

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 23 – GOD'S HOLY DAYS – DAY OF ATONEMENT

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Leviticus. This lesson will focus on The Day of Atonement and The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Our study will focus on "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb" and the symbolism of the only commanded fast day, the annual Holy Day, The Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:26-32

²⁶And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²⁷Also on the tenth day of this seventh month (Tishre) there shall be a day of atonement (A day of reconciliation or forgiveness of sin by covering and done by animals until Christ gave His life for us that through Him we can have eternal life and are "cleansed by His blood" I John 1:7.): it shall be an holy convocation unto you (an annual Sabbath, appointed time); and ye shall afflict your souls (by fasting), and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

²⁸And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement (covering your sins), to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

²⁹For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people (All God's creation are under the death penalty until repentance of sin and turn to obeying God.).

³⁰And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people (Fast with repentance and change evil to good.).

³¹Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. (Begins on the day before at even, vs. 27)

³²It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls (Our afflictions are brought on by disobedience to God. In the Love Song of the Law of God it says "⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. ⁶⁸Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

⁶⁹The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. ⁷⁰Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law" Psalm 119:67-70): in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath (Will be fulfilled on the "Day of the Lord" and is prophetic for Satan will be bound for 1000 years, Revelation 20:1-3). Leviticus 23:26-32.

In the New Testament it says "¹⁷But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face (so no one knows your fasting); ¹⁸That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly" Matthew 6:17-18.

Paul said "⁹Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished (advised) them, Acts 27:9. The "fast" spoken of here is the Day of Atonement and Paul was still keeping the Holy Days of God.

Say - The study of the Day of Atonement reveals through the symbolism of the elaborate rituals, how much God hates sin and how much He loves pure holiness.

Say - On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest went through many preparations for an elaborate ceremony before he could enter into the Holy of Holies which is symbolic of God's throne in Heaven; the most perfect and the most intimate dwelling place between God and His bride for this is where "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb" takes place.

Say - As we studied in the "Feast of Trumpets" lesson at the "last trump" the Son of Man returns for His Bride which will be a very joyous time for Christ with His Saints destroys the end time beast power and sets up His Kingdom "¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words" I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

Say - FINALLY THE "MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB HAS COME"!

This is what the Day of Atonement pictures and the Bride of Christ "HAS MADE HERSELF READY". How did she "make herself ready; she had prepared her "**Wedding Garment**", a Garment of Righteousness, and a Holy Garment of which God taught her to wear through His Holy Days or Sabbaths. It is a "Garment" given to those who obey Him with all their heart, mind and being

and have put on His nature by being taught "His Way" the only way of Salvation!

Say - The Bride of Christ has answered God's call to come to Him and she is part of the "chosen". God tells us, "...Verily my **Sabbaths** ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you (sets you apart as mine) Exodus 31:13.

Say - She has REPENTED of her sins and is "ESPOUSED" to Christ, the Bridegroom, and has drunk the wine (symbolic of His shed blood) in ratifying the covenant relationship for which Jesus gave His life for her pictured at Passover. God tells us, "¹Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me (hear me out). ²For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy (He desires to be with His Bride; He loves her like no other "...I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...;for the scars in His hands show what He went through to deliver her, Isaiah 49:16); for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" 2 Corinthians 11:1-2.

Say - Upon repentance she has a "CIRCUMCISED HEART/MIND", "...circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit" (her conscience), Romans 2:29. The Bible tells us "...No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary (the Holy of Holies where the "Marriage of the Lamb" takes place)" Ezekiel 44:9.

Say - She has buried the "old man" sin in the waters of BAPTISM Ephesians 4:22, and has "put on" the cloak of humility and meekness" symbolized by the Days of Unleavened Bread. "³Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁶Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed ...⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin" Romans 6:3, 6, 7.

Say - By the "laying on of hands" she has received God's spirit symbolized by PENTECOST. Now BEGOTTEN of God, John 1:13, she has "put on" the "new man" and the "new creation in Christ" can now form inside the "temple of God" for she has "put on" the "new man" of the very NATURE OF CHRIST! The Bible tells us "...ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (not false doctrine and deception)" (this is what The Day of atonement pictures, the death of sin and deception and "putting on" the holiness of God) Ephesians 4:24.

