blameless goat which either erroneously or by agreement accepted the blame for the sins of the COY under the Old Covenant, and by extension, the “called-out ones” of the New Covenant.**

The issue for our study of the events of the Day of Atonement is whether there is someone, be it Satan, a fallen angel, or, someone else, who might fit the characteristic of a scapegoat. And even so, do any of the verses we have read in Leviticus 16 describe Satan, a “fallen angel”, or, perhaps someone else?

Earlier we read John 8:44, which describes Satan as a “murderer from the beginning”, in which “there is no truth in him”, who “is a liar, and the father of it”. Dear brethren, any blame assigned to Satan is based on his own guilt and sin. It is not the guilt of others, as the concept of a scapegoat clearly describes.

As I quoted Yochonon 1:29 earlier, I mentioned how that in a recent Bible study, one of those that believe in the Book of Enoch and that Satan is the second goat chuckled as this scripture was read in a recent discussion by asking, what world? Because the brethren with these views never actually answer any questions themselves, I have at times ignored what appears to me to be irrelevant questions. However, in my articles, I try to address these questions to discern whether or not they may present any relevance. The question implies either a specific world other than that of the COY, the HOF, i.e., mankind, or perhaps several worlds. So, lets read the WOE for an answer.

In so doing, there were simply too many scriptures to include here, so I shall offer only the following small sample.

- Joh 3:16 For **ELOHIM so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** Joh 3:17 For ELOHIM sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

- Joh 14:17 *Even* **the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,** because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**
- 1Jn 5:5 **Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that YAHSHUA is the Son of ELOHIM?**
- Psa 96:13 Before YAHWEH: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: **he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**
- Isa 13:11 And **I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity;** and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

As I read through these scriptures about the world and consider Yochanon 1:29, it appears when we consider how YAHSHUA shall “take away the sins of the world”, there must be a process to accomplish such a feat. The world appears to be all that exists on this earth that ultimately impacts ELOHIM’s primary creation, man. Yochanon 3:16 says it all. It is all about those in this world who shall come to believe in HIM and receive eternal life. This is what the Day of Atonement is all about. One of YAHSHUA’s parables also speaks clearly to this.

- Mat 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:** Mat 13:25 But while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat,** and went his way.

Here we read of one who sows good seed in a field he owns, in which an enemy came during the night to sow tares among these good seed. What is this saying?

- Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; Mat 13:38 **The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;**

The field is the world. The good seed are the children of the Kingdom. The tares are the children of the wicked one, Satan.

Look at the emphasis here. It is all about the children and the potential for them to be either of the Kingdom, or, of the wicked one. It should now be rather obvious that it is the children of the Kingdom, who are in the world but not of the world, whose sins shall be taken away by YAHSHUA.

Now, some who believe that Satan is the second goat, appear to be led in this school of thought because of a desire to fit the Day of Atonement into a chronological flow of the plan of salvation built around the annual “appointed times”. These are Passover, Unleavened Bread (seven days), Weeks/Harvest, Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles (eight days).

Atonement follows Trumpets (which announces the seven trumpets, including the return of the King of Kings). It precedes the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles (which they teach represents the 1,000-year Kingdom of ELOHIM). Thus, as Satan is bound during the 1,000-year reign of HAMASHIACH, the ritual of sending the second goat “into the wilderness” must be the logical reasoning behind the ritual.

On the surface, this might appear to contain a certain level of justification. But remember, we have been told by YAHSHUA that the elect would be challenged by deception, and as such, we must not close our minds to Biblical context.

First, the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles does not picture the 1,000-year reign of HAMASHIACH. This is another teaching by certain European-led groups, descended from the WCG, that cannot be found in the WOE. Please see my article “The Appointed Time of Tabernacles” for a detailed review of this.

