



YOM KIPPUR - DAY OF ATONEMENT

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Part One

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🔥 **Leviticus 23:26-32** “And the LORD/Yahweh 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 [Strong’s H6031 אָנַף] your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD/Yahweh. 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/Yahweh your God/Elohim. 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 16:29-31** “And *this* shall be a permanent statute for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble [Strong’s H6035 יָבַשׁ] your souls, and not do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you; for it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you shall be clean from all

your sins before the LORD/*Yahweh*. It is to be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls; it is a permanent statute.”

📖 **Numbers 29:7-11** “On the tenth *day* of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict [Strong’s H6031 אָפַק] your souls; you shall not do any work. You shall present a burnt offering to the LORD/*Yahweh* as a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, *and* seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. Their grain offering *shall be of* fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an *ephah* for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.”

In the above scriptures, what does *to afflict* or *to humble* your soul mean? Both words have their root in Strong’s H6031 אָפַק meaning: *to afflict, oppress, humble, be afflicted, be bowed down*. Hebrew is a picture language. Therefore, Paleo Hebrew gives us more definition to the Strong’s H6031, which means *to watch, eye, or affliction*. The Paleo Hebrew picture is an eye and a seed together, which mean: *eye of continuance*. The nomadic agriculturist carefully watches over his livestock and crops by keeping a close eye on them. It was common to construct a shelter consisting of a roof on four posts, as a shelter from the glare of the sun. *Afflict* or *depression*: A furrow depression is formed between the eyes when watching intensely. The furrow or depression may also be formed by concentration. *Humble*: Gentle: In the sense of a careful watching. One who is oppressed or depressed, i.e., meek, humble, poor, and lowly (*Paleo Hebrew Ancient Hebrew Lexicon of the Bible: Jeff Benner*).

With this understanding, what posture are we to assume on Yom Kippur?

📖 **Romans 11:16-26** “For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches. 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, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.”

Our attitude when arriving on Yom Kippur is to be one of humility. We are coming before the King in His Kingdom. But there are ten days from the day of *Yom Teruah* to the day of *Yom Kippur* that have prepared us for this event.

The Ten Days Of Awesomeness

After the romance of the first day of the month on Yom Teruah and the great trumpet announcement of the Bridegroom’s imminent arrival, the five *wise* virgins woke to trim their lamps. They took the extra oil in their possession and left to meet their Beloved. Meanwhile, the *unwise* virgins also woke but realized they were ill-prepared for His return. After pleading with the others, they removed themselves from the activity in search of extra oil. After they had left, the *wise* virgins were ushered in where attendants spent ten days arraying them in splendor. They

were fitted with beautiful white flowing linen garments, as pure as their hearts, and made ready for their wedding. Ten days after Yom Teruah, on the tenth of the seventh Biblical month on Yom Kippur, the wise virgins were ready to enter the wedding (Matthew 25:1-13).

🌿 **Exodus 26:1** “Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven [*white*] linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread.”

🌿 **Isaiah 66:1-2** “Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*: ‘Heaven *is* My throne, and earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? For all those *things* My hand has made, and all those *things* exist,’ says the LORD / *Yahweh*. ‘But on this *one* will I look: on *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.’”

Leviticus 16

On Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, God/*Elohim* instructed Aaron, the High Priest, to have a ceremonial wash/*mikvah* for a change of status from the commonplace/*earthly* realm to the heavenly/*holy* Kingdom realm and then dress in the High Priest’s white linen garments. When the acts of consecration were complete, Aaron was permitted to enter the Tabernacle to fulfill the High Priest Yom Kippur duties on behalf of the Israelite community.

In the outer courtyard, Aaron sacrificed a bull for his own transgressions and those of his household on the brazen altar (Leviticus 16:6). He then took the burning coals from under that altar, along with two handfuls of fragrant incense and entered into the Holy Place in the Tabernacle. He placed the incense on the fire of the golden altar (altar of incense) to cleanse it and then entered into the holy of holies, passing through the curtain dividing the two rooms. He sprinkled blood from the bull seven times in *front* of the atonement cover (the mercy seat), which was on top of the ark of the covenant. Returning to the outer court, Aaron then brought two goats to sacrifice for the sins of the whole Israelite community.

The First Goat

The first goat was sacrificed as an elevation offering. After Aaron, the High Priest took some of its blood into the Most Holy Place to sprinkle the *atonement cover* seven times. Aaron then took some of the bull’s blood and some of the first goat’s blood and put it on the horns of the *altar of incense*, sprinkling it seven times to cleanse and consecrate the altar from the uncleanness of the Israelites (Leviticus 16:3-19). The first goat was then wholly burned on the brazen altar in the outer courtyard where the aroma ascended to God/*Elohim* as an aroma of righteousness (Romans 4:24).

The blood sacrifice and the sprinkling of blood behind the veil in the Most Holy Place were both in agreement to the vision that was contained within the blood offering of the Covenant. This offering was a shadow of better things to come.

🌿 **Colossians 2:16-17** “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival [*Feast Day*] or a New Moon or Sabbaths, *which are a shadow of things to come*, but the substance is of Christ/*Messiah*.”

What was the blood offering of Yom Kippur in agreement to?

🌿 **Habakkuk 2:2-3** “Then the LORD/*Yahweh* answered me and said: ‘Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.’”

The veil represents the *flesh* of Yeshua. The shedding of His blood fulfilled the vision our forefather’s had in the knowledge of the coming of the Messiah. When the vision, *Yeshua*, came, and *His* blood was shed, the vision was made complete. The animal blood sacrifice that the High Priest offered in those days was in the understanding of the Messiah’s future physical appearance on earth. Thus, these offerings were seen as righteousness. Once Messiah came and conquered *sin and death* with His more perfect blood, the legal requirement for the remission of sins was fulfilled. Yom Kippur is the confirmation ceremony. From this time forward there is no longer a requirement for sin on this Day, as Yeshua’s blood completed the necessity for it once and for all. Thus, the veil in the temple was rent in half, proof of His righteous offering redeeming mankind from sin, giving access into the Most Holy of Holies.

