Parashat Acherey Mot-Hidden Truths of Yom Kippur



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The Prescribed Service Of Yom Kippur

Vayigra [Leviticus] 16: 1-34 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh after the death of the two sons of Aharon, as they drew near before יהוה and died. 2 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Speak to Aharon your brother not to come in at all times to the Set-apart [Holy] Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die, because I appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. 3 "With this Aharon should come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering and of a ram as an ascending burnt offering. 4 "He should put on the sacred linen long tunic, with linen breeches on his flesh and encircle himself with a linen sash and be dressed with the linen turban – they are sacred garments. And he shall bathe his body in water and shall put them on. 5 "And from the congregation of the children of Yisra'ël he takes two male goats as a sin offering and one ram as an ascending burnt offering. 6 "And Aharon shall bring the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself and make atonement for himself and for his house. 7 "And he shall take the two goats and let them stand before יהוה and the entrance of the Tent of Appointment. 8 "And Aharon shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for יהוה and the other lot for Azazel. 9 "And Aharon shall bring the goat on which the lot for himself and shall prepare it as a sin offering. 10 "But the goat on which the lot for Azazel fell is caused to stand alive before it as a sin offering. 10 "But the goat on which the lot for Azazel fell is caused to stand alive before it as a sin offering. 10 "But the goat on which the lot for Azazel.

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The Kohen Ha Cadol [High Priest] Inters The Veil

11 "And Aharon shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself and make atonement for himself and for his house and shall slaughter the bull as the sin offering which is for himself, 12 and shall take a fire holder filled with burning coals of fire from the altar [of burnt offering] before מולוים, with his hands filled with fragrant incense beaten fine and shall bring it inside the veil. 13 "And he shall put the incense on the fire before יהוה that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat [lid of atonement] which is on the [Ark of the] Testimony, lest he die. 14 "And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side, also in front of the mercy seat he sprinkles some of the blood with his finger seven times. 15 "And he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people and shall bring its blood inside the veil and shall do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the lid for atonement. 16 "And he shall make atonement for the Set-apart [the Holy] Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Yisra'ĕl and because of their transgressions for all their sins. And so, he does for the Tent of Appointment which is dwelling with them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17 "And no man should be in the Tent of Appointment when he goes in to make atonement in the Set-apart Place, until he comes out. And he shall make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Yisra'ĕl.

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The Azazel Coat is Sent into The Wilderness

18 "And he shall go out to the altar [of burnt offering] that is before him and make atonement for it. And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar all around. 19 "And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times and cleanse it and set it apart from the uncleanness of the children of Yisra'ĕl. 20 "And when he has finished atoning for the Set-apart Place and the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. 21 "Then Aharon shall lay both hands on the head of the live goat and shall confess over it all the crookednesses of the children of Yisra'ĕl and all their transgressions in all their sins and shall put them on the head of the goat and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a ready man. 22 "And the goat shall bear on itself all their crookednesses, to a solitary land cut off. Thus, he shall send the goat away into the wilderness. 23 "Aharon shall then come into the Tent of Meeting and shall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Set-apart [Holy] Place and shall leave them there. 24 "And he shall bathe his body in water in the set-apart place and shall put on his garments and shall come out and prepare his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people, 25 and burn the fat of the sin offering on the altar. 26 "And he who sent away the goat to Azazel washes his garments and shall bathe his body in water and afterward he comes into the camp.

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The Sacrificial Animals Are Burnt Outside The Camp

<u>Torah:</u> Vayiqra [Leviticus] 16:1-18:30, <u>Haftarah:</u> Amos 9:7-15, <u>Netzarim Ketuvim:</u> Ivri'im [Hebrews] 9:11-28, Corintyah Aleph [1 Corinthians] 6:9-20.

<u>Introduction:</u> Our reading for this week "Acherey Mot" has the meaning of "after the death" which refers to when the sons of Aharon brought incense before YHWH in the Holy of Holies. This was then deemed strange fire and they were instantly consumed by the fire of YHWH. Therefore, we might think the reading then might follow this incident so the hidden truth of "Yom Kippur" the Day of Atonement may relate to what these two sons attempted to do in their ignorance.

