

The Spirit of GRACE

Day of Atonement

Zechariah 12:1-13:1

Romans 11:25-36

Hebrews 9:11-28



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God Keeps His Covenants

- His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:1-7; 13:14-18; 15:1-21; 22:15-18; 28:3-4)
- His Mosaic Covenant (Deut 28:1-3, 15, 64-65; 30:1-10; 4:27-31)
- His Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7:10-16; Psalm 89:34-37; Jer 33:22, 25-26, 37-44)
- The New (Everlasting) Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Isaiah 61:8-9; Ezekiel 36:24-29; 37:26-28)
- The Church and the New Covenant (Romans 11:17-18, 25-26)
- The fulfillment of the Everlasting Covenant comes when Israel “accepts” Jesus as their Messiah.
- **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ANNULS GOD’S COVENANTS!** (Job 42:2; 23:12)
- Read again: Romans 11:25-29
- **ALL** God’s promises are “YES” IN CHRIST! (2 Corinthians 1:20)

God’s Calendar - His Feasts

- God’s prophetic/decreed plan
 - God’s appointed times.
 - Convocations - “rehearsals”
- The Harvest ended with Feast of Trumpets. (Also see Jeremiah 8:20)
- Feast of Trumpets - the gathering of saints in the cloud.
 - The beginning of “10 Days of Awe”. Call to Repentance. Trumpet calls every day in the month of Elul! One hundred trumpets on the Feast of Trumpets! The “last trumpet” being distinct from the 99 others.
 - During these “10 Days of Awe” the priests were “hidden away” so as not to become defiled for the Day of Atonement. See Isaiah 26:20.
- Day of Atonement - the gathering of Israel in the land.
 - Most solemn day of God’s calendar.
 - Once a year by one person - the High Priest!
 - “Face to Face” - the one day that the High Priest came into the presence of God. See Hebrews 9:11-12; 1 Cor 13:12
 - The phrase also speaks of the day when Israel will look upon the One they pierced! (Zechariah 12:10)

- The GREAT Day or simply “the Day” - last chance to repent!
- Day of Affliction - a day of fasting - the true affliction of the soul will come when they see the One they afflicted - again see Zechariah 12:10-14.
- Day of Humiliation ➤ Day of Bloody Sacrifice
- Day of Imputation ➤ Day of Nearness with God.
- Day of Real Affliction ➤ Day of Forgiveness
- Day of Rest ➤ Day of Victory
- Day of Shadows ➤ Day of Grace

The Day of Atonement in the Old Testament (Leviticus 16:1ff; 23:27-32)

- Yom Kippur - Day of Covering
 - The **work**: “make an atonement”
 - The **worker**: “the high priest”
 - The **time**: “on *that* day”
 - The **purpose**: “to cleanse you from *all* your sins before the LORD.”
- Two Goats - One Offering
 - ➔ By lot: “for the LORD” and “scapegoat”
 - ➔ Scarlet rope
- High Priest’s garments
- High Priest doing all the work.
- The Great Trumpet - Shofar
- Atonement only for the nation of Israel.
- The closing of the Gates (doors) of the Temple.
- Strange events that happened 40 years before 70 AD. (30AD-70AD)
 - ➔ The red rope did not turn white.
 - ➔ The black lot came up first every time. (1 out of 5:5 billion!!!)
 - ➔ The Temple Doors opened and would not remain shut - the final service - the closing of the gates. – see Psalm 24.
 - ➔ The western light of the Lampstand did not shine.
 - ★ The significance of these events.

The Day of Atonement Fulfilled (Partially) by Christ (Hebrews 9:12)

- ➔ The Substance (Hebrews 9:11-12; Colossians 2:16-17)
 - **JESUS CHRIST**, the Anointed One, came as our HIGH PRIEST. (Heb 9:11; 2:17; 3:1-2; 4:15; 5:5; 6:20; 7:26; 8:1) –
 - **JESUS CHRIST** laid aside His robes of majesty and made Himself of “no reputation”, came as a **bondservant**, and humbled Himself even unto death. (Philippians 2:6-8)
 - ➔ White linen garments. (Hebrew 7:26)
 - **JESUS CHRIST DID THE WORK of OUR SALVATION ALONE!** (Matthew 26:31, 56; John 16:32; Mark 14:50; Zechariah 13:7)
 - **JESUS CHRIST** entered into the Holy of HOLIES in heaven (Hebrews 9:11)– **the real thing – not the shadow**. He entered into the PRESENCE of God. (Lev 16:11-12)

