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SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 16-18
- Isaiah 53:1-12
- II Corinthians 5:18-21

ALTER EGO

- Defining Terms
- Recognizing Patterns
- Making Conclusions

Two identical goats are selected on Yom Kippur to be considered for the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the people. Soon after, one goat becomes that sin offering. It's easy to see the shed blood of Christ in the imagery of this sacrificial goat. "And He Himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world." And the other, the scapegoat, is set loose, freed into the wilderness, kept alive for another purpose. Who does the imagery of this scapegoat represent?

Y'shua prophesied of a type of "identical goat" in His last sermon before He was arrested; "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." There He was; about to cover the sins of the world with His blood. But also, right in front of Him was another image. It looked exactly like Him. Yet, this one sheds no blood and is instead sent off into the wilderness. Why?

The prophetic revelation is crowning with imminent birth. One sheds His blood as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world—that's Christ. The other, created in the same image, is sent off into the wilderness carrying an assignment. Who is being transformed into the image and stature of Christ, and what is his assignment in the wilderness? It's impossible to ignore Isaiah's words in search of an answer. "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Isaiah identified the assignment, and Y'shua identified the image of His identical goat. "The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one." We are to be perfect in one with Christ, His identical image, His alter ego. An alter ego is another version of oneself, a person who behaves so similarly to another that the difference is unrecognizable. Are you one with Christ, indistinguishable from Him, His alter ego, His scapegoat? He promised we'd do greater things, be His ambassadors through whom He is pleading? He is finished for now; it's time to complete your assignment. Are you ready? "Go therefore!"

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

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OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“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 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.**” II Corinthians 5:18-21 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. In 2021 this portion was included in a **Double Portion** which was titled [Blood, Law & Love](#). In 2020 it was taught as an **Individual Portion**. You can see it here: [Why Does The Blood of Y'shua Save Us?](#) You can also see the separate teaching on Yom Kippur (Leviticus 16) on our Feast Resource page here: [Yom Kippur: Shadow of Things to Come](#)

Leviticus 16

2. Leviticus 16 describes the Tabernacle ceremony for the holy festival of the Day of Atonement. Leviticus 17 establishes general rules for sacrifice and the sanctuary. Leviticus 18 lays down specific laws about permitted and forbidden sexual relationships.
3. **The Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur (really the Day of Atonements, the plural, Yom Kippurim):** Aaron shall not go at any time he pleases into the Holy Place (Holy of Holies) behind the veil, where the ark of the covenant is stationed. Instead, he is to appear only one time per year to make atonement for his sins and the sins of the people. Why is this important for Christians to understand? Consider that the Feasts of the Lord are not irrelevant for followers of Y'shua because they are shadows and patterns of THINGS TO COME!

4. This is a good time for us to consider a few key prophetic concepts regarding Y'shua and the Feasts of the Lord. What role does Y'shua play, and what role might you play when contemplating: the Passover Lamb; the Bull sin offering for the priest; the Ram burnt offering for the priest; the Goat sin offering for the people; the Scapegoat; and the Ram burnt offering for the people. It will be beneficial for you to recognize why the priest has to make **two** categories of sacrifices on the Day of Atonement(s) and why Y'shua needed only **one** as taught to us in the letter of Hebrews.
5. Yahweh tells Moses that He will appear as a cloud above the mercy seat, which is on the ark, and Aaron will die if he comes in at the wrong time. As such, the following instructions are given—for when he can enter and what he should do:
 - (a) Aaron shall wash his body with water and put on his holy garments. And notice the two categories of sacrifices.
 - (b) **Number One:** He 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 for *himself and his household*.
 - (c) **Number Two:** 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 *for the people*. (Pay attention to what will happen with one of the goats.)

- (d) **The Sin Offering for the Priest:** Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is **for himself and for his household**. Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar and take a hand full of sweet incense and he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Ark of Testimony [See [River Rocks](#) for an expansive teaching on *incense as prayer*]. He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.
- (e) **The Sin Offering for the People:** Aaron takes **two goats** and casts lots to see which will be the **sin offering** and which will be the **scapegoat**. Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be **presented alive** before the Lord and then it will be released into the wilderness. The blood of the sin offering is sprinkled on the mercy just as it was for the priest's sin offering. No other men can be present in the tabernacle until Aaron comes out.
- (f) When Aaron comes out he shall sprinkle the blood of both sin offerings with his finger on the altar seven times.

