

What have we SEEN so Far ?

Creation - God made it all - the way it was supposed to be  
The Fall - Sin entered the world - & Mankind - But God had a Plan  
Abraham - God's Plan starts with a Covenant of Faith w/ one man  
Moses - God lays out WHO He Is - & WHAT He Requires

Connect the dots in your mind:

Created the way it was supposed to be

Then - The Fall

Then - God's Plan - In a Covenant of Faith with Abraham

Then - The REVELATION of God's Holiness in the Law

God had made a Covenant of RELATIONSHIP with Abraham  
But then God Revealed His HOLINESS in the law

& the Question is - HOW can a HOLY God have a  
Covenant Relationship - with SINFUL Mankind . . .

How can God's HOLINESS - & Man's SIN  
EVER be RECONCILED

Once you see God's HOLINESS On Mt Sinai (our last msg)

It seems IMPOSSIBLE for Sin-FULL Mankind -  
to be in a Right Relationship with a Sin-LESS God?

But TODAY - We see HOW God's Plan - DEALS with our Sin  
So that we CAN BE in a Right Relationship with Him

Let's Pray

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**GOD'S SOLUTION** for the Problem of Sin - is **Sacrifice & Atonement**

**BUT** - When **Christians** talk about **Sacrifice & Atonement**  
**WHERE** do they **START** ?? - - *Jesus, right?*

When **Christians comment** to me about this series - **SELDOM** do  
they make ref to **God's Plan of Redemption** - **in the OT**

**Most often** they just say - *Yeah, Jesus Christ. What more is there?*

& **while** that is **Ultimately** & **Finally** **TRUE** . . .

If we will **GRASP** the Sacrifice of **Jesus Christ**  
**In LIGHT** of the **OLD TESTAMENT**

It will **give us** - a Much **GREATER Understanding**  
of Jesus **Christ FULFILLING** God's Plan - **on the Cross** !!

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The **O.T. & N.T.** - are **ONE MESSAGE** from God  
& it's **SO Important** we see how they **Perfectly DOVETAIL** together

**The sacrifice** of **Jesus Christ** on the Cross  
was **NO WHIM** of a **Decision** by God - just for **the NT**

**God's Plan** - to **DEAL** with Sin - by **Sacrifice & Atonement**  
**Started** all the way back in **GARDEN of EDEN**

**Adam & Eve** tried to cover the **Shame** of their **Sin** with **Leaves**, *right?*

But **Right After** the **CURSE came** from **their SIN**  
**What did** God **do** for **Adam & Eve** ?

**GEN 3:21** says **the Lord** made **Garments** from ANIMAL SKIN  
To **cover Adam & Eve** - **Meaning** an **Innocent Life** - **Sacrificed**

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In the NEXT Ch (Gen 4) we know the concept  
of Sacrifice - had been instilled in God's people

Because THAT was the issue that led to CAIN Killing ABLE

ABLE'S Sacrifice was ACCEPTED By God - CAIN'S was NOT  
& Cain's Jealousy & Anger Caused the first MURDER in the Bible

Which brings up an Important point

It was the Condition of CAIN'S HEART that God rejected

CAIN went thru the RIGHT Motions

But God saw THRU his Motions - INTO his HEART

& because CAIN'S HEART was NOT Right

God REJECTED the offering he brought

& if you will make a Note - to Read thru the Book of MALACHI

You'll see that God has ALWAYS been - ONLY interested in the  
condition of our Heart - NOT the Religious ROUTINE of Sacrifice

God has NEVER Accepted the Religious Ceremony ALONE

God's is ALWAYS looking at our Heart Condition

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So - Still in Genesis - we have to LOOK at One of the  
Greatest Pictures of SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE in the O.T

Substitutionary Sacrifice is simply - the Sacrifice of ONE

In place of ANOTHER

Turn over to Gen Ch 22

We don't see the **DETAILS** of God's **Sacrificial System** to **Atone** for Sin until **The LAW** & The **Book of Leviticus**

But **The Concept** of a **Sacrificial Death** - To **Substitute for Another** Had been **Made VERY REAL** - **Long before** that

Remember - God had **promised** to make a **Great Nation** - Out of **Abraham's Son Isaac** - **His Only True Son with Sarah**

