

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT LEVITICUS 23:26 - 32; HEBREWS 7 - 10

INTRO. Some believe the Day of Atonement will find ultimate fulfillment when Christ returns to earth to set up His Kingdom, and the Jews come back to Him – Rom. 11:26 - “Israel will be saved”. “The Day of Atonement” is the English equivalent for the Hebrew “_____”. Jesus first publicly claimed to be the Messiah at what some scholars believe was a Yom Kippur service at the synagogue in Nazareth. Luke 4:14-30

The Day of Atonement is the most holy day of the year for the Jews. ONLY on this day, the High Priest, and _____ the High Priest - entered into the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of "national Israel". (Lev. 16)

Two goats: one of the goats was to be sacrificed to God; the other was called “the _____.” This goat was driven outside the city walls, symbolically carrying away the sins of the people. These two goats illustrate two aspects of Christ's work on the cross. His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. But He also, the Bible says, "carried our sins", like the scapegoat, and "removed" them from us! Just as the second goat was taken _____ the city walls, Christ was crucified outside the city walls. Heb. 13:11,12 – “The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.”

The Epistle to the Hebrews interprets the ritual of the Day of Atonement as a type of the atoning work of Christ, and shows how inadequate the Old Covenant was. In Heb. 4:14, and in many verses following, Jesus is called our “Great High Priest”.

HEBREWS 9 & 10: The Old Covenant vs. The New Covenant

OLD COVENANT

- * _____
- *Ceremonial cleansing
- *Repetition (reminder)

NEW COVENANT

- *Substance 10:1
- *_____ cleansing 9:13,14
- *Remission - once for all, then He sat down! Heb. 9:24 -10:4, 11-14, 17

Matt. 27:50-51 – When Jesus died, the veil in the Temple that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies was torn in two. The veil was torn from _____ to bottom. He opened the Holy of Holies to allow us _____ directly to God.

So what's the result of Christ's better way?
HEB. 10:19-25

