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MAIN SCRIPTURES

“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

“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

““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. **It is a sabbath** of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.” ...**“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 16:29-31, 34 NKJV

“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**; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All **was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing**. It was **symbolic for the present time** in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service **perfect in regard to the conscience**— concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. 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. For if the blood of

bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more **shall** the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:6-14 NKJV

INTRODUCTION

If there is one Feast of Yahweh, more than any other, that Christians believe no longer has any relevance for them, it has to be Yom Kippur. "The blood of Christ has paid for our sins past, present, and future, so why do I need to pay attention to a holiday that foreshadowed the sacrifice needed to cover the sins of the world?"

It's a worthy question and one worth exploring, especially in light of these difficult to explain scriptures written decades AFTER the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

- *"The Feasts of the Lord are shadows of things to come."*
- *"Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come."*
- *"The Law, having a shadow of the good things to come."*

The Feasts, the High Priest, and the Law, all shadows of things yet to come, even decades after Christ. These are mysteries worth unlocking; secrets with discoveries relevant to every Christian serious about the future of their faith.

Fall Feasts (2025)

1. **Trumpets:** Monday, Sept 22 at sundown (**teach** Sept. 19)
2. **Yom Kippur:** Wed. Oct. 1 at sundown (**teach** Sept. 26)
3. **Tabernacles:** Mon. Oct. 6 sundown to Tues. Oct. 14 sundown (**teach** Oct. 3)
4. **Simchat Torah:** Mon. Oct. 13 sundown, (**teach** Oct. 10)
5. **Next Year:** Surrender

Yom Kippur 2025: A Perfect Conscience

1. See [Eyes That See & Ears that Hear: Feast of Trumpets](#)
2. Why should Yom Kippur matter to you?
3. Hebrews written in future tense: Good Things to Come
4. What exactly is the Day of Atonement?
5. The Turning Point: What role might you play in the future?

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

Leviticus 16: The Tabernacle ceremony for the Day of Atonement.

1. **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.
2. Instead, he is to appear only one time per year to make atonement for his sins and the sins of the people.

3. Why is this important for Christians to understand?
 - (a) 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!
 - (b) This is a good time for us to consider a few key prophetic concepts regarding Y'shua and the Feasts of the Lord.
4. What role does Y'shua play, and what role might you play when contemplating:
 - (a) The Passover Lamb
 - (b) The Bull sin offering for the priest
 - (c) The Ram burnt offering for the priest
 - (d) The Goat sin offering for the people
 - (e) The Scapegoat
 - (f) The Ram burnt offering for the people.
 - (g) 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 only made **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 [maybe representing prayers] on the fire before the Lord, so that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Ark of Testimony. 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 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 wondered 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:

1) “...*the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*”

Ephesians 4:13

2) “*ministers of reconciliation*” II Cor. 5:18-19

3) “*transformed into the same image...*” II Corinthians 3:18.

4) If our lives are to become like Christs, why not our deaths!

(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 his family) and the goat (sin offering for the people), **are carried outside the camp and burned (completely)**. 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 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. Note: The Ten Days of Awe take place from Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) to Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance. (See [Eyes That See & Ears that Hear: Feast of Trumpets](#))

IT SHOULD MATTER TO YOU

1. It all points to Christ

A. Quick Review

- (1) The Biblical Feast Cycle and the Journey and Destination
- (a) The first *Passover* takes place while Israel is in *captivity*.
 - (b) They exit Egypt as a "new born people" and face the *wilderness* journey, during which they receive the law on the day of *Shavuot* (the Feast of Weeks), what Christians know as *Pentecost*.
 - (c) From there, they journey to the *Promised Land*!
- (2) There are...

(a) The Spring Feasts

1. Passover: **Death** of the firstborn
2. Unleavened Bread: **Burial** in the Wilderness
3. First Fruits: **Resurrection** of a new people/creation
4. Shavuot/Pentecost: Giving of the the Law/**Holy Spirit**
 - a) ...and then into the Promised Land!
 - b) What's in the Promised land?

(b) The Fall Feasts

1. Feast of Trumpets: Blow trumpets to go to war/**the return of Christ.**
2. Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement: **judgement day (The main subject matter of today's teaching.)**
3. Tabernacles: a time of rest and rejoicing after judgement and victory/ruling and reigning with Christ (**The Millennial Kingdom**).
4. The Eight Day of Tabernacles: **Eternity/a New Name** (Simchat Torah/the Joy of the Law)

(a) **Can you recognize Christ in the Journey and Destination and Feast Cycle?**

1. **Captivity/Wilderness:** Death—Burial—Resurrection—Holy Spirit
2. **Promised Land:** Return—Judgement—Kingdom—Eternity

B. Our Common Fathers

(1) Your Heritage

(a) Who are your forefathers?