We all also know that the principle of duality exists in the MOST HIGH’s WORD. As such we have two principals at work regarding the Day of Atonement. Under the Old Covenant, the result of the entire ritual, for which we are told that both goats were taken for a sin offering, was the cleansing of the COY once every year. This is the first principle. Under the New Covenant, we no longer follow the rituals of the COY because the sacrificial laws ended with the death of YAHSHUA. Yet, we continue to afflict our souls, as commanded. But what do the ancient rituals mean to the current walk of those of the HOF? Isn’t it for our cleansing as well?

And, for those who believe that Satan’s removal fits the chronological timing of the “appointed times”, remember, at the end of the 1,000-year reign of HAMASHIACH and HIS saints, Satan is released again to deceive many.

Also remember that the Atonement ritual requires the death of the first goat. Where does this fit in the chronological flow of the “appointed times”? It does not. HAMASHIACH died only once on the Passover; not on the Day of Atonement as the “goat for YAHWEH” was each year. Let me offer one additional scripture to put this in perspective.

- Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. Isa 65:18 But be ye glad and rejoice forever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. Isa 65:19 And **I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people**: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. Isa 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: **for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed**. Isa 65:21 And **they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them**.

These verses written by the Prophet Isaiah are representative of the many scriptures that describe life for the remnant of the COY in the flesh, during the 1,000-year reign of YAHSHUA and HIS saints. During this period, Satan has been bound.

The teaching is that the sins of the COY, and those of YAHSHUA’s saints have been laid on Satan’s head. Yet, these verses inform us that during this prophetic day of 1,000 years, sin shall continue. Verse 20 states that “the sinner an hundred years old shall be accursed”. So, ELOHIM’s WORD informs us that even though Satan will be put away during this period, sin will continue to exist. Who is to blame?

Another factor that must be considered is the following:

- Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before ELOHIM; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works**. Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works**. Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

- This is the second death. Rev 20:15 **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

The white throne judgement occurs when Satan has been destroyed in the lake of fire. Then comes the 2nd resurrection when all who were not in the 1st resurrection shall be raised and **judged according to their works**. They shall be judged by what is written in the Books (the Bible) that are now open to their understanding. **If Satan is responsible for their sins, why then are they being judged.** For if their works are not proper, their names will not be written in the Book of Life, which has been opened for their possible entrance. And if they are not entered into the Book of Life, they shall be tossed into the lake of fire, just as Satan was.

According to the WOE, the second goat being put away is for the atonement of sins. Thus, this chronological view simply does not fit the Biblical pattern of Atonement. And, just for the record, the fulfillment of the Feast of Weeks/Harvest shall occur at the resurrection of YAHSHUA's saints when HE returns to establish HIS Kingdom on the earth for the 1,000 years. This also coincides with the blowing of the seventh and last trumpet. This shall occur on the Day of Atonement of the Yubilee year. These shall all occur at the beginning of the eighth day of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles, which represents the seventh and final annual Sabbath of these annual "appointed times" and of the plan of salvation. As such, Weeks/Harvest, Trumpets, Atonement and the eighth day of Tabernacles shall occur on the same day. There is nothing chronological about that.

My article "The Appointed Time of Tabernacles" describes this in detail, and shows how that the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles represents a 7,000-year period of man existing in their physical tabernacles/booths, awaiting the physical circumcision of these physical bodies unto their new spiritual tabernacles to occur on the eighth day of Tabernacles. And remember, during that day, the saints shall exist in their new glorious tabernacles, while the remnants of the COY and the nations continue to exist in their physical tabernacles/booths.

Now please get this. **There is nothing in ELOHIM's WORD that suggests that Satan will be accused for, or, that he will voluntarily accept the blame for "the heirs of salvation"**. Look it up for yourselves. Satan will be destroyed in the lake of fire for his own iniquity. Notice the words of YAHWEH.

- Eze 28:11 Moreover the word of YAHWEH came unto me, saying, Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith ADONAY YAHWEH; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of ELOHIM; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Eze 28:14 **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of ELOHIM; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**

Who is this “anointed cherub” that was on the holy mountain of ELOHIM?

- Eze 28:15 **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

Whoever this “anointed cherub”, it was created perfect, “until iniquity was found in him”.

- Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of ELOHIM;** and **I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**

Satan sinned. He shall be destroyed, not for the sins of others, but for his own iniquity.

- Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Eze 28:18 **Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.** Eze 28:19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

You see my Brothers and Sisters of the HOF, **Satan shall pay for his own iniquities, according to ELOHIM's WORD.** This and this alone should be our standard for understanding. Throughout ELOHIM's WORD, mankind is held responsible for his/her own iniquity, beginning with the first man and woman. The HOF must always remember the following verse.

- Isa 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning,** and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

How soon have we seemed to have forgotten what happened from the very beginning?

- Gen 3:13 And YAHWEH ELOHIM said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. Gen 3:14 And **YAHWEH ELOHIM said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field;** upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The serpent, who represented Satan, was responsible ONLY for his part.

- Gen 3:16 **Unto the woman** he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
- Gen 3:17 And **unto Adam he said,** Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The woman, and finally the man, were both responsible only for their own decisions.

I have continually asked the following questions to those who seem so bent on inserting Satan or some other “fallen angel” into the role of the object of the confession of our sins and who shall bear our sins. Would you please show me how that our sins shall be confessed to Satan, or upon Satan’s head? Would you please show me one scripture in the WOE where our sins shall be placed on the head of Satan? Would you please show me a scripture in the WOE Satan where shall bear our sins?

There is always a pivot to some other point. There is never an answer.

I want to encourage fellow brethren in the HOF who maintain a belief that the second goat of the Day of Atonement represents Satan, who is “azazel” to remember the words of the Prophet King Solomon.

- Pro 15:14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.
- Pro 15:31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.
- Pro 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

Of course, these scriptures apply to us all. I believe these to be relevant to the differences that continue to creep into the HOF that only divide us and keep us from becoming one. I will not comment on these. Each of us must search our own hearts to discern our purposes for hanging on the doctrines that are not implicitly or explicitly written in the WOE.

I pray that our understanding of who is represented by this second goat, called the “scapegoat” in the KJV, is becoming so much clearer.

6. CONCLUSION

What concerns me is our willingness to forget the basic Biblical principles by which we have been called. The Bible/WOE is written based on a concept of free will, with the understanding that in the end, YAHWEH/YAHSHUA will hold every member of HIS prized creation, mankind, responsible for their choices of belief and obedience. This Biblical concept is detailed to include the fact that ELOHIM will ensure that each member of mankind, at the time appointed, will clearly receive the knowledge necessary to make the choice that ELOHIM THEMSELVES have clearly desired.

As we shall read, the Apostle Paul was commissioned to teach Timothy and all “called-out ones” that ELOHIM’s desire is that “all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Those being “called-out” shall have been provided an opportunity for this “knowledge of the truth” up until the first resurrection. However, “many are called, but few are chosen”. And for others, there is an appointed time after the second resurrection for their understanding of the “knowledge of the truth”. We read this earlier in Revelations 20:11-15.

“Called-out ones” should know that every member of mankind that has ever lived shall be judged “according to their works”. This is Biblical fact.

The only question is whether or not we make the decision to accept the graceful and voluntary offer that has been given to us. The plan of YAHWEH ELOHIM calls for the creator mankind, to become the “scapegoat” for those who are to inherit spiritual salvation. Allow me to repeat the following scripture of how YAHSHUA became the scapegoat for those who are HIS.

- 2Co 5:21 For **he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of ELOHIM in him.**

HE has given us this opportunity to be made the righteousness of ELOHIM in HIM. This is what salvation is all about and is the essence of the “Gospel of the Kingdom”, the 1,000-year reign of YAHSHUA on this earth. These heirs of salvation shall reign with HIM during this 1,000-year period, if they accomplish a required directive given twice by YAHSHUA HIMSELF.

We read earlier in Mathew 10:22 that “he that endureth to the end shall be saved”. These words were repeated a little later by YAHSHUA.

- Mat 24:13 But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

Keep in mind that the Old Covenant rituals were but a precursor of the New Covenant relationship between the HOF (those to whom HE is instructing to “endure until the end”) and YAHSHUA.

