

Keys to Prophecy



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#9 - How Will It End?

We looked at how God brings about personal salvation - According to His rule of engagement - LOVE
 How will God finally bring an end to Satan and sin? - without violating His rule of engagement - LOVE?
 How can God destroy in LOVE? - without introducing fear into the universe?
 Is LOVE strong enough to really deal with such an un-lovely thing as sin - and bring it to an end?
 Not just oppose it - control it - quarantine it - But totally eradicate it?
 Can love destroy without violating itself? - God cannot be anything except what He is = Love
 Or is LOVE a weak, permissive force that must forever tolerate the carnage and chaos?
 How can LOVE confront - and even destroy - while never being anything but LOVE?

- For this - we need to take another look into the Hebrew Sanctuary - God's sand-box illustration of Salvation
 There God has detailed not only how he saves the individual sinner - by grace - thru faith - in the coming Savior
 But how he will ultimately bring an end to sin - Defeat Satan - and eradicate sin from the universe
 All while remaining true to who He is - LOVE - "God is LOVE"
- We already saw how the DAILY round of services paint a picture of personal salvation
 A formalized system of sacrifices - based on what God started in Eden at the first sin
 Showing what God has done and is doing for people to be restored to life and relationship with Him
 Every day - Continually - The sacrifice of Christ - Spiritual light and food - And communication
 Are always available - Free - provided - By the Messiah to come - Fulfilled in Jesus
 In Christ - Reconciliation and life are always available to whoever enters in through believing
 This is how God taught the gospel before the cross - Before the words "Jesus" or "Cross" had any meaning
- There was also a YEARLY round of festivals connected with the Sanctuary
 Festivals which took place once each year - Which portray what I call the "bigger picture"
 Leviticus 23 (115) - gives a concise introduction to all the yearly festivals
 There were two spring festivals - And three more events in the fall

SPRING FESTIVALS - Leviticus 23 (115)

- vs.4-14 PASSOVER - Feast of Unleavened Bread - in the first month of the year - around March-
 Lasted for a week - Commemorating deliverance from slavery in Egypt
- vs.15-22 PENTECOST - came 50 days after Passover - The word "Pentecost" means 50 - A one-day celebration
 Commemorating the inauguration of Israel as a nation by the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai

PASSOVER - Unleavened Bread - Firstfruits - Leviticus 23:4-14 (115)

Passover was a week-long festival in commemoration of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt
 In Egypt - the people were instructed to select a Lamb - Kill it - Catch its blood in a basin
 And paint the blood on the top and sides of the doorpost of their house

When the 10th plague fell on the Egyptians - and took the life of the first-born in each household
 God promised to exempt the houses with the blood over the door post
 The blood on the doorpost was simply a statement of faith and allegiance

Next morning - Every home in Egypt had a dead first-born - Except those with the blood on the doorpost
 Pharaoh told the Israelites to get out of his country NOW - And they left immediately

God commanded Israel to commemorate this event every year - To keep alive the story of deliverance

- On the 14th day of the 1st month - Which was in the spring - At the time of the barley harvest
 Passover was to be re-enacted in every Israelite home
 They would eat roasted lamb - standing up with traveling clothes on - and tell the story
- Then on the 15th - the next day - Was to be a Sabbath of rest
- And on the 16th - first thing in the morning - A wave sheaf of the first cutting of the Barley harvest
 was to be presented before the Lord as the first-fruits of the harvest to come
- This Passover Lamb - points forward to Jesus, the Messiah - Our Passover Lamb - 1 Corinthians 5:7 (1101)
 It is the blood of Jesus that saves us from death and delivers us from the Egypt of SLAVERY TO SIN
- And - To fulfill the symbol exactly -
- Jesus died at the time of the evening Sacrifice and slaying of the Passover Lamb - the 14th
- He rested over the next day - The Sabbath of rest - the 15th
- And He rose early the next morning - the 16th - Jesus rose as the firstfruits of the resurrection