- (g) **The Scapegoat:** when the sin offerings are complete, Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, **confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel**, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. **The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities** to an uninhabited land.
- (h) **Burnt Offerings:** Aaron then comes back into the tabernacle and washes his body again in the holy place. Then he comes out and offers his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people.
- (i) **Food for Thought:** I've often wonder if the imagery of the **sin offering** for the people alludes to our end-of-the-age participation as "witnesses of sacrifice" to the world (end-days martyrs, Rev. 6:9-11) as we (the Church) give of our lives—offering our lives as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1). What our deaths might mean makes more sense to contemplate after considering what we are to become ("*...the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*" Ephesians 4:13). If our lives are to become like Christ's, why not our deaths! And then we must also consider the **Scapegoat** as imagery. What becomes of it? Could it possibly be that which also becomes a sin offering as the Alter Ego of the goat that was already sacrificed? Might that be a picture of the transformed Church?

- (j) **To conclude the Ceremony:** The fat of both sin offerings are burned on the altar. 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. The bull (sin offering for the priest) and the goat (sin offering for the people), **are carried outside the camp** and burned. Then he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.
- (k) **Forever for everyone, native or foreigner:** This shall be a statute forever: In the seventh month (the Hebrew 7th month, usually September for us), on the tenth day of the month (Ten days after the Feast of Trumpets and five days before the Feast of Tabernacles begins). It is a Sabbath day of rest (a Feast Sabbath no matter what day of the week) and a day of fasting. It is an everlasting statute for you. And Aaron did all as Yahweh commanded Moses.
- (l) **Point of Interest:** notice that the seventh Hebrew month corresponds to our ninth month. And yet the prefix of the name of our ninth month is 'Sept' which actually means 'Seven'. The same thing happens when you look at "Oct or Eight"; 'Nov or Nine'; and 'Dec or ten'; successively corresponding to the eighth, ninth, and tenth month of the Hebrew calendar. The truth is hiding in plain sight!

6. [The Days of Awe](#): The ten days from Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) to Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance. This name appears in sources from the Land of Israel, including the Jerusalem Talmud.
- (a) The concept of these days as a special unit of time in the Jewish year dates at least to the third century BCE. Rabbi Yohanan, who lived in the Land of Israel during that period, describes his conception of divine judgment and inscription in this season.
 - (b) **Three Ultimate Fates:** “Three books are opened in heaven, **one for the completely wicked, one for the completely righteous and one for those in between.** The completely righteous are immediately inscribed in the book of life. The completely wicked are immediately inscribed in the book of death. The fate of those in between is suspended until Yom Kippur. If they do well, they are inscribed in the book of life. If not, in the book of death”.
 - (c) **Food for Thought:** In my opinion these three fates are perfectly described by Paul; *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those **in heaven**, and of those **on earth**, and of those **under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus*

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

- (d) For a good prophetic teaching on three fates, study the concept of “three eternal people groups” in our Preparation for Passover teaching. Specifically you can study the biblical concept of Firstborns starting on page 29 of the notes for this sermon: [Passover—Question Everything](#)
- (e) The Ten Days of Repentance are seen as an opportunity for change. And since the extremes of complete righteousness and complete wickedness are few and far between, Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) functions, for the majority of people, as the opening of a trial that extends until Yom Kippur. It is an unusual trial. Most trials are intended to determine responsibility for past deeds. This one, however, has an added dimension: determining **what can be done about future deeds** (*Does this not speak to Y’shua’s forgiveness for past and future sins?*). The Ten Days of Repentance are crucial to the outcome of the trial, since our verdict is determined both by our attitude toward our misdeeds and by our attempts to rectify them by changing ourselves.
- (f) **Special Note:** Even though, as a child of God, your ultimate fate is sealed, and your past, present and future sins are

atoned for, you still have options on your journey to choose wickedness or righteousness at every turn. Yom Kippur, and all the imagery associated with it, gives you the opportunity to PRACTICE along the way—don't pass up the possibilities!)

