

Some Helpful Insights Into The Mo'ed/Appointed Time Of Yom HaKippurim - Day Of Atonements

The purpose of this short article is not to provide an in-depth analysis and understanding of the Mo'ed/Appointed Time of Yom HaKippurim/Day Of Atonements. It is to simply provide some helpful insights into its celebration. To help dial in under the anointing of YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness that will enhance our spirit and mind to receive the fulness of His anointing through this experience.

First of all, many have heard this celebration called '*Yom Kippur*'. However, this is a misnomer. It is called '*Yom HaKippurim*' (**plural**), because there is more than one aspect to what is being atoned for. There were at least '*five different aspects of atonement*' being realized during this Mo'ed/Appointed Time in the Torah. They are atonement for:

- 1) The Kohen HaGadol/High Priest and the regular kohenim/priests
- 2) The Holy Sanctuary
- 3) The Mishkan/Tabernacle and later the Heikal/Temple
- 4) The Mizbe'ach/Altar
- 5) The corporate assembly of all Yisrael

So, now we see why this '*Mo'ed/Appointed Time Of YHWH*' is called '*Yom HaKippurim*' (**plural**) and not simply '*Yom Kippur*'. Also, paying attention to point five above, we learn that this celebration is **NOT** about the '*individual*'. It is about the **CORPORATE NATION** of Yisrael. The '*Mo'ed/Appointed Time of Pesach/Passover*', the first of YHWH's celebrations in the Spring, is about the '*personal relevance of redemption*'. However, '*Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements*' is about the nation. It is about the **WHOLE NATION OF YISRAEL** moving past judgment and into a fresh beginning again. The experience of '*Yom HaKippurim*' under the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures, before the redemptive work of Yeshua HaMashiach, was quite different. The coming of our Adon/Lord Yeshua HaMashiach/The Messiah for redemption changed many things: From YHWH's '*original covenant*' given at Mt. Sinai with the First Generation and its '*subsequent renewals*' to the second generation of Yisrael. The '*final renewal*' of this covenant under the auspice of Yeshua HaMashiach/The Messiah (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:27-34**), has provided a korban for sin that not only '*atones/covers*' the outside/the flesh. It goes past '*atonement/covering*' of sin. At His return, it will finally **OBLITERATE IT!** Through Mashiach Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection all who believe upon Him in '*trusting faithfulness*' will have their spirit raised out of the deadness of sinful trespasses and into **ETERNAL LIFE**. (**Ephesians 1:7; 2:1**) It literally removes the believer out from the '*condemnation of Torah*' (its **purpose to identify sin**) to a standing of righteousness **IN UNION WITH MASHIACH/MESSIAH** of being '*accepted in the Beloved*' before YHWH our Mighty One, our Abba. (**Romans 3:22; Ephesians 1:6**) We have been reconciled/brought to shalom/completeness/peace with YHWH our Abba/Father by the blood of His Son. (**11 Corinthians 5:18**) But, beloved, this is Pesach/Passover. It is **NOT** about '*Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements*'!

'*Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements*' is about **YISRAEL AS A NATION... A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**. This '*appointed celebration*' is **NOT ABOUT** the '*personal sin*' of the '*individual*'

believer’ before YHWH. It is about the **CORPORATE SINFULNESS OF THE NATION OF YISRAEL/BOTH HOUSES- THE JEWISH HOUSE/YEHUDA/JUDAH... THE NON-JEWISH HOUSE/THE RETURNING HOUSE OF YOSEF/EPHRAIM**. It’s about YHWH’s **RELEASE** and **FORGIVENESS** for **ALL OF YISRAEL** as a whole! In the future, on another ‘*Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements*’, there will be a ‘*judgment of the nations*’... the sheep and the goats. **(Mattityahu/Matthew 25:32-46)** ‘*Yom HaKippurim/The Day of Atonements*’ was given by YHWH to **RELEASE** His nation from its sinfulness. Therefore, it is a ***call to corporate prayer, fasting, repentance, forgiveness and shalom between themselves and their Creator, YHWH.***

Beloved, I sense in my spirit a stirring for this Yom HaKipurrim. I believe, if we will humble ourselves before our blessed YHWH, He will answer our cry... **IF WE ARE PRAYING ACCORDING TO HIS MIND & HEART!** YHWH, as we pray and fast before Him during this Appointed Time, will answer our cry for the **WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL!**

Let us cry for the house of Jewish Yisrael and communities of believers upon Adon/Lord Yeshua...

- 1.) For the heavens to be opened above the Orthodox and Chassidic communities, whether in Yisrael or scattered throughout the Diaspora/the nations
- 2.) Ask YHWH to forgive their stubbornness and hatred toward His Son, Adon/Lord Yeshua and the believing communities who have received salvation through His redemptive work
- 3.) For the binding of religious spirits in both communities that blind, accuse and agitate one another against each other
- 4.) Begin to open lines and doors of communication between these communities under the orchestration of YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh
- 5.) For the opening of the revelation of the restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael across the church, and the release from the womb of those from within the church to let YHWH release a new wave of Christian believers to their destiny, as to their true identity as Yisrael... the house of Yosef Ephraim

There is some controversy over the incorporation of fasting into the ‘*Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements*’ process. However, fasting is a clearly recognized part of ‘*afflicting the soul*’ (**Wayikra/Leviticus 16:29; 31, 23:37; 32**), as can be seen from the following Scriptures.