🌿 **Hebrews 10:16-22** “This is the covenant that I will make with them *after those days*, says the LORD/*Yahweh*: I will put My laws [*the gospel/Torah/the principles given at Mount Sinai*] into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them, then He adds, *their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more*. Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, 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/*Elohim*, 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” (Leviticus 16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-10).

🌿 **Hebrews 9:12** “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He [*Yeshua*] entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

🌿 **Leviticus 16:16** “And he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions, in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.”

🌿 **Hebrews 10:19-22** “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, 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/*Elohim*, 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.”

The Tabernacle was made of two chambers: The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. When Yeshua died, His heart (also made of two chambers) tore in two (like the veil), and water and blood poured out. These two elements were the witnesses that the Father’s spoken word became flesh and dwelt among His people (1 John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJ only). The moment His blood was shed upon the earth, the atonement for our sin was so powerful that the veil in the *earthly* Tabernacle tore, witnessing to us the *power* and the *authority* of the manifested word, Yeshua our High Priest. In the renting of the veil, we are now able to see what took place in the heavenly realm, as the partition of mankind’s sinful nature that separates the Bride from Yeshua was removed. That partition was dissolved in an instant, in a twinkling of an eye. So powerful was the spiritual meaning of the tearing of the veil in the earthly Tabernacle, that those who died in Yeshua long ago rose *alive* in full bodily form.

✠ **Matthew 27:50-53** “And Jesus/*Yeshua* cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”

From the day Yeshua’s blood cleansed the altar the veil was no longer needed. Thus the temple on earth mirrored the heavenly temple. However, from that day forward, the veil remains *for those who still walk in sin*. It is for their protection, as sin cannot enter behind the veil or death will occur. Therefore, when His people repent and walk a sanctified life, holiness removes the veil (Exodus 26:6).

✠ **Ezekiel 37:12-14** “Therefore prophesy and say to them, thus says the Lord GOD/*Adonai Elohim*: Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that *I am the LORD/Yahweh*, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, Yahweh, have spoken it and performed it,’ says the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

✠ **Hebrews 2:14-15** “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Yeshua’s people are the reflection and fulfillment of Him. His blood not only sprinkled on the earth, and the Heavenly Tabernacle, but also sprinkled our hearts, thus changed our status from unclean to clean, from common to holy. The principles of His Kingdom are no longer written on hearts of stone (bitterness, unforgiveness – sin issues that bring death) but in hearts of flesh.

Walking in His word burns the dross as a refining fire that enables His true Light or Spirit to become the flame that burns *forever* in our hearts.

🔥 **Matthew 3:11** John said, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**.”

🔥 **Hebrews 10:19-22** “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/*Elohim*, 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.”

🔥 **1 Peter 1:1-2** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God/*Elohim* the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Yeshua’s shed blood is in agreement with His Covenant that opened the way for His Word to sanctify, redeem, consecrate, and purify the hearts of His people from the layers of sin, guilt, and condemnation. The animal atoning blood sacrifice for the Yom Kippur service has been a shadow of His coming all these years. With His one perfect sacrifice, atonement is now fulfilled *forever*.

The Second Goat

The second sacrificial goat is called the scapegoat or *Azazel* in Hebrew. It was brought before the assembly where Aaron laid both of his hands (representing the Two Houses of Israel: the House of Judah and the House of Israel) on its head and confessed over it all the dishonor and rebellion of the Israelites. This ritual symbolized the transference of those sins and the corresponding guilt from the Children of Israel to the scapegoat. After, the *Azazel* was led by a designated man into the wilderness and *released alive*. It foreshadowed the Messiah, who would take Israel’s sins upon Himself and remove them far from her, and yet remain alive. The second goat also represents God’s/*Elohim* people. Because of sin, many were sent into the wilderness. There they were restored by His love and responded to His betrothal once again (Leviticus 16:21-22).

🔥 **Deuteronomy 30:1-8** “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* drives you, and you return to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will bring you back from captivity, and have

compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* has scattered you. If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. And the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. Also the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. And you will again obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* and do all His commandments which I command you today.”

🌿 **Matthew 10:5-8** “These twelve Jesus/*Yeshua* sent out and commanded them, saying: ‘Do not go into the way of the Gentiles/Nations, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, *‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’* Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

🌿 **Matthew 15:24** “But He [*Yeshua*] answered and said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’”

🌿 **Matthew 18:11-14** “For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

🌿 **Psalm 103:12** “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

While God’s/*Elohim* people are to examine their personal altar/hearts daily, the purpose is in preparation for *Yom Kippur*/the Day of Atonement, which comes once a year. On this day, all of the children of Israel (*ekklesia*/assembly), including the strangers within the community, are commanded to stand before Him corporately.

Even though the blood sacrifice of Passover and Yom Kippur have been fulfilled in *Yeshua*, this does not mean that the “feasts” of Passover and Yom Kippur or other offerings or Feast Days are now superfluous or abandoned. The prophets wrote of God’s/*Elohim* Feast Days in prophetic terms as *eternal feasts*. Therefore, we never stop celebrating them, as they will never end.

In Ezekiel Chapters 44 to 46, God’s/*Elohim* prophetically showed Ezekiel His Feast Days (listed in Leviticus 23). Ezekiel wrote what he saw, which confirmed God’s/*Elohim* Feasts are all eternal and will be celebrated in the future along with the offerings and blood sacrifices. *Yeshua*,

in His earthly coming, fulfilled the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, and *Shavuot*/Pentecost. He has now gone to prepare a place for His Bride. When the Father approves, He will then advise His Son that He may now receive His Bride. That time will be held during the Fall Feast Days. Therefore, the Bride is called to rehearse all future prophecies concerning *His* Feast Days until His actual return, as the day and the hour of His arrival, only the Father knows.

✠ **Matthew 24:36-39** “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

✠ **Ezekiel 45:17-20** “Then it shall be the prince’s part *to give* burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the [*all of the*] feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed seasons [*Spring and Fall*] of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord GOD/*Adonai Elohim*: ‘In the first *month*, on the first *day* of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put *it* on the doorposts of the temple, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court. And so you shall do on the seventh *day* of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple.’”

