

Understanding The Day Of Atonement Through The Sacrifice Of YESHUA

Leviticus 23:26-32 ^[NASB] declares and proclaims the Day of Atonement: < ²⁶ **The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,** ²⁷ **"On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation** ^[an assembly of the people of GOD] **for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the LORD.** ²⁸ **"You shall not do any work on this same day, for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement** ^[recompense] **on your behalf before the LORD your God.** ²⁹ **"If there is any person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people.** ³⁰ **"As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.** ³¹ **"You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.** ³² **"It is to be a sabbath of complete rest to you,** and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening **you shall keep your sabbath.**" >

Numbers 29:7-11 ^[NASB] declares how atonement is to be made **by blood sacrifice:** < ⁷ **'Then on the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall humble yourselves; you shall not do any work.** ⁸ **'You shall present a burnt offering** ^[this is the Levitical offering of consecration – see Leviticus 1 – which YESHUA fulfilled and the HOLY SPIRIT perfects and completes into our being in the Witness and Testimony of YESHUA] **to the LORD as a soothing aroma: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect;** ⁹ **and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,** ¹⁰ **a tenth for each of the seven lambs;** ¹¹ **one male goat for a sin offering, besides the sin offering of atonement and the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their drink offerings.** >

The Day of Atonement was stipulated on the 10th day of the 7th month as a Sabbath realization ^[see Leviticus 23 above and Hebrews 4:6-11] through blood sacrifice ^[see Numbers 29 above].

The Day of Atonement proclaims and decrees the prophetic progression of our salvation – in the eternal and the abiding realities of YHWH's Shabbat-Shalom, through the Blood of the LAMB ^[see Hebrews 10:14].

In YHWH's Shabbat-Shalom, by a faith authored by YESHUA MASHIAH in the atoning power of YESHUA's Blood, we actualize – by the HOLY SPIRIT ^[see Romans 8:1-10, NKJV] - YHWH's Righteousness operating in us and through us ^[see Romans 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 17-18a].

We actualize an inward operating system [see 2 Corinthians 4:16] – by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS – in and through a Shabbat-Shalom perfected and completed into our inward parts of spirit, heart and soul [see Colossians 1:19-20; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7].

In this Shabbat-Shalom progressively actualized, we cease from our works. In progressively ceasing from our works we by the SPIRIT enter into a new and living Way opened in Blood and the Veil of YESHUA's Flesh [Hebrews 10:19-20]. We progressively become vessels of YHWH-ELYON [see Psalm 91:1-2] communicating the works of YHWH-ELOHIM [see Ephesians 2:10] - from a position of rest in YESHUA ADONAI, by the HOLY SPIRIT [see 1 Corinthians 2:10, 9-10].

It is in this prophetic realization – of the Day of Atonement - that we become progressively tabernacled in the MOST HIGH [see Psalm 91:1-2,9] to operate from positions of being seated with CHRIST JESUS in heavenly places far above every principality, power, might and dominion [see Ephesians 1:3-14; 1:17-23].

Seven depicts perfection and seven depicts the redemptive process of us being perfected in a growing Shabbat- Shalom that is the realized Witness of YESHUA's Blood [see 1 John 5:10a; 8, NKJV] in our inward parts [2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 4:6-7, NKJV] - in the fulfillment of the Law [see Matthew 5:17-18].

The progressive actualization of a functional Shabbat- Shalom [see Hebrews 4:1-11] – by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS [see Romans 8:2, 1-2, NKJV] unfolds our [progressively] perfected state of being - before YHWH [see Genesis 17:1-2, 9-11; Romans 2:28-29; Philippians 3:2-3; Colossians 2:11]. And in Matthew 5:48 YESHUA declares: < ⁴⁸ "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. >

Ten depicts completion. Colossians 2:9-10 [NKJV] proclaims our completion through the circumcision of MESSIAH that removes the body of our fallen flesh: < ⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.** ⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ **and in Him you have been made complete,** and He is the head over all rule and authority; ¹¹ and **in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;** ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees

against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. >

The Day of Atonement prophetically expresses that necessary reality of us each being perfected and completed in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT; so that we can be tabernacled in the MOST HIGH and be able to operate under the shadow of the ALMIGHTY in fulfillment of the Feast of the Tabernacles.