Summary of Our Torah Reading:

- 1. We are now introduced to Yom Kippur the only day in the year that the Kohen Ha Gadol [the High Priest] was to enter the Holy of Holies.
- 2. He would only enter amidst a cloud of burning incense wearing white linen garments.
- 3. He would enter as a representative of the people to atone for the past year's sins.
- 4. Within Yom Kippur is then a service relating to the Scapegoat a word coined by the Protestant scholar William Tindale for the Azazel Goat.
- 5. Yisrael is now called during this day to abstain from work and afflict themselves.
- Prohibitions relating to sacrifices, consumption of blood, sexual relationships are detailed with failure to obey would cause the nation to be expelled from the promised land.
- 7. Yisrael is also admonished not to follow the ways of the Heathen nations surrounding them.

Digging Deeper into The Day of Atonement:

It is possible that the primary purpose of the Day of Atonement is not the forgiveness of sins which maybe a secondary effect. What then is the Primary purpose?

We can determine this from the introduction to our portion which reads "YHWH spoke to Mosheh after the death of the two sons of Aharon."



We know they died because they tried to draw near before Elohim. They in their own way wished to recreate the Sinai experience and suffered the penalty. What does that mean?



They with good intentions were trying to draw near to Elohim, in that they brought incense from the incense altar into the holy of holies, but they were punished and died.



We know that Sinai was a great experience for all Yisrael with YHWH descending on it as a cloud of his presence which they wished to experience in the Mishkan.

We too must remember we cannot draw near to the Holy one through our own means such as our righteousness for we read these words from the Master in:



Yahuchanan [John] 14:6 Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Where then was YHWH?



He was in the cloud that hovered over the cover of the Ark of the Covenant which in Hebrew is the **Kaporeth** translated as the **"Mercy seat"** in Bibles. From this wonderful imagery we come to see that Yeshua is the cloud of the presence and is the Covering over the Ark or the Law of YHWH through whom we have mercy for we read in:

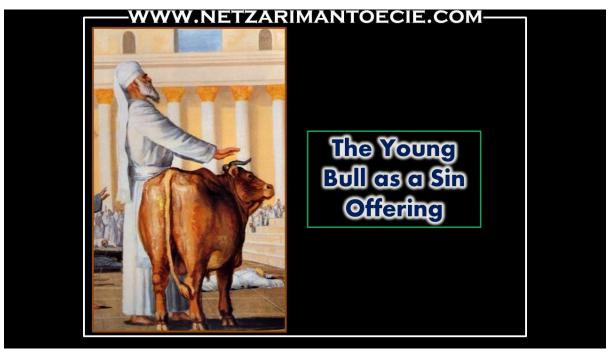


Yahuchanan [John] 3:17 For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Now we come to read how Aharon was to draw near to YHWH through YHWH's appointed way and not just at any time. YHWH says I am going to give you a chance to be able to do, successfully, what they tried to do, unsuccessfully. Once a year you can do this!

The Prerequisite for entry:

Through the Divinely appointed way Aharon now could Atone for his house:



Then as the **Kohen Ha Gadol [the High Priest]** he would take the burning incense and then the cloud of smoke came from the incense.



This man-made cloud of incense, then covered the **kaporet** "the Mercy Seat", which covered the ark, and he would not die.



Where then was Elohim? Elohim was in a cloud over the ark and now, there's another cloud over the ark. The human cloud merges with the divine cloud. It's the moment of contact, the most dangerous moment, the moment that he could die. What is the most important purpose of all this? Is it not to make contact with Elohim because He is our source, our ultimate hope of life which Yisrael could recreate once a year every year!

Surely this is why it is called a **"Day of Awe."** To directly encounter your creator, the master of the universe, who made the world?



We however are even more blessed! We have a Saviour who is Elohim incarnate the Man Yeshua through whom we have access to Elohim with our prayers ascending daily as the smoke of the incense for we read in:

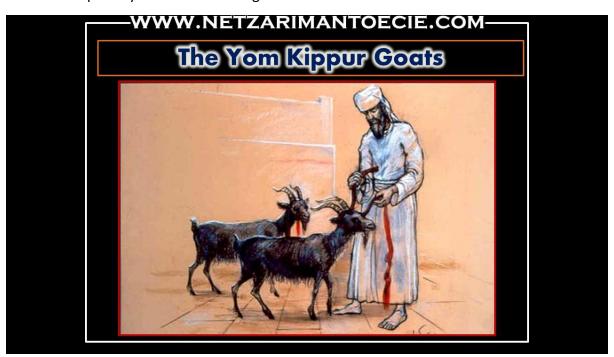


Hitgalut [Revelation] 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

The Unique Symbol Found in the Service:

Since many today fail to appreciate the Yom Kippur service they fail to see the great symbols of our cleansing & redemption found with this great day.