In Scripture, Yom Kippur is referred to as, “*The LORD’s Day.*” “*The Lord’s Day.*” “*The Day of the LORD.*” “*In those days.*” “*At that time.*” “*In that Day.*” “*The evil day.*” “*The day of judgment.*” “*The great day.*” “*Today, if you will hear His voice*” Hebrews Chapters 3,4...

Corporate Sin

“*Why would the day of Yom Kippur be a day of judgment and a day of joy at the same time?*”

There are two kinds of sin that Yeshua’s people are called to be accountable for. The first is what Yeshua’s people have *personally* committed against Him when they have not obeyed (called missed the mark) purposely or innocently by walking outside His Torah principles for life *after* they vowed to walk in agreement with them. Personal sins are called *transgressions*. The second are *iniquities*, in which His people may not have personally committed, but are sins that have been inherited by blood through their generations.

Yom Kippur is not about salvation; it is for redemption. Each year God/*Elohim* asks His people to recount their walk, assess it, and repent for any outstanding issues *before* they meet with Him on Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is the reckoning day. If His people have not reconciled before this

day, they will be judged on why they have not. To confess at the eleventh hour or on *the day* is cutting it very fine. We are called to prepare ahead of time. Paul taught those who had salvation and followed Yeshua that they had all sinned, missed the mark, and fallen short. Therefore, no one is without sin. So don't feel bad, you are not alone.

🌿 **Romans 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God/*Elohim*”
(Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8; Proverbs 20:9; Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 64:6).

Yeshua sees it all. Nothing is hidden from His eyes. Yom Kippur is where His people come together as a community and stand *corporately* in one accord in humble silence before Him. Sin such as sexual immorality is not only about the individuals involved; it is a much bigger issue. Sexual immorality falls under the category of *corporate sin*, which brings contamination to *the whole community*. If tolerated, kept hidden or held in ignorance, the whole camp will fall under judgment. Therefore, it is important that these issues and others are dealt with on an individual heart level and also as a community. That is why we cleanse the *altar* (our hearts) once a year, Yom Kippur is the day *all people worldwide* are to come clean and start fresh.

🌿 **Exodus 30:10** “And Aaron shall make atonement upon its [*the altar of incense*] horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

🌿 **Hebrews 9:7** “But into the second part [*the most holy place*] the high priest went alone once a year [*on Yom Kippur*], not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's [*corporate*] sins committed in ignorance”

🌿 **Isaiah 53:4-6** “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God/*Elohim*, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD/*Yahweh* has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

🌿 **Romans 3:21-26** “But now the righteousness of God/*Elohim* apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God/*Elohim*, through faith in Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all [*believers*] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God/*Elohim*, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, whom God/*Elohim* set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God/*Elohim* 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/*Yeshua*.”

🌿 **Romans 14:10-13** “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand [*on Yom Kippur*] before the judgment seat of

Christ/Messiah. For it is written: ‘As I live, says the LORD/*Yahweh*, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God/*Elohim*.’ So then each of us shall give account of himself to God/*Elohim*. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother’s way” (Isaiah 45:23).

Knowing the carnal nature of mankind, God/*Elohim* in His mercy, provided the way for corporate sins to be atoned. Yom Kippur is that Atonement Day for *all* Israel to resolve their issues before The Judge, Yeshua, corporately. As an assembly in Him, His people are to examine their hearts through the lens of His Word and make restitution/*Teshuva* before His Day, so that when corporate Israel appears before *Him*, He will judge in Israel’s favor. In the biblical context, Yom Kippur is not for judgment *against the righteous* (those walking in His right ways); it is the day of restitution. Knowing the reason for Yom Kippur keeps the heart (altar) and the members of His household (tabernacle) clean before Him (Romans 2:16; 2 Timothy 4:1).

The observance of Yom Kippur is not just a Feast Day for our Jewish brothers, but it is a commandment for *the Whole House of Israel – those of non-Jewish descent also*. That includes *Christians*. All who are called by Yeshua’s name and walk in Covenant with Him are to embrace this Day collectively. It is to honor what Yeshua has accomplished on their behalf. His shed blood cost Him everything. He opened the only way for His people to approach His Holy of Holies. Therefore, we are called to stand with Him on His Day and glorify His Name, as a fulfillment of righteousness.

To confess our sin *corporately* on Yom Kippur is an earthly action that mirrors a heavenly principle that bears witness of the Messiah. This action of applying His Word edifies His Name. When we obey His voice/commandment *and* stand before Him on *HIS Day*, the power and authority that tore the veil in the Temple is offered *today* to all who believe in Him (Hebrews Chapter 3-4). In Scripture, those who walked in obedience were released from their graves. It will be the same for Yeshua’s people when they enter into the understanding of Yom Kippur. Their graves will suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, open and grave clothes (earthly carnal nature) will fall away. Thus, an army glorifying Yeshua enters Jerusalem! His Word says,

🦁 **Matthew 27:52-53** “and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, *they went into the holy city and appeared to many.*”

🦁 **1 Corinthians 15:51-58** “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet [*Yom Kippur*]. For the trumpet [*on Yom Teruah*] will sound [*first*], and the dead will be raised incorruptible [*Yom Kippur*], and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is*

[*evokes*] the law [*of sin and death*]. But thanks *be* to God/*Elohim*, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord/*Adonai*, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord/*Adonai*.”

(Note: The words in italics have been added by the Greek translator and do not appear in the original Hebrew - The word “is” with the bar running through it (*is*). The words bracketed [] have been added by the writer to help the reader get a sense of the scripture).

What does His power and authority of the resurrection look like in His people?