- (g) **I think this is perfectly represented in Paul's words to the Corinthians:** *"Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; **for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**"* I Corinthians 3:12-15 NKJV

7. **Recommend Video:** I can't think of a better topic to stir our repentant hearts than this one that was shared by a friend. Trust me; it is well worth the 16 minutes of your life. It is unlikely you will reach the end without being changed. **Watch here:** [You Will Never Speak Evil Words Again](#)

Leviticus 17

8. **The Sanctity of Blood:** If a man sacrifices an animal inside or outside the camp, he must bring the blood to the tabernacle and to the priest as a peace offering or he is guilty of bloodshed and that guilt is imputed to that man. Any animal sacrificed in

the open field requires the same. The priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar and burn the fat. They shall no more **offer their sacrifices to demons**, after whom they have played the harlot. This is a statute forever. It is the same for burnt offerings.

9. **Consuming Blood:** If you eat any blood, Yahweh will set His face against you. (**Leviticus 17:11**) For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood that makes atonement for the soul.' (**Leviticus 17:12**) Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.

(a) *You can study the importance of this in a teaching on the shed blood of Y'shua and the ruling of the Jerusalem counsel in Acts 15 in a sermon titled: [Blood, Law & Love](#).*

10. If you catch a wild animal you must pour out its blood on the earth and cover it with dirt for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life.
11. Eating things that have died naturally requires some cleansing procedures or you will be in violation.

Leviticus 18

12. **Laws of Sexual Morality:** the first five verses of Leviticus 18 are so prophetically significant that they should cause you to explode with excitement. You will see shortly what I mean!

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. 3 According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their [b]ordinances. 4 You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.” (See Romans 10:5)

(a) Again, you can study the prophetic significance of this in the sermon titled: [Blood, Law & Love](#).

13. Cont. Laws of Sexual Morality:

- (a) Do not uncover the nakedness of your close relatives! It is wickedness. And all the various close relationships are described.
- (b) You shall not take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive. You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her customary impurity (monthly cycle).
- (c) Do not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her.

- (d) Do not be involved at all with the sacrifice of children in the fire of Molech.
 - (e) Males shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion.
14. These abominations are what the nations (gentiles) do. It defiles the people and the land. And Yahweh will punish both the people and the land for these sins!
15. Obey Yahweh's statutes and judgments; you shall not commit any of these abominations, (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

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(2) The Wilderness

(a) The place of testing and supernatural provision...

1. **Testing:** “And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments** or not.” Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV
2. **Water from a Rock:** “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and **water will come out of it, that the people may drink.** And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.” Exodus 17:6 NKJV
3. **Bread from Heaven:** “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and **fed you with manna** which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 8:3 NKJV

4. **Permanent Garments:** “Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.” Deuteronomy 8:4 NKJV
5. **Clear Direction:** “And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.” Exodus 13:21 NKJV
6. **The Place of Preparation:** “A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” Isaiah 40:3 NIV

(3) Atonement (Propitiation)

(a) Covering for, appeasing, or paying the price for...

1. **Y’shua is the ultimate atonement for our sins:** “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And **He Himself is the propitiation [atoning sacrifice]** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” 1 John 2:1-2

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2. **Atonement is done!** Y’shua’s role in Yom Kippur is complete! Now it is our turn!
 - a) **Finished!** “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” John 19:30 NKJV
 - b) **The veil was torn and access to the Holy of Holies became universally available:** “Then, behold, **the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;** and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,” Matthew 27:51 NKJV
 - c) **Once for all!** “who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, **for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.**” Hebrews 7:27 NKJV
 - d) **Offered once, and now He waits to appear a second time apart from sin. What is He waiting for?** “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 9:27-28 NKJV

- e) **The shadow, the Levitical High priest, could not complete the ultimate work, the perfecting of the people for whom he was offering atonement. Y'shua, on the other hand, could!** "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.**" Hebrews 10:1 NKJV

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RECOGNIZING PATTERNS

2. The Tale of the Scapegoat

A. The Scapegoat Ministry

(1) Yom Kippur

(a) The Day of Atonement on which the High Priest, one time per year (not any old time he wishes), would enter behind the veil to make atonement for himself (with the blood of a bull) and for the sins of the people (with the blood of a goat). This is so sacred that no one is even permitted to watch!