**& in Genesis 22:1-2 (ESV)**

***1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."***

***2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."***

**EXCUUSE ME ??? - Can you REPEAT that Please ? [REPEAT v.2]**

(v.1) God was **TESTING** Abraham - But Abraham **Didn't KNOW** that

& **Notice** in **v.2** - God says - ***"take your only son, whom you love"*** - & Offer him **ON MT MORIAH**

**This is VERY SIGNIFICANT Language**

**Mt Moriah** is a **Ridge** that **became** the **City of JERUSALEM**

**On this Ridge** called **Mt Moriah** - Soloman Built the **TEMPLE**

& on the **Highest point** of this **Ridge** -is the place we call **GOLGATHA** **Where God** offered up **His only Son**, Whom He loves

**That's** about **as Significant** as it **Gets**

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**& so - in the Nxt Vs we read - Genesis 22:3 (ESV)**

**3 So Abraham rose early in the morning . . .**

**Abraham set out - Believing God MORE than His Circumstances -  
& willing to OBEY God - Because He TRUSTED GOD**

**God said he was going to make a Nation out of Abraham's son**

**& Hebrews 11:19 says - *Abraham had faith that God was able even to raise his son from the dead - to accomplish his promise***

**& so after 3 days - During which time  
Abraham considering his son - DEAD**

**When they came to Mt Moriah - where one day a Cross would stand  
Abraham tied his son to the altar - & Lifted a Knife to SLAY HIM**

**& in Gen 22:11 - The Angel of the Lord called out  
ABRAHAM, ABRAHAM - & stopped him at the last second**

**& Then we read in Genesis 22:13 (ESV)  
*13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.***

**Gen 22 is Over-Flowing with Eternal Significance**

**& it so clearly points to the death of Jesus Christ on the cross  
That we wonder how anyone can miss it**

**But for our study today - The Focus is . . . → →**

At this POINT - Abraham Fully & Completed understood God's Plan  
To use a SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE in our place

Abraham's son was Req to Die - But God allowed an Innocent Ram  
to Die INSTEAD of Abraham's son - Literally - IN HIS PLACE

At that point - Abraham was Totally ON BOARD  
With the Substitutionary Sacrifice Answer to our Prob of Sin

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& we Remember 2 Msgs ago - The PASSOVER

Where an Innocent Lamb was slain - so that the Angel of Death  
would PASS-OVER the house of the Israelites

From there - God Delivered the LAW to Israel

& the Concept of a "Substitutionary Sacrifice"  
REALLY became Part of the daily lives of God's People

The Book of LEVITICUS - "Lays Out" the Required Sacrifices  
For Israel to be in "Right Standing" with God

& it's said often - There is BLOOD splattered ALL OVER Leviticus

There is SO MUCH Blood Running Thru Leviticus  
That MANY People are completely TURNED OFF By it

That's because - we don't understand the SERIOUSNESS of our SIN  
& we don't understand the CONSEQUENCES of our SIN

& an Overview of LEVITICUS will Def Help CURE you of that

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**A Key Vs in LEV is - Leviticus 17:11 (ESV)**

**11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.**

We've **GOT** to **understand** this Word - **ATONEMENT**

**Maybe** the **Best way** to **Understand** it is - **AT-ONEMENT**  
**Meaning** - **Atonement** makes us **AT ONE** with **God**

**AT-ONEMENT** is **God's Method** of **RECONCILING** us to **Himself**

**Our SIN** - **VIOLATES** the **HOLINESS** of God

& it **Requires** a **Sentence** of **Separation from God** (ult death)

& that **Sentence of Separation** from God - Can **ONLY** be **Averted**  
by a **Substitutionary Death** - **In Our Place** (*which brings Atonement*)

**By the Blood of that Sacrifice in our Place**

**God's Judgment** Upon Sin is **MET**

& **We** are **Restored** to a **RIGHT Relationship** with Him

**THIS** is the **Act** of **ATONEMENT**

& it is **God's SOLUTION** to the **Problem**  
of Our **SIN Requiring** His **Judgment**

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& (agn) we **don't like LEV** - **Because** we **don't** like the **SERIOUSNESS**  
of our **Sin** - & we don't like to **SEE** the **CONSEQUENCES**

But **imagine** having to **regularly bring** an **innocent animal**  
to **DIE** - to **ATONE** for your **Sin**

Time after Time - Watching the BLOOD of an Innocent Sacrifice  
being spilled - so YOU could be Made Right with God - AGAIN

It would be a Graphic Reminder - of the Seriousness -  
& the Consequences - of YOUR SIN

& you would be GRATEFUL - that Animal Died IN YOUR PLACE  
So that YOU wouldn't have to

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The Most FAMOUS Picture of this ATONEMENT in the O.T.  
Is a Day that is still celebrated by Jews TODAY . . .