- ✚ **Acts 5:15-16** “so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”
- ✚ **Acts 9:36-41** “At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring *him* not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, ‘*Tabitha, arise.*’ And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.”
- ✚ **Acts 19:11-12** “Now God/*Elohim* worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons [*tallit*] were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”

The Tree Of Life

God/*Elohim* declared Yom Kippur to be observed by His people throughout all of their generations as an eternal Sabbath rest that is still actively accessible today. On the Tree, Yeshua defeated the *law of sin and death* and fulfilled (completed the need for) animal blood sacrifices for the Yom Kippur offering. For two thousand years, the way to the Tree of Life/*the law of life* has been open to His people. Yeshua is the pathway called the highway of holiness that leads straight to the Garden of Eden. His Word, the flaming sword, guards and protects our way to the Garden (His sword does not bar our way from Him). His *Gospel*, heard from the beginning, is the seed that contains the Kingdom of Heaven. *The Mosaic Covenant is the Gospel written for all to see into the Tree of Life and is The Door that opens the way back to the Garden.*

📖 **Genesis 3:24** “He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, *to guard the way back to the tree of life.*”

📖 **Hebrew 4:12** “For *the word* of God/*Elohim* is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

The Feast of Yom Kippur is extremely relevant for all who trust in the vision of the Messiah’s coming. Firstly, to those who believed in His coming *from the beginning of time*. Secondly, to those who believed in Him at His physical appearance, and thirdly to those who believe *after* His physical appearance on the earth, like us today. This Day is not and never has been for salvation purposes. This Day is to be our response, an acknowledgment of thankfulness, for the gift of His redemption. His blood sacrifice confirms His Heavenly Covenant on the earth, which is an *eternal* offering to all who believed from the beginning, to those who believe in the present, and to those who will believe in Him in the future. It is for those who believe in His truth - from the beginning of time to the end of time - His everlasting redemption.

📖 **Hebrews 11:1-3** Now faith [*in His physical coming*] is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it [*faith in the Father’s word manifesting in the flesh*] the elders [*Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*] obtained a *good* testimony [*witness*]. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God/*Elohim*, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

📖 **1 John 1:1-3, 3:5** “That which was from the beginning [*before time began*], which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.”

Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement

Part Two

Some people say they can live any which way they choose throughout the year, giving little thought to their lifestyle, then appear in Synagogue on that one day to make amends, and then return to their old lifestyle the next day. Others say they have salvation in Jesus, therefore, do not need to observe Yom Kippur, as they are “under the blood”. They say they are leaving the earth in “a rapture” and that Yom Kippur is just for the Jews who will be left on earth to face the coming wrath and chaos because of *their* sin. And besides, the laws of the Old Testament have been done away with and are no longer valid. As Christians have been *set free* under the New Covenant in Jesus and do not need to change or follow that *old* covenant or those *old* laws as

they are just for the Jews who don't believe, and think salvation is by works, etc., etc., etc. Then there are those who say they are OK because God accepts them just the way they are. They are good loving people. But is this right?

The Menorah – Fire

Leviticus 16, which speaks of the Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is God's/*Elohim* teaching and instruction to all in Him.

🌿 **Leviticus 16:29** “This [*Yom Kippur*] shall *be a statute forever* for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls [*act humbly*], and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you.”

We note that the incense is put on *the fire*. If His people are consecrated, His fire will burn in their hearts, as the altar is now in their heart where Yeshua resides. His people are commanded not to let the flame go out. God/*Elohim* gave those in Him the Day of Atonement observance to obey *every year* throughout all generations. All candles and wicks need trimming to burn brightly. The Day of Atonement/*Yom Kippur* is God's/*Elohim* Feast for His people *to trim their wicks* to keep the flame of the true Menorah (Yeshua) burning brightly in their heart. The trimming helps remove any impurities that would contaminate. That is known as circumcision of the heart. The Day of Atonement has nothing to do with salvation but everything to do with walking in our redemption and Temple maintenance.

🌿 **Matthew 25:2-9** “Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ”

Yom Kippur is the Wedding of the Lamb for His intended Bride. This is The Day the Bridegroom (King) reveals Himself. This Day is for those whose hearts are humble, contrite, and prepared – at one (*atoned*) with her Bridegroom. This Day is also for the heart that is truly repentant for any incorrect lifestyle choices or blatant acts of disrespect and rebellion committed while in a *saved* state. Yeshua desires to have a relationship with those He's saved. He will recognize the heart of His Bride, as she is the one made in His Image.

🌿 **Matthew 25:10** “And while they [*the unwise virgins – unfaithful bride*] went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those [*wise virgins - faithful bride*] who were ready [*on Yom Kippur*] went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.”

When God's/*Elohim* people return to His right ways and repent, their broken, impoverished hearts will repair, and their temples/bodies become whole/holy once again. God/*Elohim* will strengthen and deliver His people from the enemy, and from any ungodly nature when they truly worship and observe Him with all of their heart, soul, and mind on His Day. Then they will go throughout Judah and Samaria – the land of their inheritance – sharing Yeshua's Gospel given by Moses - and the land will respond and be cleansed, as righteousness will be established once again.

✠ **Romans 6:6-8** “For we know that our old self was crucified with *Him* so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ/*Messiah*, we believe that we will also live with him.” (NIV)

✠ **Mark 1:14-15** “Yeshua came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God/*Elohim*, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God/*Elohim* is at hand; repent and believe in the *Gospel*.’”

The story of Atonement/Yom Kippur through Yeshua is also recorded in John 1:6. John came in the Spirit of Elijah to bear witness to the true Light of the world, Yeshua the Messiah. John was calling God's people from the wilderness to return to God/*Elohim* through repentance, to cleanse their hearts, and walk in His right order. John quoted the words of the prophet Isaiah to call them home (John 1:23).

✠ **Isaiah 40:3-5** “A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the LORD/*Yahweh*; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God/*Elohim*. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD/*Yahweh* will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD/*Yahweh* has spoken.’ ”

How do we make straight the way for Yeshua?

We follow His Gospel, our Marriage Covenant, written down for us at Mount Sinai through Moses. His Words teach us how to recognize if we are outside His Covenant ways. If we find we are, we repent, turn/*Teshuva* and go opposite to that which kept us in the wilderness. His Spirit will give us the strength, and His Word will provide the direction and encouragement to walk. We are called to consecrate ourselves by removing and resisting all defilement that comes against us so that the Glory of Yeshua may dwell in a clean house. We can also refuse to accept any association or situation that tries to come between and separate us from His anointing and blessing. Disengage from that which tries to enslave to sin and make straight the way for His return in our lives (Isaiah 66:1-2).