PENTECOST - Feast of Weeks - Leviticus 23:15-22 (115)

Pentecost was a celebration of the completion of the spring harvest - A reminder of God's provision
 The timing of Pentecost also seems to correspond with the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai
 50 days after God delivered Israel from Egypt

And as Israel was inaugurated as a nation by the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai
 To bless the world with an example of what life is like lived God's way
 And to communicate to the world God's gospel of salvation through the coming Messiah

- So the church was inaugurated by the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost
 To bless the whole world with the good news that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah-Savior
 That Jesus had lived, died and risen from the grave - That Salvation was a reality for all to receive

So the Spring Festivals prefigured and were perfectly fulfilled by events around the FIRST coming of Jesus Christ

- FALL FESTIVALS** - In the fall there were three events - Also prefiguring important events in the plan of Salvation
- vs.23-25 **TRUMPETS** - On the 1st day of the 7th month - Late September to early October - A one-day event
- Trumpets were blown - As an announcement of important things to come
- vs.26-32 **ATONEMENT** - on the 10th day of the 7th month - Another one-day event
- Day of Judgment - Prefiguring the end-time judgment and the final eradication of sin
- vs.33-43 **TABERNACLES** - A week-long event beginning on the 15th day of the 7th month
- Commemorating life camping in the wilderness after being set free from slavery in Egypt
 And representing the life of freedom and plenty - in the Kingdom of Israel - in the Kingdom of God

TRUMPETS - Leviticus 23:23-25 (116) - Blowing of Trumpets on 1st day of 7th month
 God instructed Moses to make two silver trumpets - To be blown by the priests - Numbers 10:1-10 (135)
 Trumpets were used to announce things - Trumpets were the ancient PA system
 The blast of the trumpet could be heard over a much wider area than a human voice
 Coded trumpet signals were used to give - Warning - Call assemblies - Give battle directions

So this blowing of the trumpets on the 1st day of the month signaled that something important was coming
 An announcement to... Get ready - Prepare yourself
 And what was coming? - The second fall event was the...

DAY of ATONEMENT - Leviticus 23:26-32 (116); Numbers 29:7-11 (157)
 Yom Kippur - on 10th day of 7th month - The most solemn day of the year
 What was the Day of Atonement all about

Let's read Leviticus 23:26-32 - I want you to first see just how serious this event was for God's people

Leviticus 23:26-32 (116) *²⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²⁷“Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. ²⁸And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. ³⁰And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. ³¹You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ³²It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath.”*

How serious was this Day of Atonement? - How important was it to participate in this event?

v.27 - Afflict your souls - meaning to abase, humble, chasten - even fast from food

v.29 - Anyone not “afflicted of soul” on that very day - Cut off from the people - Gone - On your own
 Spacing out on that day - Not humbling yourself before God - had ultimate consequences

v.30 - Don't work - Or be destroyed from among the people

Notice - You could not pick a substitute day - God was specific - The day mattered

A Sabbath - a ceasing - Stop whatever you are doing - And humble yourself before God on this day
 Evening to Evening - Biblically - the day began and ended at sunset - Genesis 1:5,9,13,19,23,31 (1)

Now - For more details on the Day of Atonement - Turn to Leviticus 16 (108) - And look at the Sanctuary

Leviticus 16:2 (108) *And the LORD said to Moses: “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.”*

The Most Holy Place represented the dwelling place of God - Here called the “Holy Place inside the veil”
 God appeared as the Shekina glory between the Cherubim above the lid of the Ark of the Covenant
 Access was restricted to all - including the High Priest
 The only time anyone could enter the Most Holy Place was on the Day of Atonement
 And then - only the High Priest

There were two sets of offerings on the Day of Atonement - One for the priest himself - the other for the people

Leviticus 16:3-5 *³Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. ⁴He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. ⁵And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.*

