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From Eliyahu

This evening at sundown, September 20, 2026, we have come to the first Holy Time Sabbath of this seventh month. Two days later on September 22, 2026, after sundown, we will observe the Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur - one of the most solemn and, in some respects, most important days of the entire sacred year. Then, only five days later, we will enter Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles.

These days are not isolated appointments on a calendar. They belong together within the prophetic pattern YHWH established from ancient times. Each reveals something concerning Messiah and the great work of redemption He came to accomplish.

This year, as we approach the Day of Atonement, we look especially at Leviticus 16 and at the remarkable ceremony of the **two goats**. These two animals portray two different but complementary aspects of the one sacrifice of Messiah. When we understand them, something else comes into focus: the coming of Yeshua to Yochanan to be immersed, followed immediately by His being driven by the Spirit into the wilderness. Here Yeshua fulfilled the prophetic meaning of the Day of Atonement.

**Our observance of Atonement Day** - On Atonement Day we set aside the day before YHWH as a sacred time of humility, examination, repentance, thanksgiving, and remembrance of the atoning work accomplished for us by Messiah. Whatever outward form our observance takes, the purpose is not merely to reproduce an ancient ritual. The Temple service pointed beyond itself. We are looking at the reality to which the ritual pointed - the work of Messiah.

**What happened on the Day of Atonement** - Leviticus 16 gives us the most complete description. Once each year the high priest entered the Most Holy Place. This was not an ordinary priestly service. He could not simply walk behind the veil whenever he wished. Before doing anything for Israel, the high priest first had to deal with his own sin and the sin of his household. He washed, put on the holy linen garments, and offered a bull as a sin offering for himself. Incense was taken behind the veil so that the cloud of incense covered the mercy seat. Blood was then brought into the Most Holy Place.

But the central ceremony for the nation involved **two male goats**. This is an important detail. Leviticus 16:5 says that two goats were taken from the children of Israel **for a sin offering**. Not two unrelated offerings. Two goats - one sin offering.

Lots were cast over them. One goat was designated for YHWH. The other was designated for Azazel (yes, the devil) - the goat that came to be known as the scapegoat.

The goat for YHWH was killed. Its blood was carried behind the veil and applied before the mercy seat. Through this blood the sanctuary, the Tabernacle, and the altar were cleansed from the uncleanness and transgressions of Israel.

Then something dramatically different happened with the second goat. It remained alive. The high priest placed both hands upon its head and confessed over it the iniquities, transgressions, and sins of the children of Israel. Those sins were symbolically placed upon the living goat.

The goat was then led away by an appointed man and released into the wilderness. Leviticus says that the goat **bore upon itself all their iniquities into a solitary land**. One goat died. The other carried the sins away. Yet together they formed one great picture of atonement.

**Propitiation** - These two goats help us understand two aspects of what Messiah accomplished for us. The first involves **propitiation**. The goat for YHWH was slain. Blood was required. Sin brought guilt before the righteous Judge, and that guilt could

not simply be ignored. In Messiah, the sins of His people were placed upon the innocent One according to the will and purpose of the Father.

Yeshua did not die because of sins He had committed. He had none. He died because our sins were placed upon Him. The righteous judgment those sins demanded fell upon the sacrifice instead of upon those for whom the sacrifice was accepted. The sin was judged. The guilt was dealt with. The sacrifice was killed. This is one aspect of Messiah's work. But it is not the entire picture.

**Expiation** - There is also what we may call **expiation** - the removal and carrying away of sin. This is pictured especially by the living goat. The first goat shows sin brought under judgment through sacrificial death. The second goat shows sin being **borne away**. Both are necessary to the picture.

Messiah did not merely pay a legal penalty while remaining distant from the human condition. He entered our world. He became flesh. He lived among sinners. He experienced temptation, opposition, suffering, rejection, weakness, sorrow, and ultimately death itself - yet without committing sin. The corruption of this present world surrounded Him throughout His life, but it never became His own personal sin.

Because He was perfectly righteous, He could stand in our place. He could receive upon Himself that which belonged to fallen humanity without Himself becoming a transgressor. He could bear what belonged to us because there was nothing sinful in Him that required atonement for Himself.

That perfect life is essential to the effectiveness of His death. Had Yeshua sinned even once, He could not have been our sacrifice. Instead, He lived out perfect righteousness in the midst of a sinful world and then voluntarily offered that righteous life for us.

The two goats therefore give us two views of the same saving work. **The slain goat shows sin judged. The living goat shows sin carried away.** Propitiation and expiation. Judgment and removal. Death - and the bearing away of sin.

**The Picture Fulfilled** - Now consider what happened when Yeshua came to Yochanan. Yochanan later declared: ***Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.***

Notice those words: **takes away the sin.**

The sacrifice does not merely acknowledge sin. It removes it and takes it away. The language immediately brings us into the world of sacrifice and atonement.

Of course, Yochanan calls Yeshua the **Lamb** of God, while Leviticus 16 uses goats. The point is not that every sacrificial animal represents exactly the same detail. Rather, the entire sacrificial system converges upon one Person.

The Passover lamb. The sin offering. The burnt offering. The goat for YHWH. The scapegoat. All of them illuminate different aspects of the one perfect work of Messiah. And this brings us to the timing. Luke tells us:

***Yeshua himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years old.***

That chronological notice is important. Yeshua was living out the appointed days of YHWH on their day. Yeshua was born at Sukkot. He came to Yochanan on the Day

of Atonement, fulfilling the meaning of the two goats. Then His thirtieth birthday was only **five days away**. He was, quite literally, **about thirty years old**.