✠ **Isaiah 35:3-8** “Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, ‘Be strong, do not fear; your God/*Elohim* will come, he will come


with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.’ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the *Way of Holiness*. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way.”

How To Worship On Yom Kippur

The two Houses of Israel worship in differing ways on Yom Kippur. That is not to say one is better than the other. Their longstanding doctrines and traditions have influenced both. The Christians had not understood it in the context of the Messiah’s redemptive work nor had the Jews, as they were not looking for their Messiah in His Word. Many of our Jewish brothers spend the full day in Synagogue with one thought in mind, *hoping they have merited enough that their names will be written in the book of life*. They fast and deny themselves while confessing through hours of liturgy. Is that what Yom Kippur is about? Isn’t Yom Kippur about a wedding?

Scripture tells us that the doors open on *Yom Teruah* at the sighting of the New Moon on the first day of the seventh Hebrew month. For ten days, the doors remain open. Those ten days in Jewish *tradition* are called the *Ten Days of Awe* and is their time of repentance. That is good, but in Scripture, we see that in Matthew 25 on *Yom Teruah*, at the *start* of the ten days, at the cry or trumpet blast, the *wise* virgin trims her lamp, takes the extra oil prepared and goes out to meet the Bridegroom. *Trims her lamp* is a reference to taking stalk of one’s walk/lifestyle and if all is found ready, continues with the mission at hand. However, this is not how the *unwise* virgin responds. The unwise is found on *Yom Teruah* not having come prepared. She must, therefore, go outside and make things right before she can attempt to follow the Bridegroom.

Meanwhile, when the unwise virgin is away, the Bridegroom arrives to escort His true Bride, the wise virgin, into the Bridal Chamber on Yom Kippur, closing the doors behind Him. It is on Yom Kippur that the doors close. Thus, it would be prudent for all Israel to have repented *ahead of time*, *before Yom Teruah*, so that the Bride comes with *extra* oil prepared. The Bride does not want to be found trying to find a last-minute refill. As revealed in Matthew, this could be a very costly endeavor, as we see, the unwise virgin missed being at the wedding/Yom Kippur.

 **Matthew 25:1-13** “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins [believers] who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five [believers] of them were wise, and five [believers] *were* foolish [complacent]. Those [believers] who *were* foolish [complacent] took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise [believers] took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom [Yeshua] was delayed, they [believers] all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was *heard* [the Blowing of Trumpets/Yom Teruah/at the sighting of the New Moon]: ‘*Behold, the bridegroom* [Yeshua] *is coming* [returning for His Bride]; *go out to meet him!*’ Then all those virgins [believers] arose and trimmed their lamps. And

the foolish [complacent believers] said to the wise [believers], ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise [believers] answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they [the complacent unwise virgins] went to buy, the bridegroom [Yeshua] came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding [Yom Kippur]; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins [unwise complacent believers] came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you [believer] know neither the day nor the hour [Hebrew idiom for the New Moon] in which the Son of Man is coming.”

We have also found that many Jewish and Messianic fellowships follow a traditional or rabbinical (*Talmudic, Halakha, or Kabbalah*) service that is not found in Scripture. They arrive on Yom Kippur after having celebrated a Babylonian New Year/*Rosh Hashanah* and repent as a means to cleanse, not knowing that this is the Wedding Day. The rabbinical Babylonian Yom Kippur service ends, leaving many exhausted after being *afflicted* and having survived yet another year. In the end, you hear many say, “*May your name (hopefully) be found in the book of Life.*” The attendees do not know that expression was adopted during Judah’s Babylonian captivity and has its origins rooted in the Babylonian Festival of Akitu and the worship of the god Marduk and has nothing to do with the Biblical Feast of Yom Kippur in the Bible.

Dr. Uri Gabbay, senior lecturer in Assyriology at Hebrew University of Jerusalem teaches that in the Babylonian Festival of Akitu, in which Rosh Hashanah has its origins, it is their god Marduk who decides the fate of all his subjects. He has in his possession three books: one for the righteous in his realm, one for the wicked and one for those in-between or intermediaries he has yet to decide if their names *merit* being written in *his* book of life. During the Rosh Hashanah service, Jewish *Babylonian Talmudic* followers blow the shofar in a sequence of notes that are associated with the re-enactment of Marduk’s victory and subsequent judgment leading towards Yom Kippur. That is why many blow whistles, horns and make lots of noise on December 31, New Year’s Eve. During the Ten Days of Awe, some even visit the graves of loved ones and pray for the dead (*familiar spirits*) in hopes that God/*Elohim* will raise their relatives to righteous judgment. Many follow this Talmudic tradition, bordering on superstition, in hopes they will merit enough to be worthy of having their names written in God’s/*Elohim* book of life when in reality it is Marduk’s book of life, the Babylonian god of the Festival of Akitu, they are ascribing their hopes to.

Is this how we are to worship our King, *Yeshua HaMashiach* on His Day - Yom Kippur – by making it one of dread where people bow down and worship foreign gods?

(For more information on the Feast of Akitu and the Babylonian god Marduk, see *Yom Teruah* study at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com and *Ancient Near Eastern New Year’s Rituals*: Dr. Uri Gabbay senior lecturer in Assyriology at Hebrew University of Jerusalem <http://thetorah.com/babylonian-rosh-hashanah/>).

📖 **Jeremiah 50:1-6** “The word that the LORD/*Yahweh* spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet. ‘Declare among the nations, proclaim, and set up a standard; proclaim - do not conceal *it* - Say, ‘Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed. Merodach [Marduk] is broken in pieces; her idols are humiliated, her images are broken in pieces.’ For out of the north a nation comes up against her, which shall make her land desolate, and no one shall dwell therein. They shall move, they shall depart, both man and beast. ‘In those days and in that time,’ says the LORD/*Yahweh*, ‘The children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; with continual weeping they shall come, and seek the LORD/*Yahweh* their God/*Elohim*. They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces toward it, *saying*, ‘Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD/*Yahweh* In a perpetual covenant *that* will not be forgotten.’ My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray; they have turned them away *on* the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place.