Now, with this understanding, I believe some of our pastors and teachers may have failed all of us. Why? We cannot wait until an “appointed time”, teach on the “appointed time” itself, about what that “appointed time” means, and believe we have done our duties. If we wait until the Day of Atonement and ask whether or not we have “loosed the bonds of wickedness”, undone “the heavy burdens”, “let the oppressed go free”, broken every yoke, we haven’t accomplished anything.

If we wait until the Day of Atonement and ask whether or not we have dealt bread to the hungry, brought the poor that are cast out to thy house, covered the naked when we saw them, and finally, not hid ourselves from our own flesh, we have not understood nor adequately taught the process of the Atonement.

We all have tremendous work to do. The process does not begin on the Day of Atonement. It began on the day of our baptism unto YAHSHUA, and was certified when we partake of the body and blood the LAMB of ELOHIM. 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 simply 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.

- 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 ELOHIM. 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 to partake in the body and blood of our PASSOVER.

- 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.

Everyone who is of the HOF knows 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 ELOHIM 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? Look at how the Apostle Paul was led to teach both the natural born (the COY) and the those of the nations that were "called to YAHSHUA".

- 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 HAMASHIACH 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 ADON, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the ADON. 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 ADON's body.

After reading about the intent of the fast in Isaiah, I now get it that these instructions given by the Apostle Paul are specific to Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

And yet, they are also implicit to all of the MOST HIGH's "appointed times". Remember, the Day of Atonement is all about our cleansing and forgiveness. Even as we make our attempts to obey, we will not be perfect until this flesh is removed. This flesh will not be removed until YAHWEH/YAHSHUA returns.

The fast of Atonement is YAHWEH's end of the year cleanse of whatever filth we have consumed between the Passover and Day of Atonement each year, while at the same time picturing the final cleanse from the flesh wherein we now exist.

And as we read these scriptures that should make the metaphors of the two goats plain, I have another vital point that may help.

Remember how that the sin offering made during the Old Covenant Atonement was strictly for the COY. Well, who then is the New Covenant Atonement for? Is it not the HOF, the New Covenant Church?

We know that the Apostles wrote only to this Church, YAHSHUA's "called-out ones". The COY were the Old Covenant vineyard of YAHWEH. They were replaced by the New Covenant HOF (Luke 20:9-17).

This is why the feast of Weeks/Harvest, along with the Day of Atonement, the Memorial of the Blowing of Trumpets and the eighth day of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles, will not be required during the 1,000-year reign of YAHSHUA and HIS saints. These saints are the only ones who shall have placed themselves under the blood of the LAMB at that time and endured to receive the promises of each of these "appointed times".

This salvation was described to us by the Prophet Isaiah 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" (Isaiah 58:8). This glory is to see YAHSHUA as HE is, because these saints shall be like HIM (1 Yochanon 3:2).

The Apostle Paul supplements this.

- 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 5:19 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 YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC 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, the New Covenant Church is commanded to serve one another by washing each other's feet. If we do this, what did YAHWEH/YAHSHUA promise?

Brethren, do we believe in and accept the WOE? Verse 12 explicitly states that "as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men". Verse 19 explicitly states that "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners". His man was Adam. Thus, by the logic of many, perhaps the second goat should represent Adam. However, Adam could never become a scapegoat for his own cause and effects toward his offspring. It is ONLY because of one man, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, that we may have "righteousness unto eternal life".

- 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.

We become spiritually clean, or whole at the Passover each year. At the end of the spiritual year, the 7th month, we are given the opportunity to again be cleansed as we metaphorically appear before our FATHER, ready to enter into the Kingdom of HIS SON.

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. 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 YAHWEH ELOHIM 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 represents the entire earth. This was our commission.

- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made YAHWEH ELOHIM 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 YAHWEH ELOHIM took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Gen 2:16 And YAHWEH ELOHIM 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, the Tree of Life.

- Gen 3:22 And YAHWEH ELOHIM 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 was given. Now look at 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. All he had to do is to not eat of that forbidden tree. 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 of Life that Adam lost access to. Who is this Tree of Life?