Aaron - the High Priest - was to select animals for special sin offerings
 A BULL for himself - and TWO GOATS for the people
 Also - The High Priest was to take off the special High Priestly garments -
 and dress in the simple tunic and sash of a regular priest

Leviticus 16:6 *Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house.*

Aaron first had to deal with his own sin - before he could mediate for the people

Leviticus 16:7-10 *⁷He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁸Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. ¹⁰But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.*

- Of the two goats - One was selected for the LORD - The other for Azazel - or scapegoat
- The Lord's goat would be killed as a sin offering
- The scapegoat would be kept alive - and banished in the wilderness

First Aaron - the High Priest - had to deal with his own sinfulness - Making an offering for himself

Leviticus 16:11-14 *¹¹And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself. ¹²Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. ¹³And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die. ¹⁴He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.*

First Aaron killed the bull of the sin offering - for himself - and collected some of its blood
 Then he would go into the Holy Place - to the Altar of Incense -
 And put some burning incense into a censor - a portable fire-pan
 With that censor in one hand - and blood in the other - He went inside the veil
 The smoke of the incense represented a portable veil, as it were - Between himself and God's glory

Aaron would sprinkle some of the blood seven times in front the Mercy Seat - The lid of the Ark
 Making atonement for himself
 Now - Having been personally purified - Aaron can offer the sin offerings for the people

Leviticus 16:15 *"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.*

- Next the Lord's goat was killed - And the ritual of blood and incense was repeated
 Sprinkling the blood seven times in front of the ark - inside the veil
 NOW - Why was this done? - What did it accomplish? - What did it symbolize?

Leviticus 16:16-20 *¹⁶So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ¹⁷There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. ¹⁸And he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. ¹⁹Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.*

²⁰ “And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.

Notice - What is Aaron making atonement for? - Look carefully

- v.16 - The Holy Place - Given the context - this means the Most Holy Place “inside the veil”
WHY? - Because of the uncleanness - transgression - sins - of the people
- v.17 - The Tabernacle - the tent itself - Which includes the Holy Place
- v.18 - The Altar - that is before the Lord - This is the golden Altar of Incense - Exodus 30:10 (81)
- To understand this we must back up and take one more look at the DAILY services
There were a number of different times and ways that sacrifices were offered in the Sanctuary
There were burnt offerings - sin offerings - trespass offerings - peace offerings - etc.
You can read about these in the first part of the book of Leviticus

When a person sinned - they would bring a sin offering to the tabernacle - Usually a lamb or goat
The priest would meet them at the entrance - They would confess their sin over the animal
The animal would then be killed - and its blood was sprinkled around the Altar of Sacrifice
In a few instances - the blood was sprinkled in front of the veil in the Holy Place

- All of this represented the TRANSFER OF THE SIN - via the blood of the sacrifice
Away from the sinner - and into the sanctuary
The sanctuary symbolically soaked up sin like a sponge - Soaked up the defilement
This symbolized God taking our sin upon Himself - so we can be free - cleansed - forgiven
Remember the last sessions - Jesus IS God - Bearing our sins upon himself -
Becoming our sin for us

Thus - in a sense - the Sanctuary = God’s house - became defiled with the people’s sins
Every day - More sin was transferred in - Piling up the sanctuary - Stacked in God’s house
By the end of a full year - God has a house in desperate need of cleaning
The Day of Atonement was house-cleaning day - Fall cleaning

The blood of the LORD’s goat - was used to clean out the house of God
Notice - it was not about cleansing the sin from the people
That was the purpose of the DAILY sacrifices and services
This was about cleansing the people’s sin out of the tabernacle - the house of God

The DAILY services showed how God freed the individual sinner from his sin - thru the sacrifice
Transferring sin from the sinner to the sacrifice - which pointed forward to the Savior to come
 This YEARLY Day of Atonement showed how God would finally deal with those forgiven sins
Those sins He has assumed responsibility for - that God had taken onto himself - for our salvation