📖 **Leviticus 20:6-7** “And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits [*pray to the dead as King Saul did*], to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*.”

📖 **2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1** “And what agreement has the temple of God/*Elohim* with idols? For you are the temple of the living God/*Elohim*. As God/*Elohim* has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among *them*. I will be their God/*Elohim*, and they shall be My people.’ Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord/*Adonai*. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty/*Yahweh-Tzv’ot*.’ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God/*Elohim*.”

Jews who follow the *Biblical* account of Yom Teruah and non-Jews, who sojourn with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob following the Scriptural order of the Feast Days, Sabbaths, and New Moon written in Leviticus 23, put their personal life in order during the sixth month (Elul), the preparation month. By examining for personal sins and repenting *before* the Feast Days begin, they will be ready by the time Yom Teruah arrives (on the first sighting of the New Moon/first day of the seventh month). Having made repentance for *personal* sins complete and with additional oil in hand, they can then enter into the ten awesome and delightful days leading up to *Yom Kippur*. During the ten days, they make ready their beautiful flowing linen wedding garments, furnished them by the Bridegroom. These garments, free of spot and wrinkle, sanction her to stand beside Him on *That Day* where *there is no accuser of the brethren*. Therefore, on Yom Kippur, the prepared Bride enters into the Most Holy of Holies, the wedding chamber with her Bridegroom, Yeshua, who has been waiting for her arrival since the beginning of time (Leviticus 16:34). (*For more information on Yom Teruah and the Babylonian festival of Rosh Hashanah refer to Yom Teruah study www.sheepfoldgleanings.com*).

📖 **Luke 22:29-30** “And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one*

upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

🔥 **John 8:10-12** “When Jesus/*Yeshua* had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, ‘Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus/*Yeshua* said to her, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.’ Then Jesus/*Yeshua* spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’”

🔥 **Revelation 12:10-11** “Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God/*Yeshua*, and the power of His Christ/*Messiah* have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God/*Yeshua* day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.’”

How To Hold A Yom Kippur Service

What To Pray On Yom Kippur?

When gathering to celebrate Yom Kippur, we use Scripture from the Book of Nehemiah. After the Babylonian exile, Nehemiah was sent to rebuild the walls and re-establish Jerusalem. Ezra, the priest, joined him, and together they restored holy order among the people.

For the Yom Kippur service, we read Nehemiah Chapters 8 – 10 and finish the service with holy worship.

Keeping A Cleansed Altar

God/*Elohim* commands His people once a year on Yom Kippur to cleanse the altar of incense. What is this cleansing of the altar of incense? As mentioned above, it has to do with atoning for the *corporate* sins of all Israel. Why is this important? It is about those who are personally part of Israel being responsible and acting accountable toward their brethren, the Whole House of Israel. His people represent the temple. If we are called *a royal priesthood*, it is our job to keep the temple clean. We see this in the heart of Phinehas when he acted responsibly by purging immorality from within Israel’s camp to keep defilement from the altar of incense. His actions were awarded an eternal covenant of peace and priesthood forever (Numbers 25:12-13; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 19:5-6).

🔥 **Number 25:6-9** “And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into

the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.”

🔥 **Psalm 106:28-31** “They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices made to the dead. Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stopped. And that was accounted to him for righteousness to all generations forevermore.”

Does eating sacrifices to the dead and sexual immorality go on today within the camp? Yes. Thus once a year, the *corporate* cleansing is necessary to stop the plague. Yeshua has given His people all the tools to prepare appropriately to walk in righteousness on Yom Kippur, just as He did with Phinehas (Acts 15:20).

🔥 **1 Corinthians 6:15-20** “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ/*Messiah*? Shall I then take the members of Christ/*Messiah* and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For ‘the two,’ He says, ‘shall become one flesh.’ But he who is joined to the Lord/*Yeshua* is one spirit *with Him*. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach who is in you*, whom you have from God/*Elohim*, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God/*Elohim* in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s/*Elohim*.”

Therefore, we see the same commandment in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* that Phinehas observed. It is called *love your brothers* (Leviticus 19:18).

🔥 **John 13:34-35** “A [re]new[ed] commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Yeshua’s people are called to stand responsible before Him on Yom Kippur. Therefore, all of us repent. Why all of us? If we have tolerated the sins of sexual immorality in our midst among our own brethren, knowingly or *unknowingly*, then we are all guilty, as sexual sin is a *corporate* sin against *all* Israel.

🔥 **1 Corinthians 5:11-13** “But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother [*believer*], who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner - not even to eat with such a person. For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God/*Elohim* judges. Therefore ‘put away from yourselves the evil person.’”

📖 **Revelation 22:15** “But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.”

The Fast Of Yom Kippur

What is the fast of Yom Kippur? Isaiah explains to us what God’s/*Elohim* fast is and what it is not.

📖 **Isaiah 58:3-14** [*On Yom Kippur the people say,*] ‘Why have we fasted,’ *they say,* ‘and You [*Yahweh*] have not seen? *Why* have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?’ In fact [*says Yahweh to the people*], in the day of *your* fast *you* find pleasure, and exploit all *your* laborers. Indeed *you* fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day [*Yom Kippur*], to make your voice heard on high. Is it [*your fast*] a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul? *Is it* to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast [*for Yom Kippur*], and an acceptable day to the LORD/*Yahweh*?

“*Is this not the fast that I have chosen [for you on Yom Kippur]: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? [If you do My Fast] Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD/Yahweh shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD/Yahweh will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’*”

“If you take away the yoke [*of false worship*] from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, *if* you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall *be* as the noonday. The LORD/*Yahweh* will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.”

“If you turn away *your* foot from the Sabbath, *from* doing *your* pleasure on My holy day [*Yom Kippur*], and call the Sabbath [*of Yom Kippur*] a delight, the holy *day* of the LORD/*Yahweh* honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking *your own* words **then** you shall delight yourself in the LORD/*Yahweh*; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD/*Yahweh* has spoken.”