- Gen 3:23 Therefore YAHWEH ELOHIM 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. Thus, the sacrificial law was given as a tutor, or bridge, until the true sacrificial LAMB came. 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.

We read the following verse in the Introduction.

- 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.

What does it mean to each of you, to be one with the FATHER and the SON? Isn't this the true and ultimate 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 each 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 one with 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 I confess, I have fallen short.

- 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 EL 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 EL, and one mediator between EL and men, the man HAMASHIACH YAHSHUA**; 1Ti 2:6 **Who gave himself a ransom for all**, to be testified in due time.

I pray that this lesson enriches each reader's understanding on this MOST HIGH's Appointed Time. HAMASHIACH, YAHWEH/YAHSHUA, alone is the ATONEMENT for **our** sins; never Satan. Let us not be deceived, man alone shall be responsible for his works and judged by what is written in the Books. This is how mankind's names will be written in the LAMB's Book of Life.

For the New Covenant Church that endures until the end, the Atonement process ends at the first resurrection when they shall receive the promise of eternal life and finally see YAHSHUA as HE is. YAHSHUA died for the world. However, ELOHIM established this powerful Day of Atonement for those who would trust in HIS SON until the end of their tabernacling in the flesh.

The results of this Atonement would happen whether or not Satan is put away for 1,000 years. In fact, the resurrected saints will receive far greater power than Satan ever had. This is what every "called-out one" should know about this day of affliction and remembrance of our HAMASHIACH.

As I close this latest update of the Symbolism of the Atonement, Becoming One With ELOHIM, a fellow Bible study leader, who believes that Satan is represented by the "azazel" goat, informed me recently that they were studying the Book of Romans during their Sabbath night Bible studies. At that point they were well past chapter 5 of Romans. I mentioned that they surely saw what the Apostle Paul wrote about the Atonement, right? Sadly, he responded that they did not see any mention of the Atonement by the Apostle.

I say sadly, because the Apostle Paul taught us earlier in Romans 5:10-11 that YAHSHUA reconciled us to the FATHER when HE died for us (fulfilling the blood of the goat for YAHWEH), and that it is by HIS life that we shall be saved (fulfilling the life of the goat for a scapegoat), **“by whom we have now received the atonement”**.

These are the words of one of YAHSHUA’s disciples that HE admonished us to believe on HIM through their word (Yochanon 17:10).

This same Apostle taught us earlier that the saints and Household of ELOHIM (the New Covenant church) “are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC himself being the chief corner *stone*” (Ephesians 2:19-20). And so, let us close this update with one of YAHWEH’s chief prophets offering the following powerful prophesy of what has been accomplished by YAHWEH/YAHSHUA on this Day of Atonement.

- Isa 53:4 Surely **he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of ELOHIM, and afflicted.

What a powerful message of the atonement we now have. There is someone who has “borne our griefs and carried our sorrows”? Does this describe what was accomplished by the scapegoat?

- Isa 53:5 But **he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed**.

For our transgressions and iniquities, HE was wounded and bruised. The essence is that for us, HE suffered and was killed. HE shed HIS blood for us. Does this describe what was accomplished by the “goat for YAHWEH” on the Day of Atonement?

- Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **YAHWEH hath laid on him the iniquity of us all**.

We obviously know that the Prophet’s primary audience was the COY when he said “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way”.

However, we also know that he and fellow prophets are a major part of the foundation of the HOF, prophetically speaking us as well. So, let us not forget what we read earlier when the Apostle Paul wrote to the HOF.

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

This is the longsuffering love of the FATHER for each of us, in that it was and is while we are yet sinners, that YAHSHUA has died for us and become our PASSOVER LAMB; that is, if we accept HIM. Isn't that the same as though while we and the COY like sheep have gone astray, turning to our own way, that the "goat for YAHWEH" was offered for the COY, and us? And then Isaiah 53:6 reminds of the second component of what the Day of Atonement accomplishes for us.

