

Yom Kippur

Being Restored to a Holy God

- I. **Definition - Yom Kippur**—Day of Atonement, “Day of *Covering*”—
From the Hebrew verb →”Kapar”—to **cover over, atone, propitiate, pacify**
Atonement - a “covering,” a ransom, a payment for our sins

II. The *Need* for the Day of Atonement—

„for it is on **this day** that atonement shall be made for you to **cleanse you**;
you will be **clean** from **all your sins** before the LORD...

Now you shall have this as a **permanent statute**, to make atonement
for the **sons of Israel** for **all their sins** **once every year.**”
(Leviticus 16:30, 34a)

And according to **the Law**, *one may* almost say,
all things are **cleansed with blood**,
and without **shedding of blood** there is **no forgiveness**. (Hebrews 9:22)

III. The *Requirements* for Israel’s Atonement

A. The High Priest → A Mediator for the **people** before **God**

1. **Who first bathed in water** and put on **linen garments** (Lev. 16:4)
2. **Who first** made atonement for **himself** and **his family** (Lev. 16:3, 6, 14)
3. **Who** is the **only one** who could “mediate” atonement, on **behalf** of **Israel** in the Holy place, and this he could do **only** on the **Day of Atonement** (Lev. 16:1-17)

B. The Atonement Sacrifices

1. A sin offering (one **bull**) to **atone** for the High Priest and his family
(Lev. 16:6, 11)
2. **Two male goats** for a sin offering to **atone** for the sins of the **people**,
and to **atone** for the **holy place**, the **tent of meeting**, and the **altar**
(Lev. 16:5, 7-10, 15-22)

- a. **One goat** to be **slain** as a **sin offering** before **the LORD** (Lev. 16:9, 15)
 - 1) its **blood** to be **sprinkled on**, and **in front** of the **Mercy seat**, **atonement** for the **sins** of the **people** (Lev. 16:15)
 - 2) its **blood** to be **sprinkled** to **atone** for the **holy place**, the **tent of meeting**, and the **altar** of burnt offering (Lev. 16:16-20)
- b. **One goat** to be **presented “alive”** as a **scapegoat**, to make **atonement** before **the LORD** (Lev. 16:10, 21-22)
 - 1) having **received** the **sins of Israel** through the **confession** the **High Priest** (Lev. 16:21)
 - 2) being then **released**, **bearing Israel’s iniquities**, “**taking them away**” to a **solitary land**, and into the **wilderness** (Lev. 16:21b-22)
3. **Two burnt offerings**, **one** for **Aaron**, and **one** for the **people** (Lev. 16:5, 23-24)

C. The Place of **Propitiation** → The **Mercy Seat**

The LORD said to Moses:

“Tell your brother **Aaron** that he shall **not** enter at **any time** into the **holy place inside the veil**, **before the mercy seat** which is **on the ark**, or he will **die**; for I will **appear in the cloud** over the **mercy seat**...

“...he (**Aaron the High Priest**) shall **slaughter** the **goat** of the **sin offering** which is **for the people**, and bring its **blood inside the veil** and **do with its blood** as he did with the **blood** of the **bull**, and **sprinkle it on** the **mercy seat** and **in front** of the **mercy seat**.
(Leviticus 16:2, 15)

II. The **Requirement** for **Our Atonement** → **Faith** in the **Person**, and the **work of Atonement** provided through **Jesus the Messiah**, (Romans 1:16-17, 3:21-25)

A. **Who** became **our Great High Priest** → our **Mediator**

1. A **High Priest** who is now **exalted above the heavens**, **interceding** for us in the **heavenly tabernacle**, one that is “**not made with hands**” (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 4:14, 7:24-25, 8:1-2, 9:11, 24, 10:11-12)
2. A **High Priest** who is now the **Mediator** of a **new and better covenant**, enacted on **better promises** (Hebrews 8:6-13, I Timothy 2:5)

3. A **High Priest** who has an **eternal priesthood**, being a **Priest** after the **order** of **Melchizedek** (Psalm 110:4, Hebrews 5:6, 10, 6:19-20, 7:1-3, 23-24)
4. A **High Priest** who is **sinless** and **perfect**, yet, having been **tempted** like us, can be **truly sympathetic** to the **needs of men** (Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:14-16)
5. A **Priest** who has **entered** into the **holy place** of the **heavenly tabernacle**, and has, **through His own priceless blood**, obtained for us **sanctification** and **eternal redemption** (Hebrews 9:11-12, 13:12, I Peter 1:18-19)

B. Who became **our Atonement Sacrifice**

1. **Having** become **our eternal Sin Offering**

Every **priest stands** daily **ministering** and **offering** time after time the **same sacrifices**, which can **never take away sins**; but **He (Messiah)**, having **offered one sacrifice** for **sins** for **all time**,
SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,..

For by **one offering** **He** has **perfected for all time** those who are **sanctified**. (Hebrews 10:11-14)

 ;..but **now once** at the **consummation** of the **ages** **He** has been **manifested** to **put away sin** by the **sacrifice of Himself**.
 (Hebrews 9:24-26)

2. **Having** been “sprinkled” and **cleansed** the **Blood** of **His Sacrifice**

Peter, an **apostle** of **Jesus the Messiah**, to **those...**

who are **chosen** according to the **foreknowledge** of **God the Father**, by the **sanctifying work** of the **Spirit**, to **obey Jesus the Messiah** and **be sprinkled** with **His blood**:... (I Peter 1:1-2)

 And in the same way **he** (Moses) **sprinkled** both the **tabernacle** and **all the vessels** of the **ministry** with the **blood**.

And according to **the Law**, *one may* almost say, **all things** are **cleansed with blood**, and **without shedding of blood** there is **no forgiveness**.
 (Hebrews 9: 21-22)

3. **Having** become **our eternal Scapegoat Offering**

He (God) made **Him (Messiah)** who **knew no sin to be sin** on our behalf, so that **we** might become the **righteousness of God in Him**. (II Cor. 5:21)

You know that **He (Messiah) appeared** in order to **take away sins**;
and in Him there is **no sin**. (1 John 3:5)

As far as the **east** is from the **west**,
So far has **He removed our transgressions** from us. (Psalm 103:12)

C. **Who became *our* Place of Propitiation → “Mercy Seat”**

But now **apart** from the **Law**
the righteousness of God has been **manifested**,...
even *the righteousness of God* through **faith** in **Jesus the Messiah**...

...being **justified** as a **gift** by His ***grace***
through the **redemption** which is in **Messiah Jesus**;

whom **God *displayed publicly***
as a **propitiation in His blood** through **faith**.
(Romans 3:21a, 22, 24-25a)

A Vital Question

If *we Jews* are ***required*** by **Torah Law** to have

- a **High Priest** to offer sacrifice
 - a **Sin** offering for Atonement
 - a **Scapegoat** offering for Atonement
 - a **Place of Propitiation** (the **mercy seat**
in the **Holy Place**),
- do *we* really have an **Atonement** for **our sins**
before a **holy God**?

What about **Believers**???

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that **you may not sin**.

And if **anyone sins**, we have **an Advocate** with the **Father**,
Jesus the Messiah the righteous;

and **He Himself** is the **propitiation** for **our sins**; and ***not*** for **ours only**,
but **also** for ***those*** of the **whole world**. (1 John 2:1-2)