These are especially found in the two goats mentioned.



The one taken as a sin offering for the people with its blood sprinkled 7 times on the mercy seat. The second goat is termed the Scapegoat whom Aharon confesses all the sins of Yisrael over, and then it is sent away into the wilderness.

Surely both these graphic images point to Yeshua because He was sinless, Yeshua came into the heavenly Holy of Holies in the capacity of the High Priest (Kohen HaGadol), not with the blood of bulls or goats, but with His own blood for our redemption as read in:



Ivri'im [Hebrews] 10:11-12 Messiah entered into the Most Holy Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.

Therefore, our Master Yeshua is a picture of both these goats with the Scapegoat clearly seen in the purpose for His coming with these words from Yahuchanan [John] the Immerser



Yahuchanan [John] 1:29 The next day Yahuchanan [John] saw Yeshua coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!

With these wonderful pictures we can see a clear reference to our Master, so hopefully we begin to see just how relevant the Yom Kippur service is to us in our day.

The Overwhelming Beauty of Yom Kippur [The Day of Atonement]:

Since the Day of Atonement is both about making contact with Elohim & the Atonement of Sin, we come to see how a love connection with Yeshua purifies us from our sins and when His presence fills us, we are washed clean by our encounter.



Just the way a Mikvah [a ritual cleansing pool] purifies the impure so too does the contact with Yeshua purify us, with forgiveness being the biproduct of the encounter.

May we never lose the joy and excitement of seeing Yeshua & the Good News clearly revealed right throughout the Tanakh [the Old Testament] through the Priestly service that pointed so clearly to the role Yeshua was to play in reconciling the World to Elohim to the praise of our Heavenly Father. Amen!

Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15



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The Divine Promise Of Restoration To Visrael

Amos 9:7-15 "Are you not like the people of Kush to Me, O children of Yisra'ĕl?" declares יהוה. "Did I not bring up Yisra'ĕl from the land of Mitsrayim [Egypt] and the Philistines from Kaphtor [? Cyprus] and Aram from Qir? 8 "Look, the eyes of the Master יהום are on the sinful reign, and I shall destroy it from the face of the earth, except that, I do not completely destroy the house of Ya'aqob," declares "9 "For look, I am commanding, and I shall sift the house of Yisra'ĕl among all the gentiles, as one sifts with a sieve, yet not a grain falls to the ground. 10 "All the sinners of My people are going to die by the sword, those who are saying, 'Evil does not overtake us nor meet us.' 11 "In that day I shall raise up the booth [sukath] of Davig which has fallen down. And I shall repair its breaches and raise up its ruins. And I shall build it as in the days of old, 12 so that they possess the remnant of Edom and all the gentiles on whom My Name is called," declares יהום who does this. 13 "Look, the days are coming," declares יהום, "that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed. And the mountains shall drip new wine and all the hills melt. 14 "And I shall turn back the captivity of My people Yisra'ĕl. And they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them. And they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them and shall make gardens and eat their fruit.



The prophet Amos delivers a message from YHWH, reminding the people of his kindness to them — taking them out of Mitsrayim and calling them His chosen nation. Nevertheless, because of their misdeeds, YHWH will however destroy the Northern Kingdom; but will not completely destroy the house of Yaacov. Yahudah will be scattered amongst the nations but will return to their land. YHWH will then reinstall the House of David to its former glory and there shall be peace and abundance upon the land. The haftarah ends with this promise from YHWH:

"And I will return the captivity of My people Yisrael, and they shall rebuild desolate cities and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their produce. And I will plant them on their land, and shall no longer be uprooted from their land, which I have given them, says YHWH your Elohim."



Much of these words surely seem to reflect what we see today with Yisrael but maybe best seen as a Millennial blessing that await the final faithful remnant when Messiah personally reigns over all nations from Yerushalayim on the throne of David and the **Yahudim [the Jews]** are never again uprooted from their divinely inherited land.