So - Just as the blood of the daily sacrifices transferred sin from the sinner to God - into God’s house
Now - The blood of the Lord’s goat in this yearly sacrifice dealt with that sin one more time
God’s house - which had been made dirty by our sins - must now be cleansed

Now it is time for the other goat - The scape goat - The live goat

Leviticus 16:20-22 ²⁰ “And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. ²¹ Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. ²² The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Notice - There is now another transfer of sin.
Day by day - Sin was transferred from individual people into God’s house - the tabernacle

- Now - All that accumulated sin - in one lump sum - was picked up by the blood of the Lord's Goat
And TRANSFERRED OUT of the sanctuary - Carried via the blood of the Lord's Goat
It was Confessed on the live goat - transferred to the Scapegoat
And that goat - along with all the sins of the people - was banished to oblivion
Taken out and left to die in the wilderness

At the beginning of the DAILY - God looks good and I look bad
At the end of the DAILY - I look good (my sin is gone) - but God looks bad - He soaked up my sin
So God brings the YEARLY - to deal with the sin He has soaked up for me

- And thus the sanctuary is cleansed - Restored to its rightful condition - Purified
Do those phrases sound familiar - The cleansing or restoring of the sanctuary? - From where?
Daniel 8:14 - Unto evening morning 2300 - then will be restored (or cleansed) the sanctuary

Now - There is no direct linguistic link between the word for "cleansed" or "restored" in Daniel 8:14
And the word "cleansed" used to refer to the Day of Atonement
But I would like to suggest that there is a screaming conceptual link
Once a year the Sanctuary was cleansed of the sin of the people
Once at the End Time - at the end of the 2300 - the sanctuary is to be cleansed or restored
The concept is - To return the Sanctuary to its original or rightful condition

One thing is clear at the close of the Day of Atonement - Sin is gone - banished - eradicated

The Day of Atonement teaches us that one day - someday - There will be an END to sin! - Good News
Sin will not be around to contaminate or irritate the universe forever
God has a plan to get rid of sin - To bring it to an end - a final end - Forever

One more point needs to be addressed - Who is this scapegoat? - Who does the scapegoat represent?
There is a raging debate over this - And the answer is crucial to our understanding of the Gospel

Who is responsible for the presence of sin in the Universe? - Satan - of course
But who does Satan say is responsible for any unhappiness in the Universe? - He accuses God
Remember the serpent in the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
Insinuating God is less than honorable - "Hah - Has God said..."
Calling God a liar - "You will not really die"
Claiming God Is limiting our potential - "God knows by eating you will become more like Him"
And God doesn't want to share His higher position with anyone else

Two sides - trading accusations - God says Satan is the problem - Satan says God is the problem
This is all a battle of concepts and ideas - which has spilled over into a lot of misery and death

Satan spoke boastful words against God - Convincing 1/3 of the heavenly angels that God was a problem
God says NO - Satan is the problem - And threw Satan and his angels out of heaven
God sent them to this earth - to try out Satan's new ideas on how to run the universe - for all to see
Adam and Eve welcomed him in - by eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
And we have been in this mess ever since

And by the looks of things right now - More people are choosing Satan's side than God's
Israel - God's missionary people - ended up abandoning God and siding with Satan
The Church - So abandoned God as to blaspheme His name and become anti-Christ
God doesn't seem to be faring too well in this battle of ideologies
How is it all going to be solved?