YAHWEH "laid upon HIM the iniquity of us all". On the Day of Atonement, the high priest confessed all of the iniquities and all the transgressions of the COY and placing them on the head of the scapegoat. Does what YAHWEH did in Isaiah 53:6 also describe what happened to the scapegoat?

- Isa 53:7 **He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.**

This HE, upon whom YAHWEH laid our sins upon HIS head, was oppressed and afflicted and didn't open HIS mouth. HE was like a lamb and a sheep who laid it all on the line for us. Who is HE, that has laid it on the line for you and me? Verse 11 implies that YAHWEH laid on someone else "the iniquity of us all".

We have discussed the metaphoric roles played by YAHWEH. HE came unto the world as YAHSHUA to become the HIGH PRIEST, once for all (Hebrews 9:11). The "goat for YAHWEH" was so because it was YAHWEH HIMSELF who became the sin offering when HE came into the world in the name of YAHSHUA (or as most prefer, Jesus) and permanently replaced the blood of bulls and goats (Hebrews 10:4 and 12).

HE was metaphorically FATHER ELOHIM. As YAHSHUA, we read earlier how HE has told us that no man has seen the FATHER, nor heard HIS voice at any time (Yochanon 1:18, 5:37 and 6:46).

In HIS final prayer to FATHER ELOHIM, HE also said the following:

- 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.

The world has yet to know the FATHER. If we have come to know YAHSHUA, we metaphorically have known the FATHER. But, the FATHER HIMSELF shall not present HIMSELF until the new heavens, the new earth, and the new Yerushalaim come down from heaven in the 22nd chapter of Revelations; which shall occur after the second resurrection and white throne judgement are complete.

This is how we know that YAHWEH was playing a metaphorical role when HE laid our iniquities on HIM. So, who is HE, to whom YAHWEH metaphorically laid the iniquity of us all on? One thing we know, the FATHER made YAHSHUA YAHSHUA, who knew no sin, a sin for us all, right? Let's continue with the Prophet to verify.

- Isa 53:8 **He was taken from prison and from judgment**: and who shall declare his generation? for **he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken**. Isa 53:9 And **he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death**; because **he had done no violence**, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

Whoever HE was, HE was taken from prison and cut off out of the land of the living. HE made HIS grave with the wicked. HE had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in HIS mouth. We know that when YAHSHUA was taken from prison by the Romans, HE was killed alongside two wicked men. HE had done no violence, nor was there deceit in HIM.

Is the wonderful overall plan becoming clearer?

- Isa 53:10 **Yet it pleased YAHWEH to bruise him**; he hath put *him* to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of YAHWEH shall prosper in his hand.

And so, this HE not only was wounded and bruised for our transgressions and made a sin offering, but the iniquity of us all was laid upon HIM. By the Prophet Isaiah's writing, whoever this HE was, this one person fulfilled both the "goat for YAHWEH" and the scapegoat of the Day of Atonement ceremony.

And, just like the symbology of the Day of Atonement ceremony, Isaiah's prophecy is also metaphoric. YAHWEH, who later became YAHSHUA, the SON of ELOHIM, here plays the metaphoric role of FATHER ELOHIM, as if HE bruised HIMSELF, when in fact, HE was bruised by the FATHER.

- Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: **by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**

And finally, it becomes clearer. YAHSHUA saw the travail of HIS soul, HIS wounded body. It is YAHSHUA who justifies many. **In agreement with the apostles, it is YAHWEH/YAHSHUA who bears the sins of many. Wasn't this the role of the scapegoat, to bear the sins of the COY?**

- Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because **he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Finally, the Prophet concludes by teaching us how that this one person fulfilled the roles of both of the goats, taken as a sin offering by Aaron the high priest to be presented before YAHWEH, who was representing FATHER ELOHIM.