1. “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that **all our fathers** were **under the cloud**, all **passed through the sea**, all were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea, **all ate the same spiritual food**, and **all drank the same spiritual drink**. For they drank of that **spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ**. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now **these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.** ” I

Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV

- a) Even though Paul was addressing a non-Jewish Greek audience, he reminds them (and/or teaches them) that all of them have their family heritage linking back to the Israelites in the wilderness, as they were all “baptized into Moses.”
- b) This also alludes to the mixed multitude of nations who came out of Egypt in the exodus and who

became part of Israel under one law. (Exodus 12:38, 49)

- c) He reveals the rock, from which they all drank in the wilderness, was indeed the image of Y'shua.
- d) All believers in Y'shua have become, by virtue of their faith, part of the family of those who took part in the journey and the destination and are now participators in the prophetic picture of the Feasts.

C. Once Gentiles but now “baptized into Moses”?

(1) But, by virtue of your faith...

- (a) Those of you who were once not part of Israel have become part of Israel. How?

1. “Therefore remember that you, **once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**” Ephesians 2:11-13 NKJV

- a) As a Gentile you are not part of the covenants and promises God made to Israel.
- b) However, in Christ, when you become a born again Christian, you also become part of all those covenants and promises, as you are supernaturally grafted into Israel.
- c) In other words, you are grafted (adopted) into a new family... *“And if some of the branches were **broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,**”*
Romans 11:17 NKJV
- d) *“You will say then, “**Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.**” Well said. **Because of unbelief they were broken off,** and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.”* Romans 11:19-20 NKJV
- e) For a complete teaching on Romans 11:16-24 see:
[The Consummate Gardner](#)
- (b) And those of you who were originally part of Israel who were “broken off” because they did not have faith, have now truly become part of Israel because of faith.

1. ““For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen **according to the flesh, who are Israelites**, to whom pertain the *adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises*; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, **Christ came, who is over all**, the eternally blessed God. Amen. But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. **For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham**; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.” **That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise** are counted as the seed.” Romans 9:3-8 NKJV
 - a) Let’s simplify this... There are Israelites who were born as such, but in the end they are not the ones who will inherit all the promises.
 - b) It is those who have faith, ultimately in Christ, who receive all the promises.
 - c) And as such, even those not originally from the family line of Israel (the Gentiles), they too can

receive the promises by becoming Israel by virtue of their faith in Y'shua.

d) For a complete teaching on Romans 9:1-18 see:

[Let's Get Historical](#)

(c) Putting the pieces together!

1. "Therefore, **if an uncircumcised** man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, **will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?** And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? **For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit,** not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God." Romans 2:26-29 NKJV

- a) The bottom line is this. When your heart becomes circumcised unto the Lord Y'shua Messiah, it is then that you are truly in the family of God, and instead of being an alien to the commonwealth of Israel, you become a full member of the family.

b) *"...in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*

Ephesians 2:13

c) For a complete teaching on Romans 2:17-29 see:

[Circumcision Reimagined](#)

GOOD THINGS TO COME

2. Patterns and Shadows

A. The Feasts of the Lord are shadows of things to come!

(1) What are shadows of things to come?

(a) Legalism vs. Christ

1. "So let **no one judge you** in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are **a shadow of things to come**, but the **substance** *[body]* ***is of Christ** *[but the Body of Christ]*." Colossians 2:16-17 NKJV

a) We learned last week that this verse is best understood to mean...

1) There are prophetic shadow pictures of the Feasts, New Moons, and Sabbaths.

2) Don't let anyone judge you about these things
EXCEPT THE BODY OF CHRIST!

- 3) Yes, the church is called to judge the church on church matters.
- 4) See [Eyes That See & Ears that Hear: Feast of Trumpets](#). A detailed explanation is in the notes for that sermon on pages 8-13.

(2) Good things to come!

