

DAY OF ATONEMENT 2015
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When we look around the world at all of its trouble ... this day shows us why the world is the way it is ... and why ... and how God will create world peace.

Satan hates this day more than all Holy Days.

Who is behind the world's violence ... the world's crimes ... who has been behind it for the last 6,000 years?

Revelation 12:9

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called **the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;** he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The whole world is deceived by satan.

Revelation 12:12

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! **For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath,** because he knows that he has a short time."

Revelation 12:13

Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he **persecuted** the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

Revelation 12:17

And the dragon was **enraged** with the woman, and he went to **make war** with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **whose minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it.**

The devil is a liar and the father of lies. He is a murderer. No surprise then that the world is full of lies and murders.

The main source of the world's problems is satan ... they are spiritual problems. There will be no peace if satan is still around.

The good news is that this day ... the Day of Atonement ... shows us a time when there will be no devil and no demons around.

Leviticus 23:26-32

The Day of Atonement

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “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. 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. For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 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.”

Atonement ... to atone is a contraction of "at" and "one" ... from the Latin "to unite" ... **"to reconcile"** ... to bring them back together again as one ... unity.

Hebrew ... Kaphar ... to cover ... to forgive ... to reconcile (as in covering our sins)

We "afflict our souls" ... to humble our bodies.

Ezra 8:21

Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

Isaiah 58:3

'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?'
'In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure,
And exploit all your labourers.

Today is one of the clearest meanings of any of the Holy Days.

Ancient Israel had to act out a play ... a theatre production ... a drama.

Leviticus 16:1-10

The Day of Atonement

Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before the Lord, and died; and the Lord said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

"Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

"Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. (should be "escape goat" ... should be "Azazel" ... satan the devil) And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. (The goat representing The Lord) But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:15-17

"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil (Most Holy Place) , do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst

of their uncleanness. There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

What the high priest was acting out in this drama was fulfilled by Jesus Himself.

Hebrews 9:1-10

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; (the 10 Commandments) and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

Hebrews 9:11-15

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained

eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Jesus' blood cleanses the heart ... mind ... conscience ... makes us fit to appear before God totally clean. We are washed in The Blood of The Lamb.

Hebrews 9:22-28

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Hebrews 10:1-4

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away

sins. (Sacrifices could never change your heart --- they were only a reminder!!)

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever,** sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. **For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.**

Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.** (We can walk into The Holiest (The Holy of Holies) --- BOLDLY!! Jesus has made the way to The Father possible. We do it because we are washed ... by The Blood of The Lamb)

One day ... this process will apply to all of mankind.

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, **having been justified by faith, (made righteous by faith) we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8-11

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only

that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word (message) of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Eventually ... the whole world will be reconciled to God.

That's the story of the first goat. But ... you can't have the whole world at peace ... this reconciliation of all mankind ... if there is still a spiritual devil on the loose. You could not have the world at peace and reconciled because you would still have the world's biggest spiritual terrorist going around like a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour.

Leviticus 16:20-21

"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.

Leviticus 16:26

And he who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. (This man is ceremonially/symbolically very dirty)

Leviticus 16:21

Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.

Why is Aaron confessing all of the sins and putting them back on to this second goat? How can there be any sins left to put on this Azazel goat?

What's the idea of putting them on this other goat?

There are two parties involved ... us ... we sometimes rebel ... we succumb to the flesh. Ultimately ... we chose to sin. But other than that, there is a second party ... satan ... the tempter ... the deceiver ... the one who blinds people's minds so they cannot see the truth. He shares a very large part of the blame of all sins. It's only fair ... only right and just ... that satan's part can be seen ... the originator of so many of the world's problems. He will be judged publicly and taken away from mankind.

God has made provision for our sins to be paid for by The blood of Jesus. And so God will also put the sins back on satan's head for his guilt ... his contribution to man's sins and wickedness.

Revelation 19:11-16

Christ on a White Horse

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:19-21

And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

So that is great news! Satan is locked away after 6,000 years of deceiving mankind and causing so much war and suffering.

And finally ... the whole world can be reconciled to God and at one with Him. That is the real meaning of The Day of Atonement.