Netzarim Ketuvim: Ivri'im [Hebrews] 9:11-28



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The Heavenly Sanctuary & The Death Of The Mediator

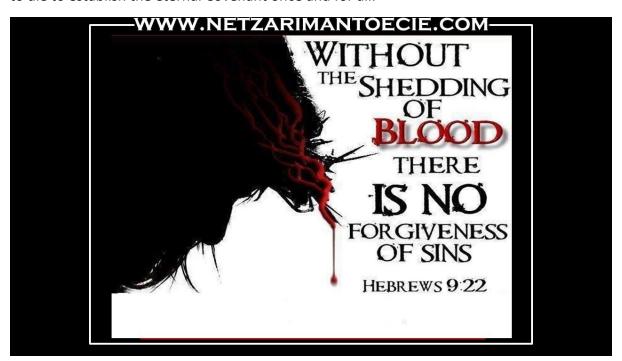
Ivri'im [Hebrews] 9: 11-28 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good matters, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, 12 entered into the Most Set-apart Holy Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sanctifies for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim? 15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a new covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. 16 For where a covenant is in force, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established. 17 For a covenant is in force after men are dead, since it is never valid while the one is living. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was instituted without blood. 19 For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by Mosheh to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded you."

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21 And in the same way he sprinkled with blood both the Tent and all the vessels of the service. 22 And, according to the Torah, almost all is cleansed with blood and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. 23 It was necessary, then, that the copies of the heavenly ones should be cleansed with these, but the heavenly ones themselves with better slaughter offerings than these. 24 For Messiah has not entered into a set-apart Place made by hand – figures of the true – but into the heavens itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim on our behalf, 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the most Holy Place [Holy of Holies] year by year with blood not his own. 26 For if so, He would have had to suffer often, since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the offering of Himself. 27 And as it awaits men to die once and after this the judgment, 28 so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to those waiting for Him, unto deliverance.

Our reading speaks of the good things to come regarding the new covenant since the Levitical system looked forward to the better sacrifice of Messiah's one time sacrifice that would bring eternal redemption. The understanding of salvation here is that of a release of slaves by a payment of a ransom. The animals in the Levitical system were brought involuntarily to their deaths but Messiah came voluntarily without spot. Salvation is not an end in itself, since the believer is freed from sin to serve the living Elohim.

Covenants were always ratified with blood and so the New Covenant also needed Messiah to die to establish the eternal Covenant once and for all.



Hebrews 9:22 Without the shedding of Blood there is no Forgiveness of Sins.

Messiah's High Priestly ministry is also exercised in the Heavenly Mishkan [Tabernacle]. As the earthly Mishkan was made unclean by sin the Heavenly Tabernacle was made unclean by Satan's sin requiring Messiah's superior sacrifice. On Yom Kippur [the Day of Atonement] the people eagerly awaited the immergence of the Kohen Ha Gadol [The High Priest] from the Holy of Holies to know their sacrifice was accepted.



In the same way when Messiah appears at his 2nd coming it will be confirmation that the Father has been fully satisfied with the son's sacrifice on behalf of believers and salvation will be consummated. We will all then live in His sight forever. Halleluyah!

Tehillim: Mizmor [Psalm] 37:1-13

The Heritage of the Righteous & the Wicked



The Heritage of the Righteous & the Wicked :1 Do not fret because of evil-doers, nor be envious towards workers of iniquity. 2 For they soon wither like grass, And fade like green plants. 3 Trust in יהוה and do good; Dwell in the earth and cultivate steadfastness. 4 Delight yourself in יהוה And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to יהוה, And trust in Him and He shall do it. 6 And He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your right-ruling as the noonday. 7 Rest in יהוה and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. 8 Abstain from displeasure and forsake wrath; Do not fret, it leads only to evildoing. 9 For evil-doers are cut off; But those who wait on יהוה, They shall inherit the earth. 10 Yet a little while and the wicked are no more; And you shall look carefully for his place, But it is not. 11 But the meek ones shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plots against the righteous And gnashes his teeth at him. laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

In this most profound **Mizmor** [Psalm] it contemplates the age-old question of "why do the wicked still prosper while the righteous painfully struggle in life? This addresses the other side of the coin from the reading of Mizmor [Psalm] one which encourages us that those who delight in the law of YHWH shall most certainly prosper. However, that seems not always to be so, therefore this Mizmor answers those objections by encouraging us to commit with endurance our way to YHWH which will bring to light our righteousness even in this darkened world. Even more striking is the fact that YHWH laughs at the wicked for He surely knows their day will come which should always be of comfort to us & should undoubtedly cause us to continue in the good and righteous way because we know our final inheritance is preserved in the Heavens & will be unbelievably wonderful. To YHWH & our Master must go all our praise forever. Amein!

