

THE GREAT DAY OF ATONEMENT (to cover or to ransom)

1. The high priest does absolutely everything all by himself to secure the atonement (Lev. 16:17; Heb. 1:3)
2. The two black goats are but a single sin offering – Lev. 16:5
3. The slain goat is that aspect of Christ's death that satisfies the violated holiness and righteousness of God, and its blood pays the sin debt – it turns away the holy wrath
4. The living goat typifies that aspect of Christ's finished work (John 19:30; Heb. 10:12) that takes away (puts away) our sins – Heb. 9:26
5. The high priest's entering the holy of holies typifies Christ entering "heaven itself" with "His own blood" for us – Heb. 9:7, 11-12, 24

His blood turns that which would have been a throne of judgment into a "throne of grace" (Heb. 4:16) with a "mercy seat" (Heb. 9:5; also see Psa. 99:1, 97:2, 89:14)

6. As the two birds of Lev. 14, the single sin offering being two goats (the sacrifice & the atoner) showed two aspects of Messiah: He would die yet live – taught a resurrection!
7. For us – the priests of the New Covenant – we now have that which Israel never had: a rent veil – Mat. 27:51 – so that by the blood of Christ, we may boldly enter into the holiest (Heb. 10:19)

The Levitical offerings merely "covered" the sins of Israel until and in anticipation of the Cross, but they did not pay for and "take away" those sins (Heb. 10:4)

The Tabernacle sacrificial system was but the "shadow of good things to come" – Christ was the reality (Heb. 10:1)

Christ Jesus, the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek, is still in the holiest – He will soon "come forth" in His garments of "glory and beauty" (Lev. 16:24; Exo. 28:2 – & also see Phil. 2:6-7) for His people (Rev. 19:11-16))