(a) Patterns and Shadows

1. "According to all that I show you, that is, **the pattern** of the tabernacle and **the pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." Exodus 25:9 NKJV
2. "And see to it that you make them according to **the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.**" Exodus 25:40 NKJV
3. "And you shall raise up the tabernacle **according to its pattern** which you were shown on the mountain." Exodus 26:30 NKJV
4. "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." Hebrews 9:11 NKJV
5. "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

- a) The Feasts of Yahweh serve as prophetic shadow pictures (patterns) of things to come, thus it is commanded for the Church to practice them in order to be spiritually discerning of God’s prophetic strategies and what He is doing in the earth.
- b) The Tabernacle, the High Priest and the Law—yes, also shadows of things to come!
- c) We must be aware of all the patterns and shadows.
- d) So, what about Yom Kippur?

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

3. Copies and Shadows of Heavenly Things

A. First the Copy

(1) The Duties of the (earthly) High Priest

- (a) The High Priest enters into the Holy of Holies, only one time per year, to make atonement for tabernacle, the altar, himself and his family, all the priests, and the people!

1. "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. "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, **which is for himself**, and make atonement for himself and for his house... 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 16:6, 11 NKJV
3. ""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
4. then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and **he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make**

atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 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 16:33-34 NKJV

- (b) The command for The Day of Atonement appears with all the other Feasts of The Lord in Leviticus 23 where it is commanded to keep the Feast on the tenth day of the seventh month and to do so while fasting for the day.
1. "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts.**" Leviticus 23:1-2 NKJV
 2. "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "**Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement.** It shall be a holy convocation for you; **you shall afflict your souls [Fast],** and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his

people. And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. **It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls;** on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath.” Leviticus 23:26-32 NKJV

- a) **Key Distinctions:** The High Priest of the Levitical priesthood must FIRST make a sacrifice for his own sins and those of his household, BEFORE he can enter the Holy of Holies.
- b) And he must repeat this procedure year after year and he can only enter ONE TIME PER YEAR.
- c) The High Priest of our salvation, Y’shua, is not of the earthly Levitical line of priests (He was from Judah), but of the heavenly line, Melchizedek, and He needs no sacrifice for His own sins first, and need only enter the Holy of Holies ONE TIME EVER, which then makes a way for His people to enter continually!

B. The Shadows and Patterns

(1) Hebrews and Yom Kippur...

(a) What we see in Leviticus serves as the copy and shadow of the heavenly things—so “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

1. “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest**, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. 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; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things**, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, **“See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain** [from Exodus 25:40].”” Hebrews 8:1-5 NKJV

a) This is the main point of what’s being said... *“For the law appoints as high priests men who have*

*weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, **appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.***” Hebrews 7:28 NKJV

- b) This **High Priest (Y’shua)** is seated in the heavens at His Father’s right hand.
- c) That is the location of the true tabernacle and He ministers in that sanctuary. On earth is just a shadow of that.
- d) The high priest on earth offers gifts and sacrifices because that is what is happening up there.
- e) If Y’shua was here on earth, He would not even be a priest, as He is from the tribe of Judah and earthly priests are from the tribe of Levi.
- f) The earthly priest simply copies what is from above and what they are performing “**serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things.**”
- g) Think of it like the sun casting a shadow on earth. The object upon which the sun sheds its light is the real thing and the shadow is formed from it. If the object moves, the shadow moves. The shadow has no life of its own.
- h) To understand the spiritual ramifications of this, consider this. The Father is casting His light on His

Son (the Real High Priest and all His duties), and the shadow is formed from it. What the Son does, the shadow does! The shadow (the earthly High Priest and all His duties) has no life of his own.

- i) That is why Moses was instructed so carefully when he was erecting shadows!
- (b) Now let's take a look at the movement of the shadow— which must by law be a perfect copy of what Y'shua is doing!
 - 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
 - a) The priest must enter behind the veil in a perfect state.
 - b) He must have made two sacrifices, one first for his and his family's sin. That is his ticket in.
 - c) Then one for the sins of the people who had not sinned willfully.

- 1) Keep in mind, the earthly high priest could do so only one time per year.
- 2) However, Y'shua NEVER sinned and thereby did not need a sacrifice for His own sin (only for the sin of His family, which is us). Needing no sacrifice for Himself gave Him continual access behind the veil, which means His family had continual access.
- 3) His role would eventually become our role as we become a "perfect copy and shadow" of Christ as His priests on earth. *"But you are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**"* 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV *[But you MUST stand in the light if you want to be the shadow.]*

(c) So why did Christ come?