- **JESUS CHRIST**, our High Priest, entered into the Holy of Holies, with HIS OWN BLOOD – the blood of God (Acts 20:28; Peter 1:19)
- CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY:
 - The price to redeem one person who had sinned one sin was the blood of God. The redemption of a soul is costly. (Psalm 49:8)
 - NOTHING ELSE could pay.
 - **Consider the VILENESS of SIN (your sin).**
 - Christ came to give HIS LIFE for US! He has every right to say,
 - “He who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. . . . He who does not do what I say is not worthy of Me.” (Luke 14:26-27; Matthew 7:21; 10:37-38; Luke 6:46)
 - “Whosoever will not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)
- The LORD, **not us**, laid on Him **all** of our sins. (Isaiah 53:6) Christ became a CURSE for us. (Galatians 3:13)
- **JESUS CHRIST** was “the Lamb of God who **takes away** the sins of the world (not only Israel’s).” (John 1:29; **Hebrews 9:12**) He is the “goat of God” who takes away our sins as far as the **east** is from the **west!**” (Psalm 103:12) He is our SCAPEGOAT.
- **JESUS CHRIST**, our High Priest, offered Himself **ONCE**. This phrase does not mean **once for all people** (see 9:28) but **once for all time – never to be repeated!** (Hebrews 10:10)
- **JESUS CHRIST obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION.**
 - Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ *alone* **obtained** – did the work!
 - ☞ Consider: Matthew 26:30-31, 56; Mark 14:50; John 16:32; **18:8, 9**.
 - “to redeem” – “to deliver a person from a state of bondage, and that by the payment of an adequate ransom price.” (See **Matt. 20:28**)
 - NOT *yearly* but **ETERNAL REDEMPTION**. (See Hebrews 9:12, 26)
- **JESUS CHRIST**, our High Priest, now stands before God today in His garments of *glory and beauty* and makes intercession for us. (Hebrews 7:24-25; Exodus 28)
 - Shoulder boards of the High Priest - Breastplate of the High Priest
- **JESUS CHRIST SAT DOWN!** There was no more WORK to be done since it was ALL finished on Calvary! (**Hebrews 1:3**, 10:12; 12:2; Colossians 3:1; Romans 8:34; 1 Peter 3:22)
 - Jesus did all the work and announced: **“It is finished!”** (John 19:28, 30; 4:34 with Matthew 1:21; 17:4; Hebrews 9:11-14, 22-28)
- **JESUS CHRIST** brought us NEAR to God! (1 Peter 3:18; Eph 2:11-13)
 - Our High Priest’s death *opened* the way to God. (Matt. 27:51; Heb. 10:20)
 - He entered *for us!* He is the Forerunner. (Hebrews 6:19-20)

- ★ **ATONEMENT** is NOT a New Testament concept! Our sins are NOT COVERED– BUT they are REMEMBER NO MORE! (Hebrews 8:12; **Isaiah 43:25**; Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:19 with Revelation 21:1)

The Day of Atonement Fulfilled Completely (Zechariah 12:10)

- Rejection of the God's Son, the Messiah. TREMBLE!
★ (Romans 11:11-15) Was Israel's fall planned?
- Remember God's covenants with Israel.
- Zechariah 12-14 - Speaks for the complete restoration and renewal of Israel as a people of God.
- The focus is on "the Day of the LORD" (16x) - which ends in a complete cataclysmic and climatic renewal of the world as God judges the WHOLE WORLD for its sins against Him. "The Day of the LORD is found 16x in these chapters." (For example: 12:3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11; 13:1)
- Jerusalem is mentioned 52x in the book; 22x in these chapters.
- (Zechariah 1:14) God "has a great jealousy" for Jerusalem and Zion.
- Zechariah 12:1-9 speak of Jerusalem being attacked by THE WORLD'S NATIONS. (See 12:2-3, 6, 9; 14:2, 12, 14, 16)
- Jerusalem is described as a "cup" (picture of judgment) and a "stone" (an immovable rock; a stone that will crush its enemies).
- (12:2-9) "the Day of the LORD"
- (Zechariah 12:1, 10) The Messiah, who is YAHWEH, comes in power.
- The SPIRIT of GRACE and SUPPLICATION opens the eyes of the Jews, blinded since Isaiah 29:, to see the One they pierced!! **NOTICE the "I will"**.
- (Zechariah 12:11-14) There is GREAT MOURNING in Jerusalem for their GREAT SINS against Yahweh!
- (Zechariah 13:1) A fountain "of blood" opens up and Israel's sins are washed as white as snow – see Isaiah 1:18!
- Christ returns to *Earth* to set up His earthly kingdom.
- Israel will be saved. (Romans 11:26) ALL of God's promises are YES and AMEN in CHRIST - the SUBSTANCE! (2 Cor. 1:20; Colossians 2:16-17)
- (Isaiah 48:8-11) **BE IN AWE OF GOD!**

Learning from the Day of Atonement

- ① God is a covenant keeping God. (Deut 7:9; Neh 9:32; Dan 9:4; Lam 3:22-23)
- ② The Day of Atonement teaches us:
 - ❶ Christ, our High Priest, came to be the Priest, the Offerer, and Offering.
 - ❷ Israel's rejection brought the Gospel to us - the Gentiles. (Rom 11:11-12)
- ③ We should be in AWE of the NT fulfillment and the future fulfillment of this Great and Awesome Day. (Romans 11:24-33)
- ④ It ought to cause us to evaluate ourselves - have we truly repented. Since God is a covenant-keeping God, let US cleanse OURSELVES from all the filthiness of OUR flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1, Luke 13:1-5)
- ⑤ God's ways are NOT our ways! (Romans 11:30-33; Isaiah 55:8-9)