📖 **James 2:15-16** “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the

things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?"

These Scriptures above are for righteousness on Yom Kippur and are still relevant for our day, therefore,

- ✠ **Matthew 22:37-40** "Jesus/*Yeshua* said to him, 'You shall love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is *the* first and great commandment. And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets'" (Leviticus 19:18).
- ✠ **Revelation 19:7-8** "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints" (Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Peter 3:14; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Song of Solomon 4:7).
- ✠ **Ephesians 5:25-27** "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ/*Messiah* also loved the church/*ekklesia* and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word [*Moses/Gospel*], that He might present her [*on Yom Kippur*] to Himself a glorious church/*ekklesia*, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."
- ✠ **2 Peter 3:14** "Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless [*on the Day of Yom Kippur*]"
- ✠ **1 Timothy 6:14-15** "that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's/*Yeshua HaMashiach* appearing, which He will manifest in His own time"
- ✠ **Song of Solomon 4:7** "You *are* all fair, my love, and *there is* no spot in you." (Revelation 21:2, 9; Revelation 22:17)

The Resurrection Of The Dead

Yom Kippur is not about atoning over and over again to appear before the Bridegroom as a downcast Bride waiting for judgment in hopes she will have enough merit for her name to be written in His Book of Life. No. This Day of Yom Kippur is to be the most joyous day in the Bride's life. The Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread are the resurrection of *Yeshua* for the restoration of the betrothed Bride. Her name is *eternally* written in His Book of Life by way of the cutting of His blood Covenant with her. *Yom Kippur* is the King's gift to *His restored Bride*. Therefore, on Yom Kippur, the cleansed and prepared Bride can approach her Bridegroom, as He has restored her. As they will worship together as *one*, there is no accuser of the Bride.

- ✠ **John 12:47-48** "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken [*through*

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Moses] will judge him in the last day” (John 5:45-47).

On the wedding day, there is always one last question,

“*Is there anyone here who knows why this couple should not be united in marriage?
Speak now or forever hold your peace.*”

And do you remember the answer?

📖 **Revelation 8:1** “When He opened the *seventh* seal, *there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*”

Since the wise virgin came prepared with the extra oil and observed all the requirements, as stated in His *Gospel* (the Law of Moses), she is seen as righteous. This silenced Satan. On Yom Kippur, there will be no accuser of the brethren. Thus we are told silence prevailed. The Bridegroom has fulfilled all prerequisites for the Bride. He has declared His truth among the Nations with His bloodstained garment.

📖 **Revelation 19:13-16** “He *was* [*was* is not in original transcript] clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God/*Elohim*. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Going before the King on His Holy Days sets a whole new path for the following year. Be encouraged, if you have endured struggles and challenges throughout this year or if you have never participated in the weekly Sabbath, His New Moon festival or His High Holy Sabbath Feast Days, we highly recommend them. Your life will never be the same again.

📖 **Deuteronomy 30:19** “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD /*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD/*Yahweh* swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Thus, once again, the voice of the Bridegroom and the voice of the Bride is heard within the land. Note, there is no unwise virgin among them during this time.

At the close of the day, both the House of Judah and the House of Joseph and those who sojourn among them, enjoy a large banquet of thanksgiving together with the King, hallowing His High Holy Sabbath in one accord.

🌿 **Revelation 22:17** “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

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Yom Kippur - The Marriage

*“They shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment;
and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,
but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” Revelation 3:4-5*

Two attendants dress the bridegroom in a white linen vestment, preparing him to enter the wedding chamber with his bride, like the Cohen Gadol, or High Priest, preparing to go into the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur.

In Talmudic times, it was customary for the groom to wear white. Today, many Jewish grooms wear a white robe (the kittel) without pockets. The white garment symbolizes spiritual purity or “rebirth” and holiness, as the wedding day is like Yom Kippur and all of the bride and groom’s sins are forgiven. For it is written in Isaiah 1:18, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” And more importantly, they must be careful to remain faithful and free from sin, for Ecclesiastes 9:8 says, “Let thy garments always be white.”

The kittel also serves as a reminder of his mortality and the white shroud worn when he dies. It is, for this reason, there are no pockets – we come into this world with nothing and cannot take anything with us when we leave. Marriage, of course, is meant to last until death, for on the day that he and she die, they will again wear white. For the bonds of love are as strong as death, as spoken of in Song of Songs 8:6. And so, just as the dead do not dress themselves for their burial, so the groom has ‘two’ attendants to help him put on his kittel.

Just as God/*Elohim* blessed Adam and Eve before they married, telling them to be “fruitful and multiply,” so the groom’s father blesses his son before the wedding ceremony. It is also customary for the bride to be blessed in a similar fashion by her parents.

It is God's/*Elohim* desire to bless us with a clean and holy life. Even as believers, though, we blow it and sin. Through Yeshua, we can receive forgiveness any time. As our Bridegroom, He gives us the chance to wipe the slate clean and start fresh.

🌿 **Ecclesiastes 9:8-9** “Let your garments always be white, and let your head lack no oil. Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.”

Lifting the Veil

“When one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 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.”
2 Corinthians 3:16-18

In a ceremony called *bedeken*, the groom goes up to his bride and confirms by lifting the veil that she is the woman he chose to marry, then he lowers it over her face. This custom is symbolic of the hard lesson Jacob learned in Genesis 29:23-30. Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah, his older daughter; by concealing her face under a thick veil and pretending she was Jacob's true love, Rachel.

During ancient times, once the couple was married, the bride no longer wore the bridal veil. The bride “week” was fulfilled, and everyone in the community got a chance to see who the bride was. In the same manner, the Bride of Yeshua wears a spiritual veil. We are betrothed to our Savior and must be faithful to wait until our marriage to Him. The world does not recognize the bride, as she has been hidden away, but she will soon be revealed, after the marriage to the Lamb of God.

🌿 **Genesis 24:65** “For she had said to the servant, ‘Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took a veil and covered herself.”

