

“On the Way” 365 Bible Reading Plan

LEVITICUS 16

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The sixteenth chapter of Leviticus describes the most solemn day of all those named in tomorrow’s readings from Leviticus 23. It was a day of fasting, repentance and of solemn assembly of the entire nation of Israel. It was the one day when the nation participated in *YOM KIPPUR*, the Day of Atonement, more accurately in Hebrew, the “Day of Covering.” The *Yom Kippur* came just ten days after the Day of Trumpets. In our present time this day is called, *Rosh Hashanah*, the “Head of the year.”

All the nation prepared their hearts from the blowing of the shophar, the ram’s horn, that took place at the beginning of the seventh day, for the Day of Atonement. It was then and now, a solemn time of reflection and repentance. On the tenth day, the High Priest would put on special garments of white from head to foot and make atonement for he and his family, because they were sinners too. He would then choose two goats, one which would be sacrificed. Drops of the goat’s blood would be taken behind the great veil that separated between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies and placed on the front

of the lid that covered the Ark of the Covenant. The lid was called the Mercy Seat. Upon coming out of the Holy of Holies, the High Priest would lay his hands on the second goat, called the “Scapegoat” and confess all the sins of the nation; the goat would be led into the wilderness and thrown from a cliff never to return to the people.

This symbolized the covering/atonement for sins by the death of a substitutionary sacrifice and the Scapegoat symbolized the bearing away of those sins forever, forgiveness. It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats can take away sin (Hebrews 10:4). The Day of Atonement only was an act of faith until one day God’s perfect sacrifice would come and die as a substitute for sins and pay the sin debt all owe. Therefore, Jesus said from the cross. It is finished. The Debt is paid!

Prayer and Action Steps

Thank God that Jesus paid the debt for your sin. Praise Him right now!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