- By two events - The **CROSS** and the **JUDGMENT**

At the CROSS - Two things happened

- ❑ The first we understand clearly - Jesus died for my sin - SUBSTITUTION - Reconciliation - Forgiveness
 God Himself - in Christ - Bore the intrinsic consequences for every lost sinner
 This was foreshadowed by the DAILY in the Sanctuary - Individual Salvation
 Every INDIVIDUAL received full and complete forgiveness - and Salvation
 It is "in the bank" - Though God will not force everyone to cash in
- ❑ Second - The cross elicited the ultimate DEMONSTRATION of Characters in contrast
 God - in Jesus - became vulnerable - as a man - And took our sin upon himself
 Satan - who really wanted to replace God - who said, "I will be like the Most High"
 Had presented himself as trying to provide freedom from God's tyrannical rule
 To give people a better way to live than God's way

 When God was vulnerable as Jesus - as a human being - Satan could not help himself
 All Satan's pent-up hatred of God burst forth in the most malicious orgy of torture ever seen
 Satan did everything he could to kill God in the most agonizing way possible
- ❑ And before the unfallen universe - Satan was unmasked for who he really is - Pure Evil
- ❑ At the cross - God - by contrast - revealed who He really is - Pure Love
 The universe saw how much God LOVES - How far God will go to save - even ungrateful rebels
 And in the process - God also bore our sins - Took them upon himself - as in the Daily services

CHARACTERS IN CONTRAST

The cross puts on record for all time a graphic view of the character of God vs. the character of Satan
 For all the UNIVERSE to see - And understand
 Paving the way for solving the sin problem in a UNIVERSAL LEVEL
 The cross also paid for all sin for all time - Solving the sin problem on an INDIVIDUAL level

This is where the TORTURE on the cross comes in

It has nothing to do with my personal salvation - God does not need a victim tortured in order to forgive me
 God put Himself in a position where Satan had a chance to do to Him whatever he wanted to do
 And Satan fully exposed Himself - His evil hatred of God - In an orgy of torture
 God let Satan put on record for all time an undeniable, irreversible record of his true inner self
 Thus providing conclusive evidence that will facilitate his eternal destruction by a God of love

So the Cross accomplished TWO things

1. God dealt with every sin of every person who ever lived or will live on planet earth - Providing forgiveness
 Jesus DIED for my sin - Your sin - The sin of all the world
2. God revealed His character in contrast with Satan's - For all the universe to see clearly
 Jesus was TORTURED by Satan - And He endured the agony while Satan exposed himself

At the cross you get a glimpse of pure love vs. pure evil - In high definition living color

But how does this all come together - not just for the individuals - But for the universe?
 How will God go about destroying sin and Satan without instilling fear?

NOW WE COME TO THE JUDGMENT

In Daniel 7 - What is the judgment about?

- ❑ Daniel 7:9-11 (744) ⁹"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated...
¹⁰...A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.
¹¹"I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking;
 I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

The court sits in formal session - The books are opened - So there is some kind of investigation of evidence
 And what is brought before the court? - The boastful words of the Little Horn - Words against God
 The real defendant is SATAN - The instigator of all the Great Words against God
 Defamation of God's character - Slander against the God of the universe
 Through slandering God - Satan deceived 1/3 of the Angels - Adam and Eve - Our world

Is this a real court of justice - where the allegations against the accused are fairly reviewed?
 where the evidence is considered for and against the defendant?
 Or a kangaroo court - where the decision is already decided? - Forget the evidence - He's wrong - Hang him!
 Notice the timing - This judgment comes before Jesus receives the Kingdom and gives it to the Saints
 This judgment paves the way for Jesus to take over the kingdom - in LOVE - not CONTROL
 By breaking the control of the Little Horn - Based on the evidence of his own words

So the judgment is about letting the universe decide who is telling the truth - God or Satan
 Satan is the accused - But INDIRECTLY - GOD IS ALSO ON TRIAL
 Based on the evidence in the books - The evidence of the history of this world
 How God has acted - How Satan has acted - How they each have conducted themselves
 Rhetoric is worthless in proving one's character - Words are meaningless
 Time and track record alone can clear your name - if it has been maligned

And what is the outcome - The Little Horn is destroyed - God wins - Satan loses
 Does God win because He decrees? - Makes demands? - Overpowers His opponent? - Conquers?
 No - Because the evidence speaks for all to see - Truth rises to the top