“I humbled my nefesh [soul] with tsom (fasting- צוֹם- final mem- vav- tsade- read right to left); and my tefillah (prayer) turned back on mine own kheyk (bosom).”
(Tehillim/Psalm 35:13 OJB (Orthodox Jewish Bible)- definitions/notes mine)

“When I wept, and chastened my nefesh [soul] in the tsom (fasting- same as above), that became my cherpot (reproaches).”
(Tehillim/Psalms 69:11 OJB (Orthodox Jewish Bible)- definitions/notes mine)

The Scriptures above show the correlation within the Hebraic mindset of both prayer and fasting. It is a discipline that is called for by YHWH among His people Yisrael at times of intense resistance, moral breakdown and the need for spiritual/physical breakthrough. The undercurrent at present against the inclusion of fasting, especially within the celebration of Yom HaKippurim, by

many, carries with it a very subtle, but nonetheless, present spirit of anti-Semitism against brother Yehudah/Judah. I will not dispute that our elder brother Yehudah/Judah has incorporated many things traditionally within their forms of worship that we, the 'returning house of Yosef/Ephraim' are not required to follow. However, those things that are clearly marked out by YHWH in His TaNaKh (**Hebrew Scriptures- Torah... Prophets... and Writings**), **WE MUST FOLLOW AFTER YHWH'S HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS!** It may well be, as they see us holding firmly to YHWH's instructions of Torah, it may convict them of The Truth too! ****(As part of your reading Scripture during this time of fasting & prayer for Yom HaKipurrim, it would be good to read Romans chapter 11. This is Rav Sha'ul's prophetic word to the congregation of Mashiach in Rome of YHWH's promised redemption and restoration of Yisrael as ONE WHOLE HOUSE IN MESSIAH!)**

One last important and pertinent point to highlight. There are clear implications within YHWH's Torah for **NOT** following His clear instructions when it comes to His Mo'edim/Appointed Times and the call to couple prayer with fasting at this time. However, those who have medical conditions and maybe on medication should know YHWH is merciful. Depending on your condition, the grace of Messiah will either release you from the call to fasting ****[you can still pray]** at this time. Or, if you seek Abba, He may lead you in other ways instead of a complete fast. ****(eg. limiting intake of food and drink, drinking water w/food instead of carbonated/cafeine beverages...etc.)** We respect all within our GTZ community and their physical situations. YHWH's grace and mercy abounds for all who love Him.

Lastly, for those who are healthy and able to embrace YHWH's instructions on Yom HaKipurrim, please carefully read the following...

***"And ye shall do no work in that same day; for it is Yom Kippurim, to make kapporah [atonement] for you before Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One]. For whatsoever nefesh [soul] it be that shall not be afflicted [anah- afflict... humbled... bowed down] in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people."** (Wayikra/Leviticus 23:28-29 OJB- (Orthodox Jewish Bible- **definitions mine**))*

(Tehillim/Psalms 35:13; Zecharyah/Zechariah 7:4-5) The failure to 'afflict the soul' carries serious repercussions. **(Wayikra/Leviticus 23:29)** The 'fast of Yom HaKippurim/Day Of Atonements' should begin early before sundown. It is to be a joyous experience full of good food and fellowship before the fast begins. This shows how the 'Hebraic mindset' recognizes both the 'joy and solemnity' of keeping YHWH's Torah. There is no conflict between the two. The fast will continue from sundown to sundown. It will be broken by the sharing of a meal. At GTZ we will 'break the fast' corporately together with our congregation and then gather for a time of encouragement, worship and praise. ****[Monday, September 28th @ the Cafeteria area @ Glenforest School- we will 'break the fast together'- then, move to then auditorium in the main building to offer praise & worship to YHWH to conclude this Appointed Time]**

Please be encouraged as we move into this most important celebration before YHWH for the Whole House of Yisrael. May you be filled with the strength and power of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness throughout this powerful moment in YHWH's Presence.

Below, are some Scripture references for you to read over and meditate on as you celebrate. May YHWH bless you and all of the Whole House of Yisrael in this wonderful time.

Scripture Readings For Yom HaKippurim

Torah

Wayikra/Leviticus 16
Bamidbar/Numbers 29:7-11
Wayikra/Leviticus 17-18

Prophets

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 57:14-58:14
Yeshayahu/Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Yonah/Jonah 1-4
Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31

Messianic Writing

Romans 3:21-26
Ivrim/Hebrews 7-8
Hebrews 9-10

Gamar Tov/Good Completion...
Tzom Kal/Have an easy fast

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