

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "JEWISH FEAST STUDIES" TEACHING SERIES

Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur

Atonement: At-one-ment - being one with God; being brought into relationship with God.

**Yom = Day
Kippur = Atonement
The Day of the Fast
The Great Fast, the Fast**

Isaiah 27:13

Leviticus 23:27-37

Leviticus 16:1-34

Yom Kippur is a twenty-four hour fast at sundown of the 10th day of Tishri. It is a day of repentance for the sins of the nation, and parallels the Tribulation time when Israel as a nation will go through purging.

This is the only day that the High Priest could go in to the Holy of Holies and the only time that the altar of incense was brought within the veil.

Adam and Eve were in fellowship with God and when sin entered, that relationship was broken.

Problem: How can a holy God and a sinful people be at one ment; how can they be reconciled? God made a way for the Jewish people to come back to Him through Yom Kippur and through the sacrificial system; a way for the sins of the year to be covered.

But there is no longer any temple or sacrificial system. God has provided the sacrifice of Jesus that allows a person to have all sins forgiven and thereby to enter into relationship with God.

We need to call upon the mercy of God at this time for the sins of our nation. The national sins are our sins.

In Old Testament Hebrew "Kaphar" means to cover, to provide a covering concerning sin, to cleanse, forgive, be merciful, reconcile, pardon.

The word, "kippur" is related to "kaphar"

Sin could be covered for one year.

There are three requirements involved in securing atonement.

- 1) High Priest who would mediate between the people and God.
- 2) Innocent blood sacrifice
- 3) Transference of sin from the people to these sacrifices

As each animal met its gory death, worshiper would be graphically reminded of sin's ugly price.

The rituals were detailed and numerous.

Part of ceremony included two goats - one for the Lord, one is azazel.

Lots (Urim & Thurim) were cast; the 1st lot chosen was the goat to be slain.

The priest would lean all of his weight on the head of the goat, symbolic that all the sins of all the people would be laid on the goat and while doing so the priest would slit the throat of the goat and then would perform the blood offerings, sprinkling on the mercy seat, etc. The goat died with the sins of the people on him and the blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat.

The second goat - Leviticus 16:21-22

The scape goat - escape goat, the one that gets away

The two goats may represent Jesus Christ.

The one goat that was slain tells of Jesus when He was slain at Calvary's cross. He paid the penalty for our sins, taking all the sins upon Himself. His blood was shed. He then removed our sins.

But the goat that departed and alive. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven now and when He returns at His second coming, He will appear to the Jewish people alive. Both goats are symbolic of Jesus at His first and second coming.

Hebrews 9-10:25

Romans 5:9-11 - Jesus is the Atonement.

Jesus is the High Priest, Mediator.

It is through His shed blood that He is our sacrifice, transferring our sins upon Himself. He meets all of the requirements once and for all.

God made a way to boldly enter the Holy of Holies, into the Throne of God through the Veil, the torn body of Jesus.

Our sins are not just covered for one year at a time, but they are totally wiped away.

Isaiah 53 - "Surely He has borne our griefs and our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed."

When the sun is set, and during the last moments of the Yom Kippur service, the shofar is blown in one long resounding blast. The call of the trumpet is answered and the congregations says, "Next year in Jerusalem."

Yom Kippur prophetically looks to the second coming of Christ and a time when Israel will be re-gathered and delivered from their enemies. Messiah at the second coming will be announced with the shofar; He will blow the shofar! Israel will then accept their one time Atonement.