Numbers 29:7-11 unfolds a peculiar sequence of Blood Sacrifices and a sequence of Grain / Meal Offerings with each animal sacrifice. Do these have prophetic meaning and fulfillment in CHRIST JESUS, by the HOLY SPIRIT?

Let's start with the nine animals that were sacrifices: one bull; one ram and seven lambs.

The one bull sacrificed refers to the bull of the Burnt Offering of consecration where, as Leviticus 1:1-13 describes, the whole bull is slaughtered, blood sprinkled and applied and the whole bull is fired on the brazen altar. YESHUA fulfilled this offering. In the Witness and Testimony of YESHUA opened in our inward parts we are invited to pursue the reality of being set apart unto YHWH – by the SPIRIT [this is why the sacrifice was fired on the altar], in CHRIST JESUS.

The one ram sacrificed refers to the ram sacrificed by father Abraham in place of Isaac to establish his progeny - both the natural and the spiritual – in the provision of YHWH-JIREH [see Gen 22:14, NASB+KJV]. Through YESHUA's sacrifice – crystallized in a circumcised heart of flesh [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Col 2:11] - we can ascend into the Mount of YHWH, by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS to be positioned in the secret place of the MOST HIGH GOD. A circumcised heart is the sign of Blood Covenant that is the basis of all function [see Gen 17:10-11].

The seven lambs of the sacrifice point to the perfect sacrifice of YESHUA, the LAMB of GOD. As Heb 10:14 declares: **< ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. >**

The nine animals sacrificed point to the Mystery of the FATHER's Will being perfected and completed – personally and corporately – through YESHUA MASHIAH, by the SPIRIT of Promise.

Ephesians 1:7-14 speaks of the Mystery of the FATHER's will that YHWH might gather in one all things in MESSIAH: **< ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all**

wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth --- in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. >

There were different combinations of the Meal or Grain Offering made with the animal sacrifices. Grain was ground into fine flour and then anointed with oil. The Meal Offering in Leviticus 2 was in two equal parts. 50% was fired on the altar. 50% was shared by the priesthood.

The portion fired on the altar represents the intents of our heart. The portion shared builds the Body of MESSIAH for the work of the ministry. The Meal Offering depicts the fact that we are Ministers of CHRIST and Ministers of the New Covenant who need to have right witness before YHWH for the work of the ministry. YESHUA bore the perfect Witness of ministry to the whole world. We are to actualize by the SPIRIT - through the anointing of MESSIAH - the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth for the work of the ministry so that YESHUA is proclaimed as our BELOVED.

Each animal sacrifice has a different measure of the Meal Offering.

One bull was accompanied by 3/10's of an ephah of flour. Ten represents completion. Three represents two fundamental realities: (i) It represents the Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT meaning that we are completed in the FATHER's will, defined in the SON and manifested into us by the HOLY SPIRIT; (ii) It also represents that fact that we are to be completed in our inward parts of spirit, heart and soul.

One ram was accompanied by 2/10's of an ephah of flour. Ten represents completion. Two represents two realities: (i) that we are completed as the Witness and Testimony of YESHUA is communicated into our being in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA [see John 6:63; Heb 1:3b]; (ii) that we are completed in the faith and love of YESHUA. The faith of YESHUA establishes the Law [see Rom 3:31]. Love of YESHUA actualized in a heart of His flesh fulfills the Law [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Rom 13:10,14].

Seven lambs were accompanied by a total of 7/10's of an ephah of flour. Ten represents completion and seven represents perfection. We are perfected and completed in the atoning sacrifice of YESHUA appropriating His fullness in substance [by faith – see Heb 11:1, NKJV] and witness [see 1 John 5:10a, 8, NKJV developed in thought, word, deed and relationship]. Amen!

If we combine the total measures of flour, mixed with oil, we will have 12/10's of an ephah of fine flour. 12 is the number of Israel and 12 is the number of the Body of MESSIAH. YHWH's plan is to complete both Jew and Gentile into one new man in and by and through the fullness of YESHUA which is the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement.

Ephesians 2:14-18 declares: < ¹⁴ **For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,** ¹⁵ **having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,** ¹⁶ **and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.** ¹⁷ **And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.** ¹⁸ **For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.** >

May we celebrate with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth so as to attain the promises of YHWH which are yes and Amen in YESHUA for the FATHER's glory through us.

Be blessed to be a blessing. Amen!

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