1. **"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

- a) He came to earth as a man to draw our attention to what the true High Priest is doing.
- b) And He came to show us that all the patterns and shadows are pointing towards good things coming in the future.
- c) And He does so with no need to sacrifice an animal, really for a number of reasons.
 - 1) In His perfection, He needs no sacrifice for Himself to stand before His Father (Go behind the Veil) to the Most Holy Place.
 - 2) Also, He will become the perfect sacrifice on the alter with the shedding of His own blood and that will confer permanent atonement for those who believe, as opposed to annual atonement.
 - 3) In other words, when He shed His own blood, it could only be for His family (as there was no need for a sacrifice for Himself). That permanent sacrifice for His family gave them permanent access, which mean they could take over the

role of the sacrifice for the people. More coming in sections 4!

(2) **Animal Copies and Shadows:** It is beneficial if you can understand why the earthly High Priest must make two categories of sacrifices on the Day of Atonement and why Y'shua only made one, as taught to us in the letter of Hebrews.

(a) Sin Offerings

1. **First the Sacrifices for himself—The BULL sin offering and the RAM burnt offering for the priest and his family:** “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... **“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house.”** Leviticus 16:3, 6 NKJV
2. **Then the sacrifice for the world—the Goat sin offering for 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

- a) **Key Distinctions:** here is the clear picture of the priest needing to first become atoned for by making a sin offerings for himself, before he can do anything for the people. Y'shua never sinned and therefore could freely enter the Holy of Holies **without** an offering for His own sins (He would shed His own blood just for His family—Us!).
- b) The goat offering for the people might be symbolic of our role as the “new heavenly royal line of David priesthood.”

(b) Burnt Offerings

1. **The ram burnt offerings for the priest and people:**

“And he shall **wash his body** with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, **and make atonement for himself and for the people.**” Leviticus 16:24 NKJV

- a) These offerings too might be symbolic of our role as the “new heavenly royal, line of David, priesthood.
- b) **Key Distinctions:** the heavenly Priesthood is from the line of David from whom Y'shua came and from whom, we as the church, come (I Peter 2:9).

- c) We are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb:
“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
(Ephesians 2:13)
- d) Washing with the Word (Y’shua): *“that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the **washing of water by the word,**”* (Ephesians 5:26 NKJV) *“And such were some of you. But you **were washed,** but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”* I Corinthians 6:11 NKJV

(c) The Scapegoat

1. “And 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.” Leviticus 16:5 NKJV
2. “He shall take the **two goats** and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: **one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.** And 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, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.” Leviticus 16:7-10 NKJV

3. “Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, **confess over it** [symbolic of] **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** [be symbolic of] **all their iniquities to an uninhabited land**; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.” Leviticus 16:21-22 NKJV

- a) The scapegoat shall represent the sum of all the iniquities of a sinful people.
- b) It should be sacrificed (deserves death), but instead it is permitted to live.

(d) Food for thought: of what story does this remind you?

1. “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). And they all cried out at once, saying, **"Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"—** **who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion** made in the city, and for **murder**. Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, **"Crucify Him, crucify Him!"** Then he said to them the third time, **"Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him.** I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. **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 23:13-25 NKJV

2. The Imagery is striking! *“Two kids of the goats as a sin offering, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.”*
- a) The scapegoat shall represent the sum of all the iniquities of a sinful people.
 - b) It should be sacrificed (deserves death), but instead it is permitted to live.
 - c) Y’shua has been found innocent multiple times.
 - d) Barabbas is clearly guilty.
 - e) But the sinful people insist that Barabbas be released.
 - f) The goat shall carry on itself **(represent)** all the iniquities of the chief priests, the rulers, and the people whose voices insisted on this exchange.

C. From the Trumpet Blast to Yom Kippur

- (1) The Ten Days of Awe take place from the Feast of Trumpets to Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance.
 - (a) See [Eyes That See & Ears that Hear: Feast of Trumpets](#)
 - (b) The ten days from Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) to Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance.
 - 1. On that day, three ultimate fates are decided.

- a) One for the completely wicked (immediately inscribed in the book of death).
 - b) One for the completely righteous (immediately inscribed in the book of life).
 - c) One for those in between (fate suspended until Yom Kippur—If they do well, they are inscribed in the book of life. If not, in the book of death).
2. These three fates are perfectly described by Paul over three hundred years later.
- a) “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
3. Three People Groups (Three Human Destinies)
- a) Those **under the earth**: completely wicked (Hell)
 - b) Those **in heaven**: completely righteous (Heaven)
 - c) Those **on earth**: those in between (Earth) Still dependent on Yom Kippur!

