Yom Kippur-The Day of Atonements



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A Rabbinical and Biblical Perspective

<u>Wayiqra/Lev. 23:26-32</u>-The 6th of the 7 moadim/feasts is the 10th day of the 7th month. This day is the most sacred of all days on the biblical calendar. All Jewish people seek YHWH on this day, if they have any awe or fear of the Almighty. First lets look at the rabbinical observance and see how it does not line up with scripture

Yom Kippur in rabbinical thought is the final day of the 10 Days of Awe, which commences at Yom Teruah, which is incorrectly called Rosh Hashanah, or New Year. New Year is actually the first month, or the month during which Passover falls and certainly not the 7th month.

The pre festival meal is light food that's easily digestible, along with a light salting, so as not to create thirst during the 24 hour fast. The Jewish people believe that all Jews, whether religious or not, are divided into three groups of people. Those destined for death in the Book of Death for the coming year, those guaranteed life for one more year, by being written in the Book of Life. And the final category is the Book of the In-Between, where allegedly 90 percent of Jews are written in limbo, awaiting the outcome of the Day of Judgment, or Yom Kippurim. The rabbis teach that those who repent sincerely and with contriteness on Yom Kippur will be moved from the In Between Book and transferred to the Book of Life. Mind you this transfer from the Book of The In Between to the Book of Life is just for one more year of life, and is certainly not for eternal life. Sadly, this system guarantees nothing and deliveries fantasies to those who may be heartbroken over their behaviors, but simply are following the rabbis without studying the Scriptures on their own. Needless to say, this is a myth of a nasty

sort, seeing it lends and projects a false hope, which is truly no hope, as it does not meet Scriptural qualifications and criteria.

On top of this, the Jewish people, most often among the Orthodox participate in a ceremony known as "Kaparos." In the "Kaparos," which means atonement, they slay either a rooster for men, or a hen for women, and recite a blessing over the slain animal. They then proceed to swing the slain animal around their heads as the hot blood pours down their bodies. During the bloodletting they cry out in Hebraic agony "Zoat lee keporah, Zoat lee kaparah," or "This is my atonement, this is my atonement." This is a cheap and disgraceful imitation of the pure and final sacrifice of Yahshua for all mankind. It is more like Santeria witchcraft, as no sacrifices can legally take place away from the Moriah Temple. Kaparos is a mainstay of rabbinical Judaism to this day. What is most interesting is that this very act, is an admission that the manmade formulas of atonement invented by the rabbinical leaders is worthless, and unsubstantiated from Scripture! It is the underlying knowledge that the Torah teaches that blood atonement is STILL required for sins' forgiveness, along with the admission that no Temple stands today to provide for the fulfillment of this eternal command of biblical atonement, that leads to this silly ritual.

During Yom Kippur there is no bathing, no brushing of teeth, no pleasurable activities, no business is conducted and no eating. Men dress in white called a "kittle" symbolizing purity. The evening of Yom Kippur is started with a service called "Kol Nidre," or "All Vows." Jewish worshippers ask YHWH to forgive and annul all unfulfilled pledges, or pledges made in jest or in error. This service was originally designed to nullify all vows made by Jews who were forced under penalty of death to convert to some form of Christianity. These were insincere acts and needed repentance. The day ends with another tradition called "Nilah," or the closing of the heavenly gates for all Jewish petitions for another full year. Once sundown arrives and the Nilah prayer liturgy commences, the gates are allegedly in the process of being closed, and YHWH has just about made His final decision on the worshippers fate. At least for another year! At least that's the way rabbinical Judaism believes it.

Since rabbinical Judaism rejects Yahshua's blood and atonement, it invented a substitute system of good actions combined with the aforementioned "Kaparos" service. In about 70 CE in the city of Yavneh, a rabbinical council was formed that set new manmade atonement standards in light of the destruction of the Temple on the Temple Mount.

The father of this false method of salvation was Rabbi Yochanan ben Zachai, who taught his disciples that in place of the blood of atonement a certain combination of good actions would allegedly avert the evil decree of death and separation from YHWH. The formula of teshuvah, tzedakah and tefillah, or repentance, good deeds, and prayers can allegedly gain the worshipper one more year on earth. This formula enacted at the

Council of Yavneh, still holds true to this day in rabbinical Judaism, and cannot be overturned until the Temple is rebuilt, or Moshiach comes, or Moshiach comes to rebuild the Temple Himself, according to varying Jewish traditions. Ironically when dying, Rabbi Zacchai told his students that he was pained in death, because he DID NOT KNOW if YHWH had decided to accept him into paradise. Now if the founder of rabbinical Judaism did not know his own fate, what does that say about the fools who trust in his formula?

The biblical way of salvation is that on the 10th day of the 7th month, The Day of Atonements (for the many people of Yisrael), only one man can atone for the nation. The priest alone had to bathe and dress differently, acting as the sole intermediary for all Yisrael! The man was the designatesd and ordained Kohen HaGadol, or the High Priest of Yisrael. This one man can atone for the entire nation for sins known and unknown, committed accidentally, or willfully (as Scripture uses the term ALL in Wayiqra/Lev. 16, despite anti-missionary pabulum), by the blood of atonement sprinkled annually in the Holy of Holies, the innermost court of the Temple. This atonement was a covering from year to year and not the final removal we see in Yahshua the Lamb, slain before the foundation of the world for mankind.

YHWH promised to cover sin annually, but not to remove it. Two goats were chosen annually; one for the nation's blood provision, and one to be the "Azazael," or the scapegoat, that carried Yisrael's sins into the wilderness after the High Priest symbolically laid his hands on the head of the "Azazael." Then "Azazael" was carried away from the nation into the wilderness, symbolizing YHWH's intention to remove sin from the nation forever through the true and final Azazael, The Moshiach Yahshua. Just like "Azazael" was pushed over the cliff, Yahshua was pushed outside the camp, never to return to Yisrael in their unbelieving state.

This detailed ceremony can be seen in Wayiqra/Leviticus 16. All the vessels and altars were washed and cleansed with blood after the "Asham," or the goat for YHWH and Yisrael's atonement was killed.

This detailed ceremony was to portray clearly to all Yisrael that sin was so wicked and widespread, that it needed a special cleansing and purifying process, with lengthy attention given to detail. These sacrifices were shadows pointing to the final "Asham" and "Azazel" of our Adon-Yahshua Meshichaynu. In this hour, YHWH still requires the Jewish nation to peform these details on Yom Kippur. But the problem is they can't! Oy vey, such a dilemma.

The point being that this problem and quagmire should be so obvious, that it should make every Jewish seeker who seeks YHWH in sincerity, to set out on their own personal search for the blood of Yom Kippurim. There is Good News. The blood is still available through YHWH's Son, His Moshiach, our Savior, and

when one finds Him, happy is he or she, that their rooster and hen swinging days have FINALLY and at long last concluded! Yahshua is the reality, the sacrificial goat, the scapegoat, the Temple, the High Priest, and The Mediator. In Him are all things found that are needed for Torah atonement.

Because He lives, we can face tomorrow as biblical worshippers, in surety and confidence of our souls.

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