1. **Don't just come any time you want!** "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.”

Leviticus 16:2 NKJV

2. **This ceremony is so solemn that NO ONE CAN EVEN WATCH:** “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.”

Leviticus 16:17 NKJV

3. **One time per year the priest makes atonement which cleanses the people from all their sins before Yahweh!** “This shall be a statute forever for you: **In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month**, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day **the priest shall make atonement** for you, to cleanse you, that you may be **clean from all your sins before the Lord.**” Leviticus 16:29-30 NKJV

4. **This is a permanent practice!** “This shall be an **everlasting statute for you**, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, **once a year.**”

And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.”

Leviticus 16:34 NKJV

5. **This ceremony was actually a copy, not the original!**

“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.” Hebrews 9:23-26

- a) The High Priest had to make atonement to cleanse the people from all their sins before the Lord. It was necessary because this ceremony was a copy of the true heavenly cleansing that takes place with Christ! But the Levitical High Priest could not go behind the curtain whenever He wished; he could

only go on that one day each year (the 10th day off the 7th month)!

- b) Let me emphasize, that ceremony was actually a copy, not the original, and therefore all the imagery we can extract from the Yom Kippur ceremony has its origin in Heaven.
- c) As this is true, it is incumbent upon us to understand this imagery as you may not have, in the past, thought Yom Kippur to be important to you, but I am sure you think Heaven is!

(2) Prophetic Bombshell (The Levitical High Priest)

- (a) The High Priest not only was restricted to entering behind the veil only one time per year, but also was required to make sacrifices for himself and his household before he could turn his attention toward cleansing the people. In other words, he had to handle HIS OWN sin before he could offer atonement to the people.

1. “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.” Leviticus 16:3 NKJV

2. "Aaron shall offer **the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself**, and make atonement for himself and for his house." Leviticus 16:6 NKJV
 3. "And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and **make atonement for himself and for his house**, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself." Leviticus 16:11 NKJV
- (b) The imagery is perfectly depicted in Hebrews! The Levitical High Priest could go in one time per year, but not without first sacrificing for his own sin!
1. "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;" Hebrews 9:6-7 NKJV
- (c) The High Priest, at the time of Y'shua, prophesied that Christ would serve as the Yom Kippur offering. He would die for the people so that they would not perish (die in their sins). This is Yom Kippur language!
1. **One man should die for the people...** "And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to

them, “You know nothing at all, nor do you consider **that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.**” Now this he did not say on his own authority; **but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.**” John 11:49-52 NKJV

a) **Food for Thought?** Gather together God’s children scattered abroad? The Scapegoat sent away into the wilderness to an uninhabited land? ...Leviticus 16:20-22

2. **At His arrest: one man should die for the people...**

“Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. **Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.**” John 18:12-14 NKJV

3. **And then it happened!** “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: **that Christ died for our**

sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," I Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV

(3) Prophetic Bombshell (Y'shua the High Priest)

(a) Our High Priest DID NOT need the bull sacrifice for His own sins! Why? In Him there was no sin, so there was no need to sacrifice a bull first! But it was necessary that all the imagery be accurate. The Heavenly High Priest (from Judah) had to cast the perfect shadow of the Levitical High Priest. And as we can see, He did not require the blood of animals (bulls and goats) but only His own blood (as the goat)! No bull necessary as He had no personal sin to be atoned for!

1. **In Him there is NO SIN!** "And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, **and in Him there is no sin.**" I John 3:5 NKJV

2. **It was necessary that the real (heaven) cast the exact picture of the shadow (earth)!** "For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices.

Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who

offer the gifts according to the law;" Hebrews 8:3-4 NKJV

3. **Christ is the High Priest of what is coming. He opened the veil to the Holy Place for us all. But what is coming? "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." Hebrews 9:11-12 NKJV

4. **The shadow has not yet represented what the true image is casting—Perfection! And that is our job as we will see in the imagery of the two goats of Yom Kippur! "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 [apart from sin when He comes as 2nd time!— Hebrews 9:27-28]."** Hebrews 10:1 NKJV

(4) Two Yom Kippur Goats

- (a) There were two goats to choose from. One would become the sacrifice for God and the other would become the scapegoat.
1. **“He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord** at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.” Leviticus 16:7 NKJV
 2. **“Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat.”**
Leviticus 16:8 NKJV
- (b) The Blood of Atonement: the goat for the Lord sheds its blood to make atonement for the sins of the people! Why? For it is the blood that makes atonement and without shedding of blood there is no remission!
1. **The Lord’s lot fell on that which would be the sin offering:** “And Aaron shall bring the goat on which **the Lord’s lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering.**”
Leviticus 16:9 NKJV
 2. **The Lord’s choice is then sacrificed for the sins of the people:** **““Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people,** bring its blood inside the veil, 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.” Leviticus 16:15 NKJV

3. **Atonement is made for people and the sanctuary.**
This makes perfect sense since we know that we are *His sanctuary. "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." Leviticus 16:16 NKJV
 - a) ***" ...your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" I Corinthians 6:19 NKJV
4. **Blood makes atonement!** "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'" Leviticus 17:11 NKJV
 - a) **Without Blood, there is no atonement!** "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.**" Hebrews 9:22 NKJV
5. And it is very clear that it is Y'shua's blood that this Yom Kippur goat's blood is shadowing!

- a) “And **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” I John 2:2 NKJV
 - b) “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son **to be the propitiation for our sins.**” I John 4:10 NKJV
6. And then what? What are we to do once this blood of Y’shua covers us? Its should be obvious; copy Him as if we are His Alter Ego!
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 - b) **He is waiting for us to step into the fullness of our calling and to finish what He started! Your calling is perfection; your roadmap to getting there is the sanctification process!** “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 10:11-14 NKJV

c) **Therefore, be bold, go behind the veil that was torn and have no doubts what you are called to do! Your mind is to become completely pure and you are to be as if you are *the one sending off the scapegoat into the wilderness!** “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.**” Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

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(c) The Second Goat—the Scapegoat: Instead of bringing atonement for the people, the Scapegoat has atonement upon it. This takes place after all the work of atoning for

the people is complete! All the sins are placed on the Scapegoat and it is sent into the wilderness!

1. **This goat has atonement made on it!** “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 16:10 NKJV
2. **The Atonement process is complete!** ““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.” Leviticus 16:20 NKJV
3. **The Iniquities of the people are placed on the Scapegoat and it is sent off into the wilderness:**
“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. **The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities** to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.” Leviticus 16:21-22 NKJV

4. Reminder: *“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 9:28

- a) The scapegoat is allowed to live and is sent away into the wilderness with an assignment, while bearing all the iniquities of the people. It seems that its assignment is to shed those iniquities (be apart from sin)!
- b) **Food for thought: The sacrifice that remains alive (the LIVING SACRIFICE)! And your job as such... be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Until when? Until you no longer have an “evil conscience (Hebrews 10:22).** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies **a living sacrifice [the scapegoat that lives as part of the sacrifice],** holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

- c) On your journey into the world (the uninhabited wilderness), be transformed from carrying sins into the perfect goat worthy of being the Lord's sacrifice.

B. Distinguishing the Passover Lamb from the Yom Kippur Goat

(1) The Blood of Redemption: the Passover Lamb

(a) The Blood of the First Passover Lamb Redeems

Firstborns. The blood of the lamb is for redemption, NOT FORGIVENESS!

1. "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "**Pick out and take lambs for yourselves** according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. **And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood** that is in the basin, and **strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood** that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. **For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses** to strike you." Exodus 12:21-23 NKJV

2. “that you shall say, ‘**It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt** when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.’ ” ...So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. And it came to pass at midnight that **the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh** who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock.”
Exodus 12:27, 29 NKJV

(b) The Blood of Christ as the Passover Lamb Redeems Firstborns. When Christ became our Passover Lamb it was for redemption, NOT forgiveness.

1. “Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, **which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**” Matthew 26:27-28
NKJV

a) Matthew... “the remission of sins.” ...Christ is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins, but not as the Passover Lamb. That is the blood of redemption. The blood of propitiation is the blood of the Yom Kippur Goat. **On the cross**, Christ became our

Passover Lamb, and when **the veil was torn** He became Yom Kippur Goat.

