

Leviticus 16 The Day of Atonement

- Background Exodus 30:1-10
- The Purpose
 - To cleanse the Tabernacle from Israel's impurities v. 16
 - To cleanse the people of Israel v. 32-33
- Overview
 - Aaron puts on different humble priestly garments
 - Aaron secures the needed animals
 - Aaron slaughters the bull as his sin offering
 - Aaron in anticipation of entering into the Holy of Holies with the bulls blood, creates a cloud of incense to cover the mercy seat
 - Aaron sprinkles blood on the mercy seat 7 times in God's presence
 - Lots were cast over the two goats
 - The slaughter goat was sacrificed for Israel's sin/sins
 - Goats blood taken into the Holy of Holies just like with the bull
 - Cleaning of the Tabernacle and the Holy things was complete
 - Aaron then makes atonement at the altar of burnt offering using both blood from the bull and goat
 - The scapegoat symbolically has the sins of Israel placed on it when Aaron confesses the sins of Israel
 - The scapegoat was then driven from the camp of Israel
 - Aaron enters the tent of meeting, washes, and again takes on his normal high priest attire
 - Burnt offerings of the two rams would then take place, one for Aaron and his family the other for Israel
 - The bull/goat offerings are burned outside the camp
 - Those made unclean by touching the animals or taking the scapegoat away, washed and then returned to camp
- What was Israel to do? v.29-31
 - Observe the Sabbath Rest
 - By humbling their souls that day
 - Remember the ordinance of atonement permanently