Say - She has made herself ready by "...not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (are clean and forgiven of her sins)" Ephesians 5:27 and she was "... not defiled with women (the false church mixed with truth and error nor part of the "mark of the beast"); for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" (now are the spiritual Bride of Christ) ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile (deception): for they are without fault before the throne of God" Revelation 14:4-5.

Say - She has overcome Satan "...by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony (the truth of God for "His word is spirit it gives life" John 6:63); and they loved not their lives unto death (Christ gave His life for His people and she would give up her life for God)" Revelation 12:11. She "... had gotten the victory over the **beast**, and over his image, and over his **mark**, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God (this is the very throne of God the Holy of Holies)" Revelation 15:2. The Bible tells us a literal promise from God, "²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" Revelation 3:21.

Say - She has kept the commandments of God I John 5:3 even though, "the dragon (Satan) was wroth with the woman (the virgin, the betrothed woman of God), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (Satan uses the armies made up of the false religions of this world to go after her), which **keep** the **commandments** of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (has divine knowledge of the Good News of God)" Revelation 12:17.

Say - Now let's take a look at the verses in the Bible about the return of Christ and the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" as God describes them for us. All of these promises were prophesied BEFORE the Temple was destroyed and before Babylon was conquered by Cyrus of the Medo-Persian Empire, Daniel 11.

REVELATION 19:1-9

¹And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God (Through the Prophet Isaiah God said, "Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. ²²I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have

redeemed thee. ²³Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. ²⁴Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself" (Isaiah 44:21-24);

²For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore (the great false church of demonic religion), which did corrupt the earth with her fornication (worship of idols), and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

³And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

⁴And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts (living creatures) fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia (Here is what the "elders" sing to God, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" Revelation 4:11).

⁵And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

⁶And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (they also sing, "and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms (governments) of this world are become the kingdoms (governments) of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.." Revelation 11:15)

⁷Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ("So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him" Psalm 45:11 also "⁵For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called" Isaiah 54:5).

⁸And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints (when His Bride walks in obedience to God's laws, she wears a Robe of Righteousness for the Bible tells us "⁹Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy" Psalm 132:9 and we surely will at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb"!).

⁹And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb (Remember Christ said "I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God" Luke 22:16).. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. Revelation 19:1-9.

Say - Please remember the most important fact for God's people today about the Day of Atonement is that the Priesthood has changed to a Divine or Heavenly Priesthood and Christ is our High Priest. We are in training to become Kings and Priests in God's Kingdom, ⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar (special) treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" Exodus 19:5-6. "⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, ⁶And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" Revelation 1:5-6.

Say - Now when we read Leviticus 16 where the detailed ceremony for the Day of Atonement is explained it will make more sense for everything pointed to Christ. I have printed the chapter below for the reader's convenience.

LEVITICUS 16:1-14 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ALTER ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

"¹And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron ("Aaron" means "lightbringer" a brother of Moses, the first High Priest), when they offered before the LORD, and died (The Bible tells us why they died because "¹And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange (not sanctified, were disobedient) fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. ²And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD" Leviticus 10:1-2).

²And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat (the ark cover), which is upon the ark; that he die not for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat (The "cloud" was symbolic of God's presence. Common priests entered into the sanctuary of the Tabernacle daily but only the high priest could enter "within" or inside the veil, also known as the Holy of Holies and represents the Throne of God, once a year on the Day of Atonement. The "veil" or curtain which divided

the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies in the sanctuary of the Tabernacle, later the Temple, split in two when the earthquake shook the earth at Christ's death which made it possible to have direct access to God the Father through Christ, our High Priest for the first time).

3Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering (Just as Christ before He could enter the Holy of Holies and sit on the right hand of His Father in Heaven, had to offer a sacrifice, His body.).