Revelation 14:7 - speaks of this judgment

Revelation 14:6-7 (1183) *“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

This is the end-time judgment - The same as in Daniel 7 - And notice how it is described
 The hour of who's judgment? - God's judgment! - In a way God is not only presiding - He is also on trial
 God's character has been maligned by Satan's accusations - His monstrous words against God
 So the evidence is reviewed - In the presence of the gathered unfallen angels - The unfallen universe
 10,000 x 10,000 and 1000s of 1000s
 Who has been telling the truth? - God or Satan
 If God wins, Satan loses - If Satan wins, then God loses

Revelation 6 (1178) - in the Seven Seals - Presents this judgment - Lays out the **Evidence of the Ages**
 What God starts white, pure and powerful - Satan bloodies, blackens, and leaves dead
 All Satan has ever done - All sin has ever done - is WRECK THINGS
 Yet the blood of those saints slain in this evil war cries out for justice - Which God has promised
 And that justice comes at the close of the judgment -
 Christ gives the kingdom back to the saints - As we will see when we study Revelation 20

So how is it all going to end up? - How does God get rid of sin - without instilling fear or using force?

The Day of Atonement - The pre-figuring of the great judgment day - shows us clearly...

1. **Who is responsible for saving us from sin?** - God is - He bears our sin - to free us - to save us
 The blood of the daily sacrifices - Representing the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary
 transferred sin from the sinner to the Savior - to God - through Jesus' blood
 So God ends up holding our sin on His lap - We are cleansed - He is dirty with our defilement
 In a way now - it looks like God is the problem

2. **But who is responsible for sin?** - That must also be determined by the judgment - and the evidence
And the Day of Atonement plays out a sand-box pre-enactment of that Judgment

A goat is sacrificed - Also representing the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary
Every time an animal is sacrificed - it points to Calvary - The once for all sacrifice of Christ
But this sacrifice illustrates a different dimension of Calvary than my personal salvation

On Calvary God also demonstrated that HE is not the problem - He is truly LOVE
He truly gives FREEDOM - Giving salvation for all while not forcing them to accept it
God is not about fear - or coercion - or force - or controlling
By contrast - Calvary revealed what Satan is all about - showed his monstrous treatment of Jesus
The TORTURE was the ultimate demonstration of Satan's character - He is truly EVIL

- So the blood of Jesus - His sacrifice on Calvary - accomplishes several things
- My salvation - bearing my sin - personal forgiveness - As prefigured in the DAILY
- God's vindication - revealing what God is really like - in contrast with what Satan is really like
For the whole universe to see - A demonstration of the characters of God vs. Satan

And that demonstration - is what now comes into play on the Day of Atonement - In the judgment
The blood of the LORD's goat - also representing Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary
is also shown to vindicate God of responsibility for sin
Collecting that sin which He bore for my salvation - in the DAILY sacrifices
And transferring it onto the head of the one who is truly responsible - truly at fault
And that responsible party is the one who is banished from the universe forever

And who is that? - Who is responsible for introducing sin into the universe?
Satan - The original sinner - Lucifer - The originator of sin
The great liar who made boastful claims against God
Satan is the one who should be banished forever
I believe Satan is represented by the Scapegoat

Let me make something absolutely clear -

Does the scapegoat have anything to do with my personal salvation? - Absolutely NOT
The DAILY round of services completes my personal salvation
My personal salvation is completed long before the judgment takes place - back at Calvary
My personal salvation is finished and completed long before there is any scapegoat ceremony

Is this scapegoat my sin-bearer? - NO
Who alone is my sin-bearer? - God - in Jesus Christ
The scape goat does not save anyone from sin - But he bears ultimate responsibility for sin
Satan is a co-conspirator in every sin - Because he invented it - Promotes it - Tempts us