- 1) Contemplation: Who are the only people on earth *“still dependent on Yom Kippur?”*
4. The Ten Days of Repentance are seen as an opportunity for change. Those in Judaism, who have not received Y’shua remain in a system dependent on Yom Kippur for yearly atonement!
 - a) “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God **for Israel** is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they **being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end [goal] of the law for righteousness** to everyone who believes.” Romans 10:1-4 NKJV
5. However, as Christians we know the path to complete righteousness, by way of Y’shua’s righteousness, was implanted in us as a gift that offered permanent atonement.
 - a) “Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” Romans 5:1 NKJV

- b) “For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”
Ephesians 2:8 NKJV
 - c) “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
6. 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 on every turn.
- a) “For **we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin**. For what I am doing, I do not understand. **For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.**” Romans 7:14-15 NKJV
7. Yom Kippur, and all the imagery associated with it, gives you the opportunity to PRACTICE **repentance, faith**, and **righteousness** along the way—don’t pass up the opportunities!
- a) **REPENTANCE**: “**Confess your trespasses to one another**, and pray for one another, that you may be

healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16 NKJV

- b) **FAITH:** *“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom also we have access by faith** into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”* (Romans 5:1-2 NKJV)
*“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,**”* II Peter 1:5 NKJV
- c) **RIGHTEOUSNESS:** *“Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**”* I John 3:7 NKJV

D. The Real Thing—the connection points become clear.

- (1) His blood covers your past, present and future sins, and gives you access behind the veil.
 - (a) Propitiation: Atonement—Reparation—Covers the Cost
 - 1. “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 for our sins,** and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” I John 2:1-2 NKJV

(b) Redemption: Saving—Vindication—Freeing from

1. “In Him **we have redemption through His blood, [and] the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace.” Ephesians 1:7 NKJV

(c) The veil, which in the past kept all but the high priest outside, was torn. Now there is OPEN ACCESS (**through Passover redemption**). Who now can enter (**for Yom Kippur forgiveness**)? When and how and why would they need to do so?

1. “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

(2) The Yom Kippur message in Hebrews

(a) The earthly high priest and the sanctuary in the tabernacle were always a copy of Y’shua, the heavenly High Priest and the true sanctuary in the true tabernacle.

1. “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest**, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, **a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle** which the Lord erected, and not man.” Hebrews 8:1-2 NKJV

(b) If the earthly high priest was offering gifts and making sacrifices, it was because the heavenly High Priest was offering gifts and making sacrifices.

1. “For every **high priest** is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore **it is necessary** that this One also have something to offer.” Hebrews 8:3 NKJV

(c) Let’s walk through the process and connect what was happening in the earthly procedures to their heavenly counterparts.

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; **the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.** It was **symbolic** for the **present time** in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the

time of reformation. **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 9:6-12 NKJV

2. On Earth...

- a) The gifts and sacrifices were prepared.
- b) The priest could enter the holy place every day.
- c) The priest could enter the most holy place (the holy of holies) only one time per year (on Yom Kippur).
- d) But he could not do so without first making a sacrifice for his own sins.
- e) Why? Because unrestricted access to the most holy place (for all people at all times) would not become available while the shadow tabernacle still had meaning. (First the Passover that would tear the veil, then the perfecting of the people, who could serve as the High Priest.)
- f) The procedures to get behind the veil were shadows at that time, but the reason it had to be

done repeatedly every year was because the shadow could never **“perfect in regard to the conscience,”** not only cleanse you from sin, but even remove all sins from your mind— to obtain the mind of Christ. **(That perfection process will take place between the Passover Cross and the return of Christ at the final Feast of Trumpets.)**

- g) The procedures were shadows that were necessary to practice until there is a complete reformation and restoration of all things (see Romans 8:18-22).

3. This begs the question. Are we there yet?

- a) We know Christ was always the High Priest in heaven in the true and perfect tabernacle, and He came to earth and shed His own blood (as the Passover Lamb which tore the veil), WHICH GAVE US access behind the veil once and for all, and made us available to become part of the Yom Kippur Service.
- b) What is our service is behind that veil? Is it now? Is it YET TO COME?
- c) Because He is also the High Priest of the good things to come. What is still coming that has not already occurred with Y'shua's first coming?