2. “And He said to them, **“This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.”** Mark 14:24 NKJV
3. “Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.”** Luke 22:20 NKJV
4. “In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood.** This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”” I Corinthians 11:25 NKJV
5. “Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed **Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.**” I Corinthians 5:7 NKJV
6. “By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, **lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.**” Hebrews 11:28 NKJV
7. **The Church of the Perfect Firstborns!** “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly **and**

church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,
to God the Judge of all, **to the spirits of just men**
made perfect,” Hebrews 12:22-23 NKJV

a) **The Lamb in contrast to the Goat: Forsaken—
Death—Behind the Veil which is Yom Kippur!**

“Now when the sixth hour had come, there was
darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.
And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud
voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”
which is translated, “**My God, My God, why have**
You forsaken Me?”” ...“And Jesus cried out with a
loud voice, and **breathed His last.** Then the **veil of**
the temple was torn [Yom Kippur] in two from top
to bottom.” Mark 15:33-34, 37-38 NKJV

C. The Mysterious Layers of Isaiah 53

(1) Obvious Lambs and Hidden Goats

(a) Observe the various references in this most Messianic
chapter of Isaiah.

1. “**All we like sheep** have gone astray; We have turned,
every one, to his own way; **And the Lord has laid on**
Him the iniquity of us all [The Scapegoat]. He was
oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not
His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter**

[The Passover Lamb], And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? **For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people [The Yom Kippur Goat]** He was stricken.”

Isaiah 53:6-8 NKJV

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1. **“Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner** whom they wished. And at that time they **had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.** Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, **“Have nothing to do with that just Man,** for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.” But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said, “Barabbas!” Pilate said to them,

“What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!” When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, **he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person.** You see to it.” And all the people answered and said, **“His blood be on us and on our children.”** Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.” Matthew 27:15-26 NKJV (Also see Mark 15:6-15 and Luke 23:13-25)

2. “Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, “You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. **And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man** concerning those things of which you accuse Him; no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and **indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him.** I will therefore chastise Him and release Him”

(for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast)." Luke 23:13-17 NKJV

3. "So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. **And he released to them the one they requested**, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will." Luke 23:24-25 NKJV

Summary: RECOGNIZING PATTERNS

2. The Tale of the Scapegoat

A. The Scapegoat Ministry

(1) Yom Kippur

- (a) The Day of Atonement on which the High Priest, one time per year (not any old time he wishes), would enter behind the veil to make atonement for himself (with the blood of a bull) and for the sins of the people (with the blood of a goat). This is so sacred that no one is even permitted to watch!

1. Don't just come any time you want!
2. This ceremony is so solemn that **NO ONE CAN EVEN WATCH:**
3. One time per year the priest makes atonement which cleanses the people from all their sins before Yahweh!

4. This is a permanent practice!
5. This ceremony was actually a copy, not the original!
 - a) The High Priest had to make atonement to cleanse the people from all their sins before the Lord. It was necessary because this ceremony was a copy of the true heavenly cleansing that takes place with Christ! But the Levitical High Priest could not go behind the curtain whenever He wished; he could only go on that one day each year (the 10th day of the 7th month)!
 - b) Let me emphasize, that ceremony was actually a copy, not the original, and therefore all the imagery we can extract from the Yom Kippur ceremony has its origin in Heaven.
 - c) As this is true, it is incumbent upon us to understand this imagery as you may not have, in the past, thought Yom Kippur to be important to you, but I am sure you think Heaven is!

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- (a) The High Priest not only was restricted to entering behind the veil only one time per year, but also was required to make sacrifices for himself and his household before he could turn his attention toward

cleansing the people. In other words, he had to handle HIS OWN sin before he could offer atonement to the people.

- (b) The imagery is perfectly depicted in Hebrews! The Levitical High Priest could go in one time per year, but not without first sacrificing for his own sin!
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 1. Y'shua should die for the people...
 2. At His arrest: one man should die for the people...
 3. And then it happened!

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required the blood of animals (bulls and goats) but only His own blood (as the goat)! No bull necessary as He had no personal sin to be atoned for!

