

“Yom Kippur”

Purging of the Sanctuary
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Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”

Your notes:

Reading the Scriptures Backwards

Most Christians read the Apostolic Scriptures (the New Testament) *first* and *then* apply that understanding to the Torah. This is just the opposite of what we need to do: we need to *first* read the Torah and *then* look to the Apostolic Scriptures for further understanding. For instance, when we take the Apostolic Scripture terminology of forgiveness and sacrifice and apply it to the Torah, we are creating a lack of clarity as to what YHVH is actually meaning. We need to first read the Torah and then apply it to the Apostolic Scriptures. We must also remember that this is an actual physical event – not a metaphor.

YHVH Purges His Temple Annually

The cleansing of His Temple is perhaps the most important act during Yom Kippur. YHVH purged His Sacred Space from all contamination within His Sanctuary.

Yom Kippur Basic worship

²⁶ The LORD [YHVH] spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁷ “Also the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble yourselves [by fasting] and present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH]. ²⁸ You shall not do any work on this same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement on your behalf before the LORD [YHVH] your God. ²⁹ If there is any person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people [excluding him from the atonement made for them]. ³⁰ If there is any person who does any work on this same day, I will destroy that person from among his people. ³¹ You shall do no work at all [on that day]. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations wherever you may

be. ³² It is to be to you a Sabbath of complete rest, and you shall humble yourselves. On the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening you shall keep your Sabbath.” Leviticus 23:26-32 Amp

Background

This purging of the Sanctuary is not about cleansing the people of their personal sins; it is about purging a Sacred Space in the Temple so people can approach YHVH! A Holy Space, in fact, is the Sacred Space where YHVH exists!

Israel’s sins polluted the Sanctuary. YHVH cannot remain in a polluted place, because pollution destroys the holiness of the Temple. Furthermore, man cannot approach YHVH if he is unclean. An individual cannot approach YHVH with sin or if he is unclean: this is not a moral failure: it could be if the individual has touched a dead person or if a woman is in her menstrual cycle or had a baby. These contaminate the Sacred Space or Sanctuary of the Temple.

YHVH is Holy and maintains a Sacred Space. Consequently, man’s offerings of sacrifices are not for his sins but rather for purging the Sacred Space. And, thereby, the worshiper is accepted in the Sacred Space of YHVH with his offering.

(I encourage everyone to read Leviticus 16 to gain further understanding.)

There are two goats. One goat is for sacrifice to YHVH; the other is the scape goat (the Azazel), upon whose head the high priests lays his hands and symbolically transfers sin. The Azazel is then sent into the wilderness.

In Leviticus 16, we see that the Sanctuary has been polluted. There needs to be a cleansing/purging of YHVH’s Sacred Space.

Leviticus 16:16-22:

¹⁶ So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place (Holy of Holies) because of the uncleanness and transgressions of the Israelites, for all their sins. He shall also do this for the Tent of Meeting which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness (impurities). ¹⁷ There shall be no person in the

Tent of Meeting when the high priest goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place [within the veil] until he comes out, so that he may make atonement for himself (his own sins) and for his household and for all the congregation of Israel. ¹⁸ Then he shall go out to the altar [of burnt offering in the court] which is before the LORD [YHVH] and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar on all sides. ¹⁹ With his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on the altar of burnt offering seven times and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.

²⁰ “When he has finished atoning for the Holy Place and the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. ²¹ Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the wickedness of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat [the scapegoat, the sin-bearer], and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is prepared [for the task]. ²² The goat shall carry on itself all their (the Israelites) wickedness, carrying them to a solitary (infertile) land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. Leviticus 16:16-22 Amp

Purging of the Sanctuary: Lev 16:5-10

⁵ And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats as a [Purification] sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering. ⁶ Then Aaron shall offer the bull as the [Purification] sin offering, which is for himself, so that he may make atonement for himself and for his household. ⁷ He shall then take the two goats and present them before the LORD [YHVH] at the doorway of the tent of meeting. ⁸ Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot [לַיהוָה] for the LORD [YHVH] and the other lot for [purification] the [לְעִזָּאזֵל] for the Azazel scapegoat. ⁹ Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the

lot for the LORD [YHVH] fell, and make it a [purification] in offering. ¹⁰ But the goat on which the lot for [Azazel] the [impurities] scapegoat fell shall be presented alive before the LORD [YHVH], to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the [Azazel] scapegoat. Leviticus 16:5-10 NASB

YHVH created the “*Annual Day of Purging the Sanctuary*”

This day is about Purging the Sanctuary for another year! Blood is not applied to people at this event; it is about Sacred Space.

All the impurities were pronounced upon the Azazel goat; this was symbol of a demonic figure and was sent into the wilderness where he belonged.

In every way, YHVH is truly holy and His people are to be sanctified (set apart) so they are also holy! Yeshua continuously prepares a place for us so we are able to approach the Father!!