- d) That is an important question because when Hebrews was written, the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension had ALREADY taken place, and yet there were still MORE GOOD THINGS TO COME!

4. Contemplation

- a) Hebrews mentions *“while the first tabernacle still has a standing, which is symbolic of the present time **in which sacrifices are still being offered.**”*
 - b) Hebrews was written about 30 year after Christ and the author teaches us that the tabernacle STILL HAD A STANDING at that time.
- (d) And let’s reiterate a few things before we can go on to explain the answer to this dilemma.

1. **“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;” Hebrews 9:23-24 NKJV

- a) On earth, the shadow priesthood and legal system required these lower level purification procedures.

- b) But, when Christ performed these duties, He was not a copy; He was the real thing, the source that was creating the shadow.
 - c) He had to enter the true Holy of Holies only ONE TIME to take care of Yom Kippur business.
 - (e) Why could Y'shua enter behind the veil only one time, instead of the need to do it year after year and what is His ultimate intent for us, His royal priesthood ?
1. **“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.** 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 9:25-28 NKJV
 2. It will make more sense when you look at it like this.
 - a) The earthly high priest was a man who carried the sin stained DNA of Adam, in addition to his own imperfect sinful nature.

- b) As such, he needed to shed the blood of “another” in order to be cleansed in the moment, and thereby in his temporarily purified state he could go behind the veil to apply to the ark the atoning sacrifice for the people.
- c) Y’shua needed no such initial sacrifice as He did not carry Adam’s DNA (He had no human father). Plus He NEVER sinned throughout His whole life.
- d) So, He could enter behind the veil without the need of assistance and therefore could do it ONE TIME FOR ALL TIMES.
- e) And here is where it gets really exciting. What He did as a result of His first coming when He sacrificed Himself, was leave an open portal for us to go behind the veil.
- f) In a sense, He became equivalent to the sacrifice the earthly high priest needed to make for his own sin and the sins of his family, but because Y’shua had no sin, it was ALL for us as the royal priesthood.
- g) Why? Because He did not need a sacrifice for Himself and as such His sacrifice could be applied to a different need. What could that be?

- h) We get to become the New Priests who have access behind the veil because a permanent sacrifice was made ALREADY and that sacrifice lasts forever because it is the PERFECT sacrifice.
- i) Normally, men would die one time and the next thing they'd be aware of would be judgment day!
- j) But when Christ became the Yom Kippur bull for us alone, we took on a different role.
- k) Now we wait for His second coming. At that point He will appear for a different reason. It will not be to atone for our sins, because the sin issue which began to be resolved when He first appeared, will have been, by the time His return, resolved completely. *"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 9:28 NKJV
- l) That means, we who are going behind the veil without restriction, have now become a people without sin.
- m) And maybe, just maybe, we move on from being a people who practiced living like Christ (for others),

and now it is time for us to actually die like Christ (for others).

- n) And maybe, just maybe, Christians at that time, when He appears again, will have blood worthy of shedding for the salvation of others.
- o) This is only possible if we NO LONGER need His blood as a sacrifice for us to enter behind the veil!

THE TURNING POINT

4. When it becomes about us...

A. The Idea of Perfection

(1) His entire purpose was to pass on His ministry to you!

(a) Good things to come!

1. “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**. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? **For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins**. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.” Hebrews 10:1-4 NKJV

- a) The year-by-year shadow could only reset humans temporarily.
- b) Inside of them was still the sin nature.
- c) They could never be perfect, or in Christian lingo, Christlike.
- d) We will know when that time has arrived by this sign. We would have *“no more consciousness of sins.”*
- e) The blood of bulls and goats (the shadow sacrifices of Yom Kippur) could never offer that. Instead, they were just temporary reminders.
- f) The Heavenly High Priest (Christ) came with blood sacrificed for “good things to come.” This future language alludes to something still coming even though this was written 30 years post resurrection!

