

The Day of Atonement

Atonement • Cleansing • Priesthood • Mediation • Access to His Presence

Why Observe the Day?

Not because Yeshua's sacrifice was insufficient.

Yehovah appointed the day to teach His people about sin, atonement, cleansing, mediation, and access to His presence.

Leviticus 16 gives the pattern; Yeshua gives the reality.

Nadab and Abihu

Leviticus 9-10 provides the immediate setting.

They approach with fire Yehovah had not commanded.

"By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy."

Coming Near

The Teaching identifies access to Yehovah's presence as a central theme.

The approach is not casual, self-directed, or presumptuous.

Holiness, cleansing, covering, and mediation matter.

Boundaries That Preserve Life

Moses removes his sandals on holy ground.

Israel cannot break through the boundary at Sinai.

Aaron enters only at the appointed time and in the prescribed way.

Deuteronomy 6: the commands are for good and preservation.

The Leviticus 16 Pattern

High priest

Sacrifice and blood

Washing and garments

Incense

Sanctuary and altar cleansing

Atonement for priest, household, and assembly

Yeshua: The Greater High Priest

Hebrews 9: the greater and more perfect tabernacle.

Not the blood of goats and calves, but His own blood.

He entered once for all and obtained eternal redemption.

The Priest Went In Alone

The people remained outside.

The high priest went where they could not go.

The Teaching emphasizes that the pattern did not end with his entrance.

The Priest Came Back Out

Israel knew the work had been completed when the high priest reappeared.

The Teaching identifies the reappearance as a key part of the Day of Atonement pattern.

He Will Appear a Second Time

Hebrews 9:28: Messiah will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation to those who eagerly wait for Him.

The Teaching connects this second appearance with the high-priest pattern of reappearing after the work behind the veil.

Draw Near

Hebrews 10: believers have boldness to enter by the blood of Yeshua.

A new and living way through the veil.

Draw near with a true heart and full assurance of faith.

What About a Future Yom Kippur?

The Teaching asks what the appointed day means after Yeshua returns.

It states that Scripture does not specify a particular prophetic event that must occur on that future date.

The discussion therefore distinguishes explicit Scripture from possibilities being studied.

Questions About Cleansing

Could cleansing include removal of corrupting influence?

Zechariah 13 is discussed in connection with cleansing and removal from the land.

These questions are presented for study rather than as a declared prophetic timetable.

Memorial and Completed Work

Yeshua's atoning sacrifice is not repeated.

Hebrews presents His sacrifice as once for all.

The Teaching considers whether future observance also memorializes the completed priestly work.

Afflicting the Soul

Fasting and self-denial are discussed.

Isaiah 58 is raised in connection with serving people in need.

The fellowship discusses both personal reflection and giving of oneself.

Study with Humility

Not every future detail is stated directly in Scripture.

The Teaching leaves unresolved questions unresolved.

Continue studying with humility, faith, and trust in Yehovah.

Questions for Study

What does Leviticus 16 teach about access to Yehovah?

Why is the high priest's reappearance important?

How does Hebrews 9 connect Yeshua with the Day of Atonement pattern?

What does Scripture explicitly say about a future Yom Kippur?

How should Isaiah 58 shape our understanding of afflicting ourselves?