And what was He doing? He was presenting Himself. Yochanan immediately recognized that something about this was different. The immersion of Yochanan was an immersion connected with repentance. But Yeshua had nothing of which to repent. Matthew tells us what happened:

*Then Yeshua came from Galilee to the Jordan to Yochanan, to be immersed by him. But Yochanan would have hindered him, saying, I need to be immersed by you, and you come to me? But Yeshua, answering, said to him, Allow it now, for this is the fitting way for us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allowed him. (Matthew 3:13 - 15)*

He did not come because He needed cleansing from personal sin. He came voluntarily to identify Himself with those He had come to save and to submit Himself completely to the will of His Father. This was, in a profound sense, the beginning of His sacrificial offering of Himself.

From this point forward His course was set. He offered Himself to do everything the Father had sent Him to accomplish - His ministry, His obedience, His suffering, His rejection, His death, and ultimately His resurrection. His entire life was dedicated to the Father. The Father then answered. The Spirit descended upon Him. The voice from heaven declared the approval of the Father. The sacrifice was without blemish. The Son was accepted.

And then something happened **immediately**. **The Scapegoat was driven into the wilderness.**

*Mark records - Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was there in the wilderness forty days tempted by satan. He was with the wild animals; and the angels were serving him. - Mark 1:12 - 13*

The sequence is striking. Yeshua presents Himself. He is immersed. The Father publicly declares His approval. The Spirit comes upon Him. And then the Spirit immediately drives Him **into the wilderness**. That is exactly where our attention should return to Leviticus 16.

The living goat - the goat for Azazel (the devil) - was presented before YHWH and then **sent away into the wilderness to be confronted by the devil**. He bore the sins of Israel away from the camp and faced what we all face in the wilderness of this world - the devil.

Yeshua likewise comes forward as the sinless representative of His people and, immediately after being publicly accepted and anointed by His Father, is sent into the wilderness.

There He meets the adversary. There is no crowd. There is no applause. There are no disciples. There is hunger, isolation, wild animals, temptation, and satan himself. Yeshua enters into the contest of fallen humanity.

Adam was tested in a garden filled with food. Yeshua was tested in a wilderness after forty days without food.

Israel was tested in the wilderness and repeatedly failed. Yeshua entered the wilderness and remained faithful.

Everything satan placed before Him was refused. He would not turn stones into bread at the command of satan. He would not test His Father. He would not receive the kingdoms of this world by worshipping the adversary. Instead, in each case he told the devil ***it is written*** as He stood on the commandments of the Father.

Where mankind had fallen, Messiah stood. Where Israel had failed, Messiah obeyed. He emerged from the wilderness still without sin. The sinless One had entered the realm of temptation and had overcome it.

**As we approach the Day** - Two days from now we will come before YHWH on the Day of Atonement. This is a time for humility. A time for honest examination. A time to remember what sin costs. But it is also a time for profound gratitude. Our hope does not rest upon our ability to make ourselves righteous. Our hope rests upon the righteous One who offered Himself in our place so that we have room by grace to grow into truly righteous people.

The sacrifice has been provided by YHWH. The blood has been offered. The sin has been borne away. And only five days after Atonement comes Sukkot - when Messiah was born into this world.

How fitting. The One whose birth we remember at Sukkot came into the world for the very work pictured on Atonement Day. He came to dwell among us so that He could stand in our place, and could do so because He walked out a perfect human life in our place. He came without sin so that He could bear our sin. He came to obey the Father perfectly as **the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**.

As we enter into the Day of Atonement, just two days from now, let us remember the enormous burden of sin that Yeshua carried away from us by His perfect life, and which was destroyed forever through His self-sacrificing death. May we give thanks to YHWH for the immeasurable gift He has given us in His Son.



***The King and His Coming*** Month 7 Messianic Seminar

**COMING RIGHT UP!**

Sept 20 .. Sabbath .. *Resist the Devil*

Sept 22 .. Atonement .. *A Just Nation*

Sept 27 .. Sukkot 1 .. *The King & His Star*

8 PM, Central - Music starts 7:45

Eliyahu ben David & the Tsiyon Team

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**Friends, we have a lot coming up for you in quick succession, and its all good!** Tonight, September 20, you will want to hear what James, the Lord's brother, had to say as we present this provocative theme: ***Resist the Devil***. It could be a game-changer.

Then 2 days from now, Dawn and I (Eliyahu) will be kicking off **Atonement Day** with a look at the plan of YHWH for **A Just Nation**. That will be a big change don't you think?

Then just five days after that, on the **first day of Sukkot**, September 27, I'm going to bring you ***The King and His Star***. I know you will thrill to see how YHWH announced the birth of the King of Kings with a magnificent display in the visible heavens. What is more, because the Great Clock of YHWH in the heavens keeps perfect time, you can check your favorite astronomy program to confirm all of this for yourself. Its awesome!

The Appointments of YHWH in the 7th Torah month were set by Him to remind us what He has already accomplished through the saving work of His Son, Yeshua - and what He holds in store for us as these realities of truth unfold. He has done all of that - and all we need to do is show up to receive His blessing. Grace beyond measure.

In His Name, Eliyahu

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