4He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired (a "mitre" is a tiara of the high priest, symbolic of a king, also remember we read at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, "8And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" Revelation 19:8) these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on (It was not that the High Priest had come dirty to the most Holy Place but God says, clean yourself again because I don't even want you sweaty Ezekiel 44:17-18. When His Bride, symbolized by the High Priest, comes before the love chambers, the Holy of Holies, symbolic of the closest intimacy with God, her Bridegroom wants her spotless, clean and in all simplicity. God wants His people to be clean through repentance; sin stinks just as we studied above. Why? "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" Ephesians 5:27, Revelation 14:4-5)!

Say - First Aaron, the High Priest, must have his and his family's sins covered or atoned before the sins of God's people, His bride, could be atoned or covered, Leviticus 9:2. Verses 5-14 below describe the individual ceremony on the Day of Atonement.

5And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering (The Bible tells us, "4And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron (God does not want someone self-appointing themselves to be a minister/priest, must be called of God, this is His law. Hebrews 5:4)".

Note: While all offerings were a form of purification of sin and showed the desire for God's people, His bride, wanting to enter into an intimate relationship with Him, the sin offering was for "sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD" and a description of the "sin offering" is described in Leviticus 4:1-35, 6:24-30 for the reader's study. It is very interesting and has more symbolism there as well on how God hates sin. For instance in Leviticus 6:30 the phrase "And no sin offering... shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire" indicates the end time fate of the wicked. I hope you will have time to study the in-depth meaning of all of the symbolism.

Back to Leviticus 16, 6And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. (The Law of God teaches us ⁹Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon. ¹⁰And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD" Exodus 30:9-10. Now God's people know through the book of Hebrews ²²By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament (spiritual covenant). ²³And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered (allowed) to continue by reason of death: ²⁴But this man (Jesus), because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵Wherefore he (Jesus) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. ²⁶For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; ²⁷Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself (Jesus sacrificed His life for us and are "cleansed by His blood" I John 1:7). ²⁸For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore" Hebrews 7:25-28).

Back to Leviticus 16

7And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation (which he had taken from the children of Israel, vs. 5).

8And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats (appoint or assign); one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat (better understood as "Azazel", Strong's concordance, which means to separate or entirely remove or "let go" vs. 22, and symbolizes Satan the Devil which the Day of Atonement pictures the binding of Satan and His demons,

Revelation 20:2. The term, "Scapegoat", on the other hand, means something innocent is charged for wrong doing and could not apply here as Satan is the author of sin and was and is guilty of sin!)

9And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering (symbolized atonement or covering for sin and was replaced by Christ's sacrifice at His death, now sin is cleansed by His shed blood and forgiven and removed upon a repentant heart/circumcised heart as the sinner sincerely calls out to God for forgiveness, I John 1:7. The Bible tells us "4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand" Isaiah 53:4-10).

10But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat (Azazel, sent goat a type of Satan the Devil), shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat (Azazel) into the wilderness (uninhabitable land which is the fate of Satan the devil and His demons will be "cut off" from life during the 1000 year reign of Christ on this earth, Revelation 20:2).

11And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself (The book of Hebrews helps us to understand " 7But into the second (Holy of Holies) went the high priest alone once every year (Day of Atonement), not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8The Holy Ghost (spirit) this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing (it was all symbolic of what was to come through Christ): 9Which was a figure for the time then

present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience (this was the problem the conscience was still producing iniquity or lawlessness and Christ came to make it possible to change); ¹⁰Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. ¹¹But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; ¹²Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us (even though they continued to do sacrifices after His death because they understood the symbolism). ¹³For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh (not the conscience only God could do the spiritual): ¹⁴How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament (the new marriage covenant of the conscience heart/mind), that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (covenant/agreement), they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance (if we obey the laws of God not change them)" Hebrews 9:7-15).

¹²And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil (God wants His Holy of Holies, the most intimate dwelling place with His bride, to be of a sweet smelling fragrance, that's the only fragrance He will recognize, remember this is the place of the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb". The Bible tells us what the "fragrance" was to be "³⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: ³⁵And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy: ³⁶And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy. ³⁷And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD (it is to be made for ME only). ³⁸Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people (like the "incense" of the false religions)" Exodus 30:34-38).

13And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not (Aaron could not see God but the "cloud" was symbolic of God's presence however when Christ returns for His Bride, we will be face to face with Him at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb".)

