

BIBLE

— STUDY —



Topic: The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

The Day of Atonement, known as Yom Kippur, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, observed on the 10th day of Tishrei. It is a solemn day of fasting, prayer, and repentance, where the focus is on atoning for sins and seeking reconciliation with God. The rituals of Yom Kippur include the confession of sins and the sacrifice of the scapegoat, which symbolizes the removal of sin from the community. In Christian theology, Yom Kippur foreshadows the ultimate atonement made by Jesus Christ through His death on the cross. This study will explore the origins, significance, and spiritual implications of the Day of Atonement, highlighting its relevance for believers today.

Scriptures: Leviticus 16:1-30, Leviticus 23: 26-32, Hebrews 9:11-14 and 1 John 1:8-9

Questions:

1. What are the key rituals and meanings behind the Day of Atonement as outlined in Leviticus 16? How do these rituals reflect God's desire for reconciliation with His people?
2. How does the sacrifice of Jesus in the New Testament serve as a fulfillment of the Day of Atonement? In what ways does this comparison enhance our understanding of atonement and forgiveness?
3. In 1 John 1:8-9, what does John teach about the importance of confession and the assurance of forgiveness? How can this impact our personal and communal practices today?