(b) Daily vs. Forever

1. “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

- a) Y’shua, unlike the earthly high priest, did not need to keep repeating the process.
- b) He only needed to do it once and now we are in the time of waiting. What are we waiting for?
- c) We are waiting for His enemy to be conquered once and for all, *“waiting till His enemies are made His footstool...”*
- d) What is that enemy? **Sin!**
- e) And whose job is it to conquer it? **Yours!**
- f) And what will that look like! **You are perfected and have “no more consciousness of sins.”**

2. Contemplation

- a) He is waiting for sin to be abolished in the earth.
- b) This is prophetic for us as Christians, what is known as the restoration of all things (see Acts 3:21 and Matthew 17:11) and the revealing of the sons of God (Romans 8:18-21).
- c) The mantle passes and we are now able to enter the Holy of Holies, just as the High Priest could. But unlike Y’shua and more like Aaron (for now) we need a sacrifice to do so. And that sacrifice is

Y'shua, the Bull sin offering. (Remember, the Passover Lamb tears the veil—redemption, but the Bull is the sin offering) *“In Him **we have redemption through His blood, [AND] the forgiveness of sins...**”* Ephesians 1:7

- d) Once perfected and no longer in need of Y'shua's sacrifice, we can become the sacrifice for others.
- e) This is consistent with Y'shua's teaching throughout His ministry and with the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
 - 1) *“Therefore **you shall be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”* Matthew 5:48 NKJV
 - 2) *“Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God.”* I John 3:9 NKJV
 - 3) *““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father.”* John 14:12 NKJV
- f) Notice the futuristic language of Hebrews, even though it was written 30 years after the resurrection:

- 1) **the shadow of good things to come**
 - 2) **the good things making us perfect**
 - 3) **with no more consciousness of sin.**
- g) Since we have yet to arrive at such, these events are still in our future!
- (c) What should you do in the meantime?
1. **“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
- a) Practice! Be bold! Exercise the privilege to go behind the veil.
 - b) He is the High Priest who shed His own perfect “bull” blood that lets us minister behind the veil.
(Remember again: Passover opens the veil.)
 - c) Practice faith! Practice living with a pure heart!
Practice living with a pure mind, not even having a thought of sin! Until... *“For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” **But***

we have the mind of Christ." I Corinthians 2:16
NKJV

2. The process of having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience:

a) *"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 12:2 NKJV

3. And once sin is conquered, what then?

a) *"Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself** through Jesus Christ, **and has given us the ministry of reconciliation**,"* II Corinthians 5:18
NKJV

b) *"**bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ, and being **ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled**."* II Corinthians 10:5-6 NKJV

(d) **Food for Thought:** As we can see there is both a Lamb sacrifice that tears the curtain open at Passover, and a Ram sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins at Yom Kippur (after the Bull sacrifice clears the priest to enter behind the veil). Is this not precisely what we see in the imagery of Abraham and Isaac?

1. The Lord will provide for himself a Lamb. The Passover Lamb for Redemption!
 - a) *“And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the **lamb** for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.”* Genesis 22:8 NKJV
2. And what we see show up is the Ram. The Yom Kippur offering for the sin of the people!
 - a) *“Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a **ram** caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.”* Genesis 22:13 NKJV

(2) You can become the living sacrifice...

- (a) The burnt offering (ram) and the sin offering (goat) for the people. Is this sacrifice fulfilled by Y’shua or someone else?
 1. “I beseech **you** therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1 NKJV
 2. “Therefore you shall **be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48 NKJV

3. “Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ** also loved the church and **gave Himself for her,**” Ephesians 5:25 NKJV
4. “Greater love has no one than this, than **to lay down one’s life for his friends.**” John 15:13 NKJV
5. “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those **who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony** which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” **Then a white robe was given to each of them;** and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, **until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed** as they were, was completed.” Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV
 - a) He came to destroy the work of the Devil... you are called to destroy the work of the Devil... *“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested,** that He might destroy the works of the devil.”* 1 John 3:8 NKJV

6. Do you see it? We are not only called to live like Christ, we are called to die like Christ.
 - a) First be perfect like Christ, so your shed blood is like His blood.
 - b) As He is the husband willing to die for the Church, so you too be willing and able.
 - c) There is no greater display of love than to die for someone else.
 - d) We see evidence of this type of sacrifice in Revelation at the very end of the age.
- (b) This is your daily practice.
 1. "I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**" I Corinthians 15:31 NKJV
 2. "**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 2:20-21 NKJV

3. “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross**, and follow Me.” Matthew 16:24 NKJV
4. “And whoever does not **bear his cross** and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” Luke 14:27 NKJV
5. Summary: the True and Living Sacrifice
 - a) Lay down your life daily.
 - b) Take up your cross and be crucified with Christ.
 - c) How? Present your life everyday as if it is completely sacrificed to the Lord—a **living sacrifice**, without holding anything back. All in as if you were literally the bull or the ram or the goat of Yom Kippur.