YOM KIPPUR - The Day of Atonement

We're dealing with 3 MAJOR Ch's on Atonement & Substitutionary  
Sacrifice - Would you WRITE Them DOWN for Later

GENESIS 22 - Abraham Offering Isaac

LEVITICUS 16 - The Day of Atonement

HEBREWS 9-10 - Christ's ONCE for ALL Sacrifice

Let's do the Day of Atonement - in LEVITICUS 16

At the Beginning of LEV 16 - God spells out VERY DETAILED  
instruc's for how the High Priests are to come before God

& God does this referring back to Aaron's own 2 sons who were  
KILLED by God for approaching God "Their Own Way"

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**& then Lev 16 spells out the “Day of Atonement” for Israel**

**One Day** a Year - The **High Priest** would **enter** into the **Presence of God** - to **ATONE** for the **Sins** of the People

**Sacrifices** were **being made continually** - -

But the **“Day of Atonement”** - this is the **BIG DAY**

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**According** to the **Law** Given of Moses - **Inside** the **Tabernacle** was a **room designated** as **“The Holy of Holies”**

**In this room** was the **Ark of the Covenant** which was a **box** about **4 ft long & 2 ft wide**

**Inside** the **Ark** was the **10 Commandments** **Representing** God’s **Holy Requirements** of the **Law**

**The LID** of the **Ark** was **Solid Gold** - & called **“The Mercy Seat”** **Above** the Mercy Seat - were **2 Cherubim** touching wings

& **there** - **above** the **Mercy Seat** - **Dwelt** the **Shekinah Glory** of God

**There** is **SO MUCH** in **The Tabernacle** that **SO CLEARLY** Points to **Jesus Christ** - *It is truly Mind-Blowing*

**I Rec: The Tabernacle: Shadows of the Messiah, David Levy**  
It will *Blow Your Mind*

So - **On** the **Day of Atonement** **after** a lengthy **preparation** . . .

We read a **SUMMARY** in **Lev 16** → → →

## **Leviticus 16:6–10 (ESV)**

**6 “Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house.**

‘make atonement’ in HEB = Kippur, as in Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

**7 Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord at the entrance of the tent of meeting.**

**8 And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel.**

2nd Goat became known as the Azazel - or “Scapegoat”

**9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord and use it as a sin offering,**

**10 but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.**

So - The High Priest would 1st Sacrifice a BULL, for His Own Sins

& he would sprinkle that blood - onto the Mercy Seat  
*between the Presence of God - & Tablets of God’s Law*

Then 2 Goats were chosen

One was slain - & its blood was sprinkled onto the Mercy Seat  
*between the Presence of God - & Tablets of God’s Law*

The Other goat (Azazel) was called “The Scapegoat”

& Lev 16:21 says - The High Priest was to Lay his hands on the Head of the Scapegoat - Symbolically transferring the sins of the people onto the goat

& then the goat would be led away into the wilderness  
Never to Return (*as in ‘as far as the East is from the West*)

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**SO - The Mercy Seat Covered the Law - & the Blood of the Sacrifice  
Literally Covered the Mercy Seat**

& when **God looked down** from **above** the **Ark**  
He **saw the BLOOD** as a **Substitutionary Sacrifice**

**Covering** the **Mercy Seat** - & **Paying** the **Penalty** for the People's **SIN**

& **then** - **So that** the **people** could **fully understand** . . .  
**Their sins** were **symbolically placed** on the **Scapegoat**

& **that goat** was **Permanently sent away** from them -  
**NEVER** to return - & **Carrying their Sins** with it

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Now - **Day of Atonement** was **NOT** the **only time** of **Sacrifice** -  
**Sacrifices** were **occurring continually** - Espec at **Festival** Times

**The Blood** that **Flowed** for the **Atonement of Sin**  
was **never** **“Finished”** - - The **Penalty of Sin** was **never** **“Satisfied”**

