

Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

Chapter 23

**“Rest Thee, Part 6:
Day of Atonement”**

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Scripture – Leviticus 23:26-32, 34, 39-44

Notice the outline of the Holy Convocations in **Lev 23**. They start with the lamb sacrificed, and end with a Holy Day of rest; that is God's provision for humanity, an everlasting rest provided for by the blood of the Lamb of God.

Day of Atonement:

10th day of seventh month

Ten days after Trumpets

Humble your souls (Not a feast, but a fast)

Not resting → death penalty

“yom kippurim” only found in **Lev 23:27,28; 25:9**

Leviticus 23:27 “. . . you shall humble your souls . . .”

“humble” carries the idea of being afflicted, disturbed, oppressed; silent; submitted. The Day of Atonement was not a feast day, it was a fast day, a day of introspection, self-judgment, and humility before God.

The fulfillment of this day will be required of Israel, because she rejected her Savior. This day of reckoning with will happen at the end of the Tribulation period.

Jeremiah 30:3-8 The Jews will be brought back to their land. There will be a time of trouble, “Jacob's distress,” that will be as terrible as a man giving birth. God will deliver them. Israel will then serve the LORD and the resurrected David. After 1900 years, Israel was reconstituted as a nation in 1948; the remainder of this prophecy has yet to be fulfilled. Some see the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 as the time of Jacob's distress, but the magnitude of that calamity does not match how God describes it.

Daniel 12:1 ... a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time...

Matthew 24:21 ... a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

Zechariah 11:1-3 Poetic description of the destruction of Israel

Vv 4-6 God has committed Israel to destruction, because they have turned from Him; He calls Zechariah to be a shepherd to illustrate a point to them, and to us.

Vv 7,8 The three bad shepherds might be the elders, chief priests, scribes (Luke 9:22).

Vv 9-11 This good shepherd turns them over to the outcome they have chosen for themselves.

Vv 12,13 Israel paid 30 pieces of silver to make this good shepherd go away. The money was thrown to the potter.

Matthew 26:14-16 Israel paid 30 pieces of silver to make the Good Shepherd go away.

Matthew 27:5-10 The money was thrown to the potter, in fulfillment of this 500-year-old prophecy.

John 1:11,12,26 Israel did not accept Jesus, their Messiah.

Romans 11:25-27 Israel will be united with her Messiah, after the “fullness of the Gentiles has come in,” after the Tribulation period.

Zechariah 12:1-3 All the nations will gather against Israel, to their own destruction. Who are we to say the words of the Creator of heaven and earth will not come to pass, just as He says?

Vv 4,5 Israel will realize that the LORD is fighting for her.

Vv 6-9 God will defeat Israel's enemies, and defend His temple. Even the weakest warrior will be like King David.

V 10 “they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son” Israel will realize that Jesus was, and is, God, and that their people crucified Him.

Vv 11-14 Every individual will personally grieve at his or her individual sin, and at what the Jew did to the Messiah.

13:1 This will be the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement given in **Leviticus 23**.

John 7:1-39 Jesus offered Israel this saving, living water, on this very occasion during His earthly ministry. But, they rejected Him.

Psalms 36:7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. **8**

They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house;

And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. **9** For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

The fountain of life of Jesus's blood is freely available to anyone.