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 - a) Matthew is the only account that uses this phrase, "for the remission of sins." Of course the blood of Christ is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins, but not in His capacity as the Passover Lamb. That is the blood of redemption. The blood of propitiation is the blood of the Yom Kippur Goat. On the cross, Christ became our Passover Lamb, and when the veil was torn He became Yom Kippur Goat.

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MAKING CONCLUSIONS

3. The Ministry of Reconciliation

A. That we might become the righteousness of God in Him...

(1) His Ambassadors

(a) For certain, we are called to take over Christ's ministry on earth. His blood reconciled us to God and somehow we are called to do that for others. Can you see it? We were released carrying our sins, but covered by His blood. Now do the same for others!

1. "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 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.**" II Corinthians 5:18-21 NKJV

(2) Image Bearers

- (a) It's a process as we saw earlier in Hebrews 10. The goal is the perfection of a pure mind; the process is sanctification; the journey is from glory to glory! At some point you look in a mirror and see Him!
1. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV
 2. Again see the prophetic promises in Hebrews:
 - a) *...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 9:26-28 NKJV
 - b) *To make those **who approach perfect.***" Hebrews 10:1 NKJV
 - c) ***He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.***" Hebrews 10:11-14
- (b) A joint heir is an equal heir, not a lesser heir. Which are you? Can I get a witness?

1. **Joint Heirs:** “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:16-17 NKJV

(c) The ultimate goal of the Church is to raise up Christians who look exactly like Christ, His Alter Ego!

1. “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;**” Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV

(3) Sent Ones!

(a) As Y’shua was sent by His Father, He has sent you...It’s the same ministry!

1. **Start seeing yourself as a heavenly being, not of this world:** “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** And for their sakes I sanctify

Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”

John 17:16-19 NKJV

- (b) You are called to look like Y’shua. That is the ultimate goal. You are to be a perfect representation of Him, as if you are ONE with Him! You are meant to be His Alter Ego!
 - 1. ““I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; **that they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:** I in them, and You in Me; that **they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” John 17:20-23 NKJV
- (4) His Job is done for now. It’s your turn...
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- (b) He finished His job; the veil is wide open for you to start entering as if you now have the ministry of the High Priest! But, if you think you coming boldly to the throne of grace is all about you, you are mistaken!
1. “And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and **breathed His last.** Then the **veil of the temple was torn** [*Yom Kippur*] in two from top to bottom.” Mark 15:37-38 NKJV
 2. “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” John 19:30 NKJV
 3. “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy **and find grace to help in time of need.**” Hebrews 4:16 NKJV
- (c) He is waiting for us to do our job...
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3. "as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: **"The voice of one crying in**

the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.” Luke 3:4 NKJV

4. “He said: “I am ‘**The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord,” ’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”” John 1:23 NKJV**

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B. Making Disciples

- (1) Your mission, should you choose to accept...
 - (a) A disciple is one who makes disciples who can make disciples!

1. “You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**” II Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV

(b) This is the crux of the matter, the calling on all Christians! Become a disciple! And yet there is this ultimate parameter of the disciple; all you have learned, all you have become and all that you will become, pass this on to others in such a way that they can do the same for others who will then repeat the pattern. **A true disciple is a disciple who can make disciples who make disciples!** Forsake all and go therefore!

1. “So likewise, **whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**” Luke 14:33 NKJV
(See Luke 14:25-35)
2. “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and

lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Amen.”Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

(2) Grace

- (a) Alignment with Assignment. You have His grace, now impart it to others! *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy **and find grace to help in time of need.**”* Hebrews 4:16 NKJV
- (b) To help who and for what? “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize **with our weaknesses**, but was in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**” Hebrews 4:15 NKJV *[to empower others to NOT SIN!]*
 - 1. **Grace:** the supernatural empowerment of God. I love how pastor Manny says it; “We are meant to live supernatural lives, not superficial lives.”
 - 2. **The Grace that is in Christ:** “...the **exceeding greatness of His power** toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ **when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,” Ephesians 1:19-20 NKJV
 - 3. **The Grace that is in you:** “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for

necessary edification, **that it may impart grace to the hearers.**"Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

- (3) It will take a death to step into your full discipleship
- (a) Your Ultimate Sacrifice, the death of self!
 - 1. "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, **and his own life also**, he cannot be My disciple."
Luke 14:26 NKJV
 - (b) You are not your own? You no longer belong to yourself. He paid a high price for you.
 - 1. "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own? For you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV
 - (c) The law requires a death and as you are His Alter Ego, you died like He died. As such, you do not set aside His grace. On the contrary you share it!
 - 1. "For I **through the law died to the law** that I might live to God. **I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the

Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.” Galatians 2:19-21 NKJV

(4) Knowing your identity...How did you get here!

