

**Yom Kippur (יום כיפור)** "Day of Atonement"

Torah ~ Lev. 16:1-34; 23:26-32 | Haftarah ~ Isa. 57:1-58:14; Mic. 7:18-20 | Brit Chadashah ~ Rom. 3:21-26; Heb. 9:11-10:25

**Yom Kippur**

Yom Kippur is on Tishri 10th in the Biblical calendar (*Lev. 16:1-34; 23:26-32; Num. 29:7-11*) and September / October on the Gregorian calendar. The Hebrew word Kippur means “to atone for” and “to wipe away.” It is from Kippur that we get the word “Kippah” in which we as believers are reminded that we are covered by the atoning blood of Yeshua.

Yom Kippur is the only Feast where the High Priest was allowed to enter into the Holy of Holies (*Lev. 16:1-2*). The Talmud says that when the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies, he was given a temporary gift of tongues called “the language of God”. The Priest had to bring with him in the Holy of Holies a censer full of burning coals from the Altar of Incense, which is a picture of our prays going up to God (*Lev. 16:12*).

On Yom Kippur we afflict (torment) our souls by abstaining (fasting) from luxuries, such as food (*Lev. 16:29; 23:32*). We see the Apostle Paul observing the fast of Yom Kippur in *Acts 27:9* where it says "*the fast*" was now past.

Two goat's was used on Yom Kippur, one for sacrificial payment of sin and one for removal of sin (*Leviticus 16:5-10*). The goat for the sin offering was to be sacrificed and it's blood sprinkled on the Mercy Seat (*Leviticus 16:15-16*). *Leviticus 17:11* speaks of this blood that was sprinkled on the Altar to make Atonement for our souls. The scapegoat is to bear on it all the sins of the people and be sent into the wilderness (*Leviticus 16:20-22*). *Psalm 103:12* “*As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*”

According to the Talmud, a scarlet cord was tied around the neck of the scapegoat and also on the door of the Temple. If the Lord accepted the atonement then the scarlet cord would turn white. It is recorded that the scarlet cord stopped turning white 40yrs before the destruction of the Temple. This was the time that Yeshua was crucified.

*Isaiah 1:18a “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow”*

**Yeshua is our Atonement**

These sacrifice's was a “picture” of Yeshua paying for and removing our sins when we accept Him. The sacrifice's did not actually pay for or remove their sins but pointed forward to the redemptive work of Yeshua.

But when believers say that the Torah has been done away with, now that Yeshua has come, they are actually saying that the sacrificial system removed sins (saved the people) and now that Messiah has come, the Torah and those offerings have no value or purpose. But the sacrifice's never removed sin, it only pointed to the true sacrifice that would remove all sin, Yeshua. That is exactly what these Feasts still do today, point to Yeshua's sacrifice that was made for us.

*Hebrews 10:1-4* says that animal sacrifices was never sufficient, only Yeshua's sacrifice can truly take away our sin.

*Hebrews 9:11-15* says that Yeshua is now our High Priest and the sacrifice for our sins.

*John 1:29 “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us”*

*Ephesians 1:7 “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins”*

*1 John 3:5 “And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.”*

Yom Kippur will be completely fulfilled at Yeshua's second coming in the battle of Jerusalem (*Zechariah 14:1-5*) when He returns as “Mashiach ben David”. Then the Jewish people will “*look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son*” (*Zech 12:10*) and thus “*all Israel will be saved*” (*Rom. 11:26-27*). It is at this time that the man of sin will be defeated and will be cast into the bottomless pit (*Rev. 19:11-20:3*).

## **Aliyah to the Torah**

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Torah ~ *Leviticus 23:26-32 NKJV*

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:  
27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.  
28 And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.  
29 For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people.  
30 And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.  
31 You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.  
32 It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath."

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Haftarah ~ *Micah 7:18-20 NKJV*

18 Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.  
19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.  
20 You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

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Brit Chadashah ~ *Romans 3:23-25 MWEB*

23 for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;  
24 being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua;  
25 whom God set forth to be an atoning sacrifice, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done before, in the forbearance of God