It was YAHSHUA who poured out HIS soul unto death on the cross. It was YAHSHUA who was numbered with the transgressors, even though HE HIMSELF knew no sin. Again, YAHSHUA was made a sin, who knew no sin, by the FATHER. And **it was YAHSHUA who bare the sin of many, while making intercession for the transgressors.**

In this great detail the Prophet Isaiah described the entire Day of Atonement roles of the FATHER and YAHSHUA. The HOF should know that these two are the family of ELOHIM, who from the beginning counseled together to design a great plan to adopt THEIR prize creation into THEIR family.

The Day of Atonement is like a play that presents the conclusion of the first part of THEIR plan, the adoption of those to whom shall become the first fruits of mankind into this omnipotent family at the second coming of YAHWEH/YAHSHUA.

The most important part in this play was performed by one of these two omnipotent deities of the family of ELOHIM. This part was presented to us all in the form of unblemished two goats taken for a sin offering.

The Prophet Isaiah jumpstarted the details of what would prophetically happen when YAHWEH would come in the flesh as YAHSHUA, our Passover and our HIGH PRIEST. It was the Apostle Paul, who was commissioned to present the details of what YAHSHUA actually accomplished in what is now known as the New Testament (Covenant), who brings together what both of the two goats taken for a sin offering in the 16th chapter of Leviticus metaphorically would accomplish by the actions of our SAVIOUR, YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH.

We read this earlier in Hebrews 9:28. “**HAMASHIACH was once offered to bear the sins of many**”. The “goat for YAHWEH” performed the role of actually being offered for a sin offering (Leviticus 16:15) which was for the people of the COY. It was HAMASHIACH who was actually offered. The goat for a scapegoat performed the role of actually bearing the sins of the COY. HAMASHIACH bear the sins of many.

YAHSHUA HIMSELF taught us that “many are called, but few are chosen” (Mathew 22:14). As such, the Apostle also concluded on what the Day of Atonement shall accomplish as he also taught us in Hebrews 9:28 “and **unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation**”. These are those of the HOF who endured until the end, along with those spoken of in the faith chapter (Hebrews 11), who shall receive the promise of eternal life when YAHSHUA shall return to reclaim HIS Kingdom.

We note that when YAHSHUA returns, HE shall be without sin. Why, because as the scapegoat took upon HIMSELF the sins of the COY into an uninhabited place, YAHSHUA took the sins of “them that look for HIM” and forgave them, and remembers them no more. Those sins were metaphorically taken to an uninhabited place, which represents the fact that by being totally forgotten, they no longer exist, and as such, are no longer inhabited by those in whom they once dwelt.

This is the fulfillment of the scapegoat of the Day of Atonement. Hebrews 9:28 clearly teaches us the conclusion of what this most solemn “appointed time” accomplishes. YAHSHUA has opened the door to us by fulfilling the role of both goats.

However, we too have our roles to play. We know what YAHSHUA accomplished. Each year, we partake of HIS body and blood at the beginning of the year at the Passover. At the same time, we humble ourselves before ELOHIM by also humbling ourselves to one another by the washing of feet, which metaphorically cleans us so that we are qualified to eat YAHSHUA’s body and drink HIS blood.

And at the metaphorically end of the year, we humble ourselves again before ELOHIM on the Day of Atonement through affliction. If we remember, the unleavened bread that we eat during the Feast of Unleavened Bread is called the bread of affliction (Deuteronomy 16:3). We have been admonished to “endure until the end”.

On the Day of Atonement, we partake of a complete fast in bodily affliction, to remember what ELOHIM has performed for us. If we are enduring, the Spirit of Truth is faithful to teach us all truth so that we clearly understand what YAHSHUA has done and continues to do for us as our intercessor before the throne of FATHER ELOHIM, also known as YAHSHUA. And by completing our endurance, we shall receive the end result of the promises on some future year of Yubilee, on the Day of Atonement, when the last trumpet shall blow, and our KING, YAHSHUA HAMAISHIAC, shall return to receive us unto HIMSELF.

And knowing all of this, together, only through YAHSHUA, we can become as one and become an atonement within ourselves, on a right path towards becoming At-one-ment with ELOHIM (FATHER YAHSHUA and the SON YAHSHUA/YAHWEH).

Shalom!