

LEVITICUS 16 vs 1

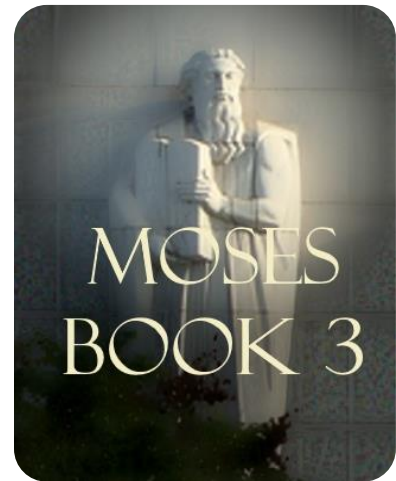
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The book of Leviticus ends with building the first temple in Jerusalem. More than 50 times in this book, we read the Lord spoke to Moses; and they built the temple according to the pattern God gave to Moses. And what is written here is for the benefit of all Israel, literally all who are ruled by God.

The Day of Atonement

¹ Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before the Lord, and died; ² and the Lord said to Moses: Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.



³ Thus Aaron will come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. ⁴ He will put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he will be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he will be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he will wash his body in water, and put them on. ⁵ And he will take from the assembly of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

⁶ Aaron will offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷ He will take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the Tent of meeting. ⁸ Then Aaron will cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹ And Aaron will bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat will be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

¹¹ And Aaron will bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and will kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself. ¹² Then he will take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. ¹³ And he will put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die. ¹⁴ He will take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he will sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

¹⁵ Then he will kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. ¹⁶ So he will make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their

sins; and so he will do for the Tent of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ¹⁷ There will be no man in the Tent of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. ¹⁸ And he will go out to the altar that is before the Lord, and make atonement for it, and will take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. ¹⁹ Then he will sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

²⁰ And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the Tent of meeting, and the altar, he will bring the live goat. ²¹ Aaron will lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and will send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. ²² The goat will bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he will release the goat in the wilderness.

²³ Then Aaron will come into the Tent of meeting, will take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and will leave them there. ²⁴ And he will wash his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. ²⁵ The fat of the sin offering he will burn on the altar. ²⁶ And he who released the goat as the scapegoat will wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. ²⁷ The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, will be carried outside the camp. And they will burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal. ²⁸ Then he who burns them will wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

²⁹ This will be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you will afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. ³⁰ For on that day the priest will make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord. ³¹ It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you will afflict your souls. It is a statute forever. ³² And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, will make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; ³³ then he will make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he will make atonement for the Tent of meeting and for the altar, and he will make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. ³⁴ This will be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year. And he did as the Lord instructed Moses.

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