**Jewish Historians** write about **so much blood** flowing  
during festivals times in Jerusalem

That **the blood** was **carried** from the **Altar** to the **Kidron valley**  
by **Two Drain Channels**

& **during** those times of **Sacrifice**  
the **Kidron Valley** would **run RED** with **BLOOD**

& **the BLOOD** of the **Substitutionary Sacrifices**  
**RUNNING RED** all around **Israel**

Was a **NON-STOP Reminder**  
of **what** was **Required BY God** to **ATONE for Sin**

**HOWEVER . . . . These Sacrifices were only TEMPORARY  
They only temporarily 'covered over' the people's sin**

They were **Constantly REPEATED** - **Because** they were **NEVER MEANT** to be **Permanent** or Final - **Nor Could They Be**

**Every Single One** of those **Sacrifices** - was **Looking Forward**  
to the **Ultimate & Final Sacrifice** . . .

To the **Final DAY of ATONEMENT !!**

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**Turn Over to Hebrews Ch 9**

ALL of **God's Plan of Redemption** **CULMINATES, FINALIZES,**  
**& CONCLUDES,** - IN JESUS CHRIST

Again - **Write** these **Vs's** Down - **Heb 9:11-10:25** - & **READ** them pls  
& **For TIME-Sake** - I have to **read** these vs's **from the NLT**

**Remember** - we're talking about **Sacrifice & Atonement**  
& about the **DAY of ATONEMENT** in the Tabernacle

**Now listen to Hebrews 9:11–12 (NLT)**

*11 So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.*

*12 With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.*

**God's Plan of Redemption based** on an **ATONING Sacrifice**  
Is **Eternally FULFILLED** in the **Final Sacrifice** of **Jesus Christ**

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I'm going to read a huge section in Heb Ch 9 - Stay w/ Me

### Hebrews 9:23–28 (NLT)

**23 That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals.**

**24 For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.**

**25 And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal.**

**26 If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.**

**27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,**

**28 so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people . . .**

**THAT'S IT - Right There - *Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many . . .***

**MEANING ALL who would put their FAITH in Him**

The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ was the Fulfillment of ALL of God's Plan - to Deal with Man's SIN thru an ATONING Sacrifice

& that's not QUITE the END of the Story . . .

The REMAINDER of HEB 9:28 says → →

**Heb 9:28 . . . He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.**

Jesus **came to DEAL** with Sin **ONCE** - That's **IT**  
**THAT - IS FINISHED - TETELESTAI !!!**

But Jesus **IS coming BACK** Again - **Not to Aton** for our sins **again**

But **to USHER ALL** Who've **Put** their **FAITH** in **HIM**  
**INTO Eternal Salvation !!!**

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Guys - **All** of the **Sacrifice** and **Atonement**  
that **SURROUNDED** the Nation of Israel **in BLOOD . . .**

**ALL** of those Sacrifices **POINTED**  
to the **ONCE & FOR ALL Sacrifice** of **Jesus Christ**

**Every single ACT** of **Atonement** in the O.T.  
**Pointed** to the **One & Only Eternal ATONEMENT . . .**

**Offered** to **ANY Person** who will - **By Faith**  
**RECEIVE** the **Salvation from SIN** - Offered **THRU Jesus Christ**

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**God's Plan of Redemption** has **NEVER Changed**  
It's **Been Building** since the **Day SIN Entered** the **World**

& thru **the Law** - & thru The **Life of Israel** - we see . . .

**God's Plan of Redemption** centers **around**  
a **Substitutionary Sacrifice** that **ATONES** for our Sin

## **Ultimately God Has Only One Way For You To Be Made Right With Him**

**That is thru Faith - in the Final & Ultimate  
Substitutionary Sacrifice of Jesus Christ - IN YOUR PLACE**

**Jesus DIED as the Innocent SUBSTITUTIONARY Sacrifice  
He Died IN YOUR PLACE - So YOU Wouldn't HAVE TO**

**& the Only Way you can Be cleansed of Your Sin  
& be made RIGHT with GOD . . .**

**Is to put your Full Faith & Trust  
in God's PLAN of Redemption . . .**

**That was FULFILLED  
in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross**

**& if you've never Put Your Faith in God's Plan to SAVE YOU  
I want to ask you to do that - Right Now**

**Let's Pray**