B. Yom Kippur is coming, the day of judgment!

(1) Ministers of Reconciliation

(a) The Judgement Seat of Christ

1. “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body,** according to what he has done, **whether good or bad.** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I

also trust are **well known in your consciences.**" II

Corinthians 5:9-11 NKJV

- a) Yes, we will all face our day of judgment, our own Yom Kippur (for which there is atonement).
 - b) Your position as eternal beings in the presence of God is secure.
 - c) However, there is still a day of reckoning for how you lived!
 - 1) *"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."* I Corinthians 3:12-13 NKJV
 - d) I pray your conscience is clear!
- (b) The love of Christ should have compelled you... to what?
- 1. "For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. **For the love of Christ compels us,** because

we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, **that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.**" II Corinthians 5:12-15 NKJV

- a) Do not live for yourself, but live as if you are willing to die as He did (for others)!
- (c) I assume you will take this seriously and live this way...
 - 1. "Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**" II Corinthians 5:16-17 NKJV
 - a) You cannot live as if you are the same creature you were before you encountered Christ.
 - b) You are brand new; things are brand new. Live your life from this truth, so you can live to become what you are called to become.
 - c) You are to take on His Yom Kippur ministry!
- (d) Again... Your work as the sacrifice of Yom Kippur—be the reconciler!

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.**” II

Corinthians 5:18-19 NKJV

- (e) As if you represent Him by YOU becoming the righteousness of God!

1. “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 5:20-21 NKJV

- a) Be reconciled and become the reconciler.
- b) He reconciled you and then He passed on His ministry of reconciliation.
 - 1) Reconciliation: (Strong’s Concordance 2643 and 2644). Restoration as the resulting of Christ exactly (precisely) exchanging His righteousness (blood) for our guilt.

- c) How? First He shed His blood, went behind the veil, atoned for your sins, and opened access to you.
- 1) Atonement / Propitiation (Strong's Concordance 2434 and 2435) an offering to appease (satisfy) an angry, offended party. Christ's atoning blood that appeases God's wrath, on all confessed sin. By the sacrifice of Himself. The covering of the ark, which was sprinkled with the atoning blood on the Day of Atonement.
 - 2) "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
 - 3) "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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." I John 4:10-11 NKJV
 - 4) "even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that

is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance **God had passed over the sins that were previously committed**, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, **that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**" Romans 3:22-26 NKJV

(f) Then...Stand in His Place

1. "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 5:20-21 NKJV

- a) He took our sin so we could become sinless, so we could be released into the world to be His reconcilers—His Yom Kippur!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION *(Refer to the sermon notes)*

1. **Discuss the relationship between the Feasts of Yahweh and the ministry of Y'shua?**

- A. Why can Paul address Christians in I Corinthians 10:1-13 as if “all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses?”
 - B. Is it possible for a Christian to be a gentile in light of Ephesians 2:11-13?
 - C. What does it mean that the Feasts of the Lord are shadows of things to come?
 - D. Why was Yahweh adamant that Moses build all things according to the pattern shown him on the mountain?
- 2. Compare and contrast Y’shua as the High Priest and Aaron as the High Priest. Consider the following:**
- A. Freedom to enter beyond the veil...
 - B. The sacrifice for the sins of the priest...
 - C. The sacrifice for the sins of the people...
 - D. The family line of the priesthood (Levi vs. Judah)...
- 3. What does it mean that we, as born again Christians, have the freedom to enter beyond the veil?**
- A. Do we have priestly duties as such?
 - B. If the sacrifice of Christ covers us, as the “new priesthood,” is there another sacrifice needed for the sins of the world?
- 4. How does Y’shua fulfill these elements of Yom Kippur?**
- A. The sin and burnt offerings for the priest...
 - B. The sin and burnt offerings for the people...

C. See also I John 2:2; 4:10-11; Romans 3:22-26

5. Consider what it means that “worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.”

A. What does it mean to make God’s enemies His footstool and whose role is it to do so?

B. What does it mean to enter God’s throne room boldly?

6. What future role might the Church play as a sacrifice for the sins of the world? Contemplation to help your answer:

A. We are called to perfection and to give our lives like Christ.

B. See also I Corinthians 15:31; Galatians 2:20-21; Matthew 16:24; Luke 14:27; Romans 12:1; Revelation 6:9-11

C. Bonus: with what you’ve learned about Yom Kippur, how might II Corinthians 5:9-21 relate to the church’s role?