

LEVITICUS 16

YOM KIPPUR



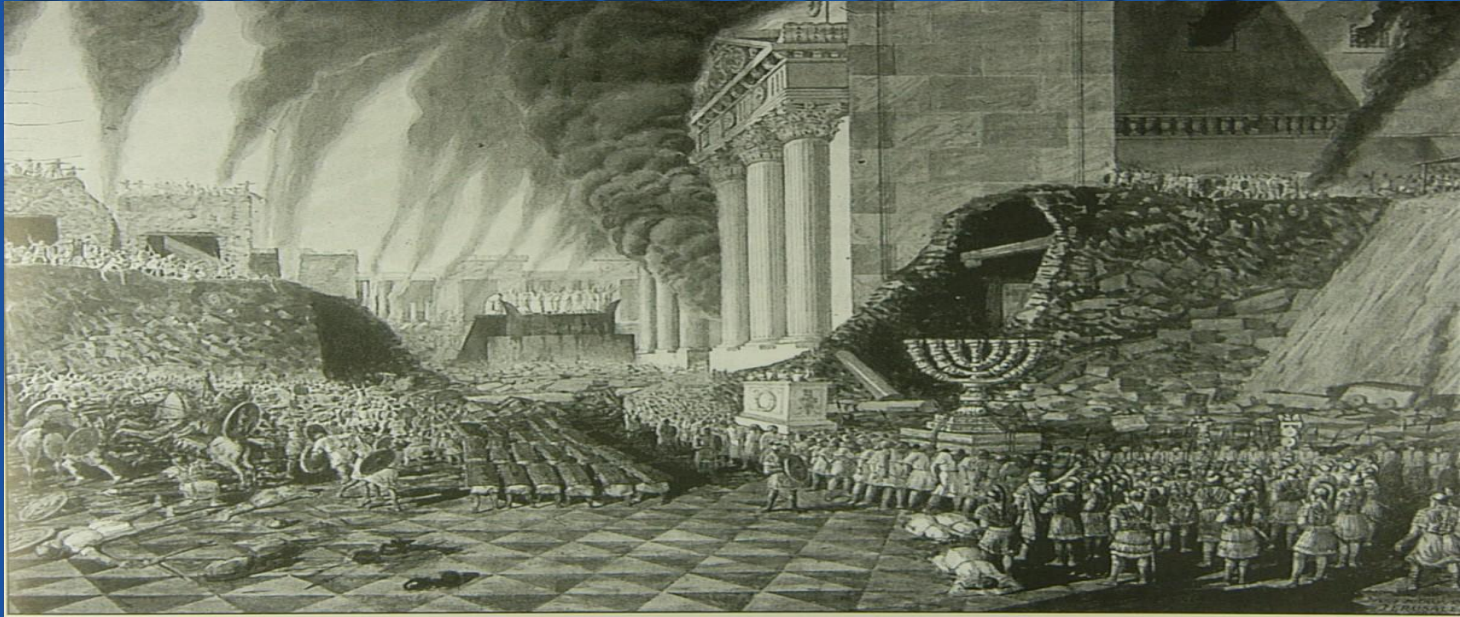
- Scripture is NOT doctrine and doctrine is NOT Holy Scripture!
- How do Christians discovering their Hebrew faith roots deal with **TRADITION?**
- Biblical dietary laws (Lev.11 & Deut.14) are less than **3 pages** total
- Jewish Tradition about diet is **thousands** of pages

SEPARATING JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITION FROM THE WORD OF GOD

- We do NOT want to throw the baby out with the bathwater!
- Many “traditions” are useful, meaningful, beautiful, and full of truth....others are NOT
- No need to make praise and worship bland and sterile
- Few Hebrew commentators directly addressed Lev.16, most discussed *the Traditions* about Yom Kippur