The evidence in the judgment reveals that sin is Satan's fault - not God's
The responsibility for all sin is laid on the head of the scapegoat
Thus clearing God's name - And letting God clear sin out of the Universe

- Facilitating EVIL's DESTRUCTION - without the introduction of FEAR into the universe
Based solely on openness - evidence - demonstration - information - truth and trust
- And the firm establishment of GOD'S KINGDOM FOREVER - Based on pure love

We are all saved by the blood of Jesus - Alone

But do you want to live forever in a universe forever infected by sin? - NO
And God promises an eternity where there is no more sin - pain - crying - sickness - death
No sin left in any form anywhere in the whole universe
God has gone to great lengths to make sure that will happen
With every action in the process perfectly congruent with LOVE

- I call this the BIGGER BUSINESS
 - There is bigger business going on in the universe than getting you and me saved
 - The war began in heaven - before any human being was even created - much less lost
 - And that war must be concluded to restore peace to the universe

 - The universe is under a threat - under siege to the presence of sin
 - Sin is a cancer - a virus - an invader - which must not be allowed to ruin things forever
 - Once it has been revealed for what it truly is - for all created beings to see and understand
 - Then God will get rid of sin - eradicate it from the universe - That is the Bigger Business

 - AND in that process - God will rescue me from the vortex of that sin - in which I was born and am trapped
 - And take me to live with Him forever in that cleansed universe
 - Getting the universe freed from sin is a BIGGER issues than saving this one poor sinner

 - But my God - who is absolute and pure love - In saving the universe from sin - also saves me
 - He does not forget this little speck of dust on a speck of a world in a far corner of the universe
 - When God takes care of the BIG universal issues - He never forgets the LITTLE guy on planet earth
 - That is the kind of God I serve - And that I want you to know and serve

- Let's wrap it up... - Recapping the Fall Festivals
 - On the 1st day of the 7th month - the Trumpets were blown - Warning people of the coming day of judgment
 - Calling people to prepare themselves for this awesome event of finality
 - On the 10th day - came the Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur
 - A day prefiguring final judgment - The final banishment of Satan - and sin - And of who else?

- Leviticus 23:29 (116) *²⁹For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people.*
 - At the close of this day of judgment - All sin - The originator of sin - And all unrepentant sinners
 - All who refuse to part with sin - Are removed from the camp of God's people

- And then comes the FEAST OF TABERNACLES - 5 days later - for a whole week
 - The people camped out in booths in their backyards and around the city
 - They shared meals and conversation - And lived like there was not a care in the world - or an enemy
 - Commemorating their freedom when they camped out in the wilderness - Set free from Egypt
 - And looking forward to when we will live in a world without fear - no walls or doors or locks
 - And enjoy friendship - food - and community together in the eternal Kingdom of God

- SANCTUARY SUMMARY
 - So in the Daily round of services - God shows how the individual receives salvation
 - God - in Christ - Reconciling the world to Himself - Taking our death and giving us His life
 - Bearing all our sins in His body on the Cross
 - Providing us with cleansing - transformation - Food - Light - Communication with God
 - In the YEARLY round of festivals - We step back and see the bigger picture
 - In the Spring Festivals - Christ's first coming - His death - Rest - Resurrection - clearly pre-figured
 - In the Fall Festivals - How God wraps up the sin issues - Bringing a universal solution to the sin problem
 - Through a judgment process that is fair, open, transparent - Based on truth and evidence
 - In LOVE bringing an end to sin - sinners - and Satan himself
 - Revelation fleshes this out - Basing its outline on these fall feasts - Especially the Day of Atonement

- We live in that judgment time prefigured by the Day of Atonement - The sanctuary cleansing day
 - Which is also a time for restoration of truth - Cast down for so long by Satan's monstrous words against God

- God's desire is to deal with the sin in our own lives -
 - So when he eradicates sin - We will not go out with sin - But we will stay in with Him - Forever