

# The Feasts: The Day of Atonement

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## Eschatology - The Study of the END

The Three main aspects of the END TIMES -

- **The Rapture (Harpazo)** - When Believers are “Caught Up” to be with the Lord.
- **The Tribulation (Megas Thlipsis)** - A period of Judgement and difficulty upon the earth.
- **The Millennium (1000 years)** - A 1000 year period of Divine Rule of Christ upon the Earth. (This is tied to the “Second Coming” of Christ to the Earth)

## The Fall Feasts

**Trumpets** (10 days of repentance) --> **Day of Atonement** --> **Feast of Tabernacles** (booths)

- The Spring feasts were anchored in the Birth of the Nation and were fulfilled in Jesus.
- Pentecost was anchored in the gift of the Torah and was fulfilled in the Gift of the Spirit.
- The Fall feasts were anchored in a FUTURE FULFILLMENT and are yet to be fulfilled.

**Isaiah 46:8-10** - *“Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, **declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done**, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose,’*

## The Day of Atonement

- Often known as Yom Kippur, the Holiest of all of the Feast Days.
- This was the one day of the year where the “High Priest” would enter the Holy of Holies to minister before the Lord. The purpose was to facilitate reconciliation between God and man.
- Atonement means “to cover” or “to reconcile”.
- To the Priests this was known as “The Day” or “The Great Day”.

## The Great Reset - Leviticus 16

- In many ways, the Day of Atonement was a day of “Reset” or “Restart” for the Temple and the People.
- The Day of Atonement purified/cleansed the Temple, the Priest, and the Nation.
  - The High Priest would bathe, put on specific garments, and then sacrifice a Bull to “Atone” for himself and his family.
  - The High Priest would take two goats, cast lots between them, and the one chosen was sacrificed as a burnt offering, and the other would be sent into the wilderness.

- The High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies, light incense, and then sprinkle blood on the Ark of the Covenant and before it.
- The High Priest would then do the same for the Tent of Meeting as well as the Altar.
- The High Priest would then take the living goat, lay his hands on it's head, and impart all of the sin of Israel onto it, that it may be sent into the Wilderness.

## Christ and the Day of Atonement - Hebrews 10:1-25

- The Day of Atonement was a Shadow of something to come.
- The Day of Atonement was a yearly reminder of our sinfulness.
- The sacrifices were unable to fix our sinfulness.
- Christ became that perfect sacrifice, once and for all.
- Christ became the Great High Priest who made Atonement for us.
- Through Christ, we have been made perfect (right with God).
- No other atonement is necessary. Christ was sufficient.
- We are now free to enter the Holy of Holies. (We are priests!)
- Christ is the curtain (gate/door/portal) in which to enter God's home.
- Our Bodies are now the temple, and our hearts are now the "Mercy Seat", sprinkled by the blood of Christ.
- We are to encourage and stir one another toward "holiness"(the Days of Awe) as we see "the Day" approaching.

## The Coming "Day of the Lord"

- Throughout the Old Testament, the prophets foretold about a coming "Day of the Lord".
  - It was a day of God's Judgement
  - It was a day of God's Restoration
  - It was a day when God's Ultimate Plan would be Fulfilled.
- Revelation 21:1-8 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."