The Chuppah Wedding Canopy

*“He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.” Song of Songs 2:4*

During the ancient times of Israel, the *chuppah* was the special *room* built onto the bridegroom's father's house, where the bride was brought at the end of the betrothal period. The original Hebrew meaning for *chuppah* means a room or to cover with garlands, symbolic of the laurel wreath worn by the bride and groom during the marriage ceremony. Over the centuries, the *chuppah* has taken on many forms, including a tallith (prayer shawl) draped over the couple's heads, to a *chuppah* made entirely of flowers. Today, the *chuppah* is a wedding canopy made from ornamented silk or satin cloth, supported by four firm poles, fashioned from trees planted

when the groom was born. Its structure, being temporary and removable is held up by men and serves as a reminder that our permanent wedding chamber is in New Jerusalem with the Messiah.

At the end of the millennial reign, the Bride of Messiah will be brought into the chuppah (bridal chamber) to be with the Bridegroom. This is the room that Yeshua referred to in John 14:2-3. He has prepared a special place for us!

📖 **Revelation 21:2** “Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Here Comes The Bride

“And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Revelation 19:8

As the bride makes herself pure and ready for her bridegroom, so too, the Lord in glory, longs to have His bride stand in great beauty beside Him, wearing the *bright and clean* radiant, white wedding gown He has provided. Clothed in fine linen, we will be without spot or wrinkle, and all sins will be removed. The garments prepared for us will be woven with the good deeds (obedience to His word) we faithfully keep while here in our Earthly walk that will reflect His awesome workmanship.

As His bride, we need to keep our ways pure and holy according to His word given to us at Mount Sinai during our betrothal and renewal at Pentecost. We must listen carefully to the sound of His voice and obey Him. For the days are evil, and it will become harder to do His will and follow after Him. The bride of the Lamb, His wife, must stand blameless and spotless, ready for that day!

📖 **2 Corinthians 11:2** “For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present a pure virgin to Yeshua.”

Encompass The Man

“For God/Elohim has created a new thing in the earth – A woman shall encompass a man.” Jeremiah 31:22

The ancient custom of circling the bridegroom three times is based on the Bible verse in Jeremiah. With this act, the bride is binding him with his three obligations described in the Torah: Food, clothing and conjugal rights. Yeshua, our Bridegroom, reminded us in Matthew 6:28-29 that He would meet these needs. “*So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*” We don’t need to worry about these things. The Lord willingly fulfills His obligations because He loves us.

The groom is also bound by three moral obligations in God’s/Elohim oath to Israel as outlined in Hosea 2:19-20: “*He will betroth you to Himself forever, He will betroth you to Himself with*

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fairness, justice, love, and mercy, and He will betroth you to Himself with faith, and you shall know Him.” The Lord holds Himself accountable under the same agreement a husband accepts when he marries. We can trust our Heavenly Bridegroom. He will never leave us or forsake us!


The Seven Blessings Over the Couple - Sheva Berakhoth

“For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.” Isaiah 62:5

“Blessed are Thou, O LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, King of the Universe,
Creator of the fruit of the grapevine.
Blessed are Thou, O LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, King of the Universe,
who created all things for His glory.
Blessed are Thou, O LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, King of the Universe, Creator of Man.
Blessed are Thou, O LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, King of the Universe,
who created man in His image –
in the image set forth by His plan and who prepared from him a ‘tabernacle’ to last for all time.
Blessed are Thou, O God/*Elohim*, Creator of mankind.
May the barren rejoice and be glad, when its children are gathered back to it in joy
Blessed are Thou, O God/*Elohim*, who makes Zion rejoice in her children.
May thou grant great joy to these dearly beloved,
just as You granted happiness to the work of your hands long ago in the Garden of Eden.
Blessed are Thou, O God/*Elohim*, who grants joy to the bridegroom and bride.
Blessed are Thou, O LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, King of the Universe,
who created happiness and joy, bridegroom and bride,
rejoicing and song, delight and cheer, love and harmony, peace and fellowship.
Soon, O LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*,
may there be heard in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem,
a sound of gladness, a sound of joy,
the sound of the bridegroom and sound of the bride,
the sound of rejoicing from bridegrooms at their weddings,
and young people at their feasts of song.
Blessed are Thou, O God/*Elohim*, who grants joy to the bridegroom with the bride.”

When the rabbi finishes singing the blessings over the couple, he hands the second cup to the groom to sip, and then to the bride. The wedding is now complete, and they begin their married life.

Just as marriage is a reenactment of the creation of the world in six days, and the blessings over the wine represents the Sabbath, so these seven blessings are a reminder to what God/*Elohim* had done and His ultimate plan for mankind.

 **Psalm 137:4-6** “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.”

The Best For Last

Pointing to six, large, stone water pots for ceremonial purification, Yeshua orders, “Fill them to the brim.” Without hesitation, the servants quickly fill each twenty-gallon vessel with water. Then Yeshua says, “Draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, “The master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now” John 2:6-10. Yeshua performed His first miracle at the wedding of Cana in Galilee, changing water into wine. Unlike many of His other subsequent miracles, which relieved suffering and need, this miracle ministered great joy at a festive occasion, blessing the couple and the marriage.

Stone water pots, which are used for the *rachatz* (hand washing ceremony), were now filled to the brim with new wine, symbolic of the inward cleansing power and new life we have in Yeshua. Not only do we cleanse the outside, now we are made clean on the inside. In our hearts the blood of Yeshua cleanses us, opening the way for us to become obedient to His ways.

Our marriage to Yeshua will not be complete until His return when we share the second cup of wine with Him, just as He said in Matthew:

✠ “Yeshua said, ‘I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom’” (Matthew 26:29).

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How To Hold A Yom Kippur Service *What To Pray On Yom Kippur?*

When we gathering to celebrate Yom Kippur, we use Scripture from the Book of Nehemiah. After the Babylonian exile, Nehemiah was sent to rebuild the walls and re-establish Jerusalem. Ezra, the priest, joined him and together they restored holy order among the people.

For the Yom Kippur service, we read Nehemiah Chapters 8 – 10 and finish the service with holy worship.

Shabbat Shalom
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