

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

Part 9: The Good Friday Of The Old Testament

Reading: Hebrews 9:11 - 12 & 24 - 26.

Introduction

- The earthly tabernacle was a replica/copy of the heavenly reality.
- The tabernacle and its ceremonies were all **'types'** of the Lord Jesus and God's redemptive plan.
- The high point of the Tabernacle was what occurred on **'Yom Kippur'** or **'the Day of atonement.'**
- In 1973 on **'Yom Kippur'** Arab forces launched **'Operation Badr'** on Israel.

1 What Is Meant By The Word 'Atonement?'

- From the Hebrew word **'kaphar'** meaning **'to cover.'**
- Putting **'AT ONE'** those who once were at variance to each other. (Us and God).
- Our sins were covered by the blood
- Events on the day of Atonement foreshadowed the events at Calvary.

2 Events On The Day Of Atonement

- Read Leviticus Chapter 16
- It was a day of rest and fasting.
- Purpose: to avert God's just wrath for sins of the previous year.
- The high priest stood as the representative of the people.

- He offers a sacrifice for his own sins first.
- He takes the blood behind the veil into the **'holy of holies.'**
- He sprinkles it on the mercy seat and before the sacred Ark of the covenant.
- He retraces his steps outside.
- A goat is now sacrificed for the peoples' sins and its blood poured out at the mercy seat.
- Another goat (Scapegoat) has the sins of the people confessed over it and it is taken into wilderness and released.

3 Other Attempts At Atonement

- Islam: Fasting during the feast of Ramadan.
- Hinduism: Bathing in the river Ganges.
- God's Way. Without the shedding of blood, there is **NO** remission of sin.
- NB. The sacred furniture if viewed from above are laid out in the shape of a cross.

4 Good Friday In Jerusalem

- Our sins have been placed upon Him. [Isaiah 53:6].
- NB. Notice how Jesus, like the scapegoat was **'led away.'** [Matthew 27:2].
- Look at this Man dying on the cross through the lens of the Day of Atonement and we see God's Lamb bearing the sins of many.
- The veil is torn in two. The barrier between a Holy God and sinful humanity is no more.
- We have access into His very presence.

Finally

- Compare [John 20:17] with [vs 27] of the same chapter.
- Christ ascended through the veil of the clouds into the heavens to present His own blood in the heavenly **'Holy of Holies.'** [Hebrews 9:12].
- When we go to God in prayer, the Blood (His Blood) is already there.
- Not only has Christ covered our sins but He has, like the **'Scapegoat'** removed them far from us.

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