14And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times (This symbolized complete repentance, for God tells us without the "shedding of blood is no remission" meaning there is no removal of the death penalty or forgiveness of sins and through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the perfect sacrifice, makes this possible for His people today, Hebrews 9:21-22. We are the Temple of God's spirit, we must purge ourselves before God symbolically pouring out our life to Him as in cleansing and be diligent not to repeat the same mistake again. David tells us how "7Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" Psalm 51:7-13. (Verses 11-14, the object of this solemn ceremony was to FOREVER impress on the minds of God's People that the entire tabernacle, which is symbolic of our physical bodies, was stained by the guilt and consequences of sin and had to be "atoned or covered" for God to remain with His people. Now God's people are reconciled unto Him by accepting His sacrifice as "the Lamb of God" upon repentance of sins shown by the Spring Holy Feast Days of Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost). The Bible tells us "But if we walk in the light, as He (Christ) is in the light (walk in His truth, law and all His ways), we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" I John 1:7.

29And this shall be a statute for ever unto you (the Day of Atonement): that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls (fast), and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you (one law, God's law for all people).

30For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD (The same holds true today for God's people. If we want to be in the Kingdom of God, there must be a sincere repentance and forgiveness of sin and obey God's laws and the observe the Day of Atonement, which is part of His law, then we will wear the "Robe of Righteousness" at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.). 31It shall be a Sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls (lives), by a statute for ever" Leviticus 16:1-14, 29-31.

Say - While Leviticus 16:1-14 describes the purification ceremony of the High Priest and his family, verses 15-28 of the same chapter describes the very same purification ceremony for God's people, the 12 tribes of Israel and His "called out ones" today, before their sins could be atoned or covered or removed by the "blood of Christ" and forgiven.

Say - I would recommend the reader also study about the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 23:26-32 and Hebrews 8 and 9 and 10 for a great wealth of information and symbolism concerning the Day of Atonement.

Say - It is easy to see by the elaborate ceremony on the Day of Atonement how God teaches His people how much He HATES sin and loves HOLINESS! Sin, with its devastation, the profound ugliness, dirtiness and deception is the exact opposite of what God wants from His people, His bride, who He is calling now. God wants pure holiness and a contrite heart. Just as the Bible instructs us, we must meditate on it day and night to learn the vast difference between sin and holiness; then God tells us "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" Leviticus 19:2.

Say - The Day of Atonement is a Sabbath day of rest and "affliction" and the time of the binding of Satan for 1000 years will be accomplished, Revelation 20:1-3. Here is how the Bible says it "He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" John 8:44. Sin is what separates us all from God and that is why complete unity with God cannot occur in totality on this earth until the source of sin, Satan and His demons, are removed.

Say - With the author of deception removed, The Day of Atonement will be a time when the entire world will finally realize who the true God is for the very first time. The entire world will also learn there is "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all" Ephesians 4:5, 6.

Say - Imagine experiencing the total fulfillment of the Day of Atonement, the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb". Love, mercy and justice will replace all hate, envy, greed, anger and selfishness, etc. The Day of Atonement is a very good study with a wonderful promise from another of God's great annual Holy Days.

MEMORY VERSE:

But if you walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I John 1:7

MEMORY VERSE FOR TOTS

...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I John 1:7

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS BELOW

DAY OF ATONEMENT

AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE
WEST,
WHEN I AM SORRY FOR MY SINS, GOD
FORGIVES, I AM SO BLESSED.

I WILL BE CLEAN AND PURE WHEN I
COME BEFORE GOD;
FOR SIN STINKS AND MY GOD
WANTS A PURE AND CLEAN AND
LOVING HEART.

WHEN CHRIST RETURNS, SATAN
WILL NO LONGER BE FOUND;
FOR 1000 YEARS, BY GOD'S POWER,
THE AUTHOR OF SIN WILL BE
BOUND.

By B. R. B.

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB



ye heavens

break forth into singing ye mountains

and every tree therein...
Isaiah 44:23

FOR THE MARRIAGE SUPPER
OF THE

LAMB

HAS COME
REVELATION 19:7