

# A Priest and Two Goats

Leviticus 16:1-10  
Hebrews 9:11-28

## Day of Atonement

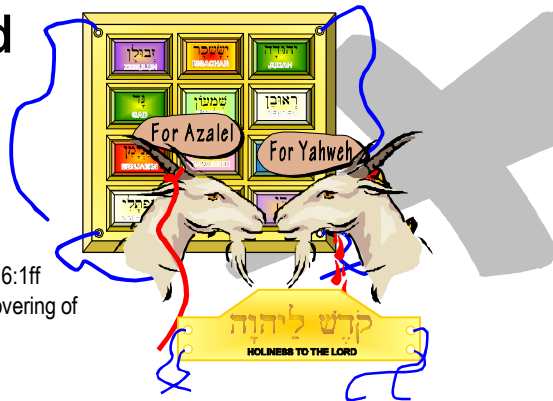
- See Lev. 23:26-32; 16:1ff
- Day of Covering – covering of sins.
- Most solemn day.

## The Shadow of Things to Come

- A day of shadows. A shadow has the shape of the **real** thing. A shadow is one dimensional. A shadow only gives hints to the real thing. (Col. 2:16-17)
- It was a day of humiliation. The High Priest **removed** his majestic robes and assumed the duties of a normal priest. (Exodus 28:2, 40; Lev. 16:4; Phili 2:7; white linen=Hebrews 7:26)
  - This day called for everyone to **humble** themselves (afflict). He who did not humble himself was **cut off from his people**. (Lev. 23:29; Ezek. 16:62-63)
- **Two** goats were selected:
  - ① “for the LORD” – it would be come a **SIN OFFERING** and its blood sprinkled on the **MERCY SEAT** in the Holy of Holies.
  - + ② “for AZAZEL” = “goat” + “to go away” (**scapegoat**)
- **ONE SACRIFICE**
- Imputation: A big word that simply means “to **give** to another.”
  - The High Priest would lay his hands on each of the goats as a symbol of “imputing” the sins of Israel (**God’s** people) unto them.
  - The goats, **innocent substitutes**, received all of God’s people’s sins.
  - The goats, innocent substitutes, received the **curse** for God’s people sins.
  - The one goat, an innocent substitute, would **DIE** for the sins of God’s people.
  - The other goat, an innocent substitute, would **take** the sins of God’s people **away** into the wilderness never to be seen again. (Psalm 103:10-11)
- **Once** a year (every year) the High Priest made ATONEMENT for God’s people. Atonement means “to cover.”
- The High Priest **worked alone** in the Temple. It was a day when the people were commanded NOT TO WORK. The act of atonement was accomplished by the High Priest alone! Any person who did **any manner of work** God promised to destroy that person. (Leviticus 23:30-31)
- This day was a day of SOLEMN **REST** for the people. (Leviticus 23:32)

## The REAL Thing (Hebrews 9:11-12)

- JESUS CHRIST, the Anointed One, came as our **HIGH PRIEST**. (v. 11; 2:17; 3:1; 4:15; 5:5; 6:20; 7:26; 8:1) – Aaron and his sons were only SHADOWS – something



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- MUCH LESS than the real thing!
- JESUS CHRIST laid **aside** His robes of majesty and made Himself of “no reputation” and humbled Himself even unto death. (Philippians 2:6-8)
- JESUS CHRIST entered into the Holy of HOLIES in heaven – the **real** thing – not the shadow. He entered into the **PRESENCE** of God. (vv. 11, 12)
- JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest, entered into the Holy of Holies, with HIS OWN **BLOOD** – the blood of **God** (Acts 20:28); **precious** blood (1 Peter 1:19)
  - CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY:
    - ☞ The price to redeem one person who had sinned one sin was the blood of God.
    - ☞ 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, “Whosoever will not forsake **all** that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)
- The LORD 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.” (John 1:29)
- JESUS CHRIST is the “goat of God” who takes away our sins as far as the **east** is from the **west!** (Psalm 103:12)
- JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest **ONCE FOR ALL**. This phrase does not mean once for all people (see 9:28) but *once for all time – never to be repeated!*
- 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**.
  - Jesus Christ proclaimed, “**It is FINISHED!**” (John 19:30)
  - “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 9:26)
- ATONEMENT is NOT a New Testament concept! Our sins are NOT COVERED– BUT they are REMEMBER **NO MORE!** (Hebrews 8:12; **Isaiah 43:25**; Micah 7:19 with Revelation 21:1)

## Is Christ YOUR High Priest?

- The Day of Atonement (Covering) was for Israel and **only** Israel.
- It was selective!
- Christ’s work was also **selective** – it was for His people. (Matt 1:21)
- The high priest interceded **only** for Israel.
- Our High Priest intercedes *not* for everyone – **only** His own.
  - He intercedes for *us*. Hebrews Romans 8:34
  - He intercedes for those **given** to Him. John 17:9
  - Christ only intercedes for those He **saves**. Hebrews 7:25
- Our names are on our High Priest’s shoulders – He **upholds us**.
- Our names are written on His breast – He **loves us**.
- Is Christ YOUR High Priest? John 17:20