(a) My way (Pride) *“I will be like the Most High.”*

1. “For you have said in your heart: **‘I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High.”
Isaiah 14:13-14 NKJV

(b) I can because He will! (Humility)

1. **“I can do all things** through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 NKJV
2. “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness.”**
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.”** II Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV

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1. **““For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,”** says the Lord. **“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”** Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV

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(a) It's hard to imagine that in this Yom Kippur imagery that we, His people, could serve as the Scapegoat who is sent off into the wilderness to bear anything for the Lord. Yet, the author of Hebrews, in the letter that contains more information on Yom Kippur than any other in the Bible, concludes with this:

1. **“We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals [the bull and goat], whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own**

blood, **suffered outside the gate.**" Hebrews 13:10-12
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(b) To what is the writer referring when he says that "*the priest has no right to eat, as the bodies of those sin offerings must be burned outside the camp?*"

1. **"The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood** was brought in to **make atonement** in the Holy Place, shall be **carried outside the camp.** And **they shall burn in the fire** their skins, their flesh, and their offal." Leviticus 16:27 NKJV

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(a) Another version of Christ...

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3. The Ministry of Reconciliation

A. That we might become the righteousness of God in Him...

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- (a) It’s a process as we saw earlier in Hebrews 10. The goal is the perfection of a pure mind; the process is

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1. Again see the prophetic promises in Hebrews:
 - a) He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
 - b) To make those who approach perfect.
 - c) He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

(b) A joint heir is an equal heir, not a lesser heir. Which are you? Can I get a witness?

(c) The ultimate goal of the Church is to raise up Christians who look exactly like Christ, His Alter Ego!

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(b) You are called to look like Y'shua. That is the ultimate goal. You are to be a perfect representation of Him as if you are ONE with Him! You are meant to be His Alter Ego!

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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(See: Deuteronomy 8:2-4; Exodus 17:6, 13:21; Isaiah 40:3)

- A. What connects the Scapegoat and the wilderness? (See Leviticus 16:22)

2. There is a deep connection between Y'shua and the completed process of atonement:

- A. Use the following scriptures to tie the connection together.
(Leviticus 16:20; John 19:30; Hebrews 7:27, 9:27-28, 10:1)

3. Research and define “Alter Ego.”

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- C. How can we be certain that the shed blood of the goat is imagery for Christ? (See I John 2:2, 4:10)

6. Describe the procedures to determine the Scapegoat. (See Leviticus 16:10-22)

- A. Relate the sin carried by the Scapegoat to the conditions of the Lord’s second coming in Hebrews 9:28.
- B. Relate His appearance “apart from sin” to Romans 12:1-2.
- C. How might this point to us as taking on the role of the Scapegoat?

7. It is abundantly clear from the Bible that we are here to complete the ministry of Christ:

- A. Describe in your own words what that should look like using II Corinthians 5:18-21 as your model.
- B. How might Hebrews 9:26-28 relate to II Corinthians 5:18-21?
- C. How might Ephesians 4:11-13 relate to II Corinthians 5:18-21?

8. How might John 17:16-19 relate to the Scapegoat being sent into the wilderness? (See Leviticus 16:20-22)

- A. How does John 17:20-23 relate to your definition of “Alter Ego” in question #3?

9. Connect and write a narrative about the ministry of the Church using the following scriptures: (Hebrews 9:27-28; Leviticus 16:10; Isaiah 40:3)

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11. Bonus: We must think BIG while murdering the pride in our hearts. Consider who you think you are as opposed to who He says you are! Self-degradation is NOT HUMILITY. Believing you are who God says your are is NOT PRIDE!

- A. What is your ultimate calling?
- B. What is your ultimate identity?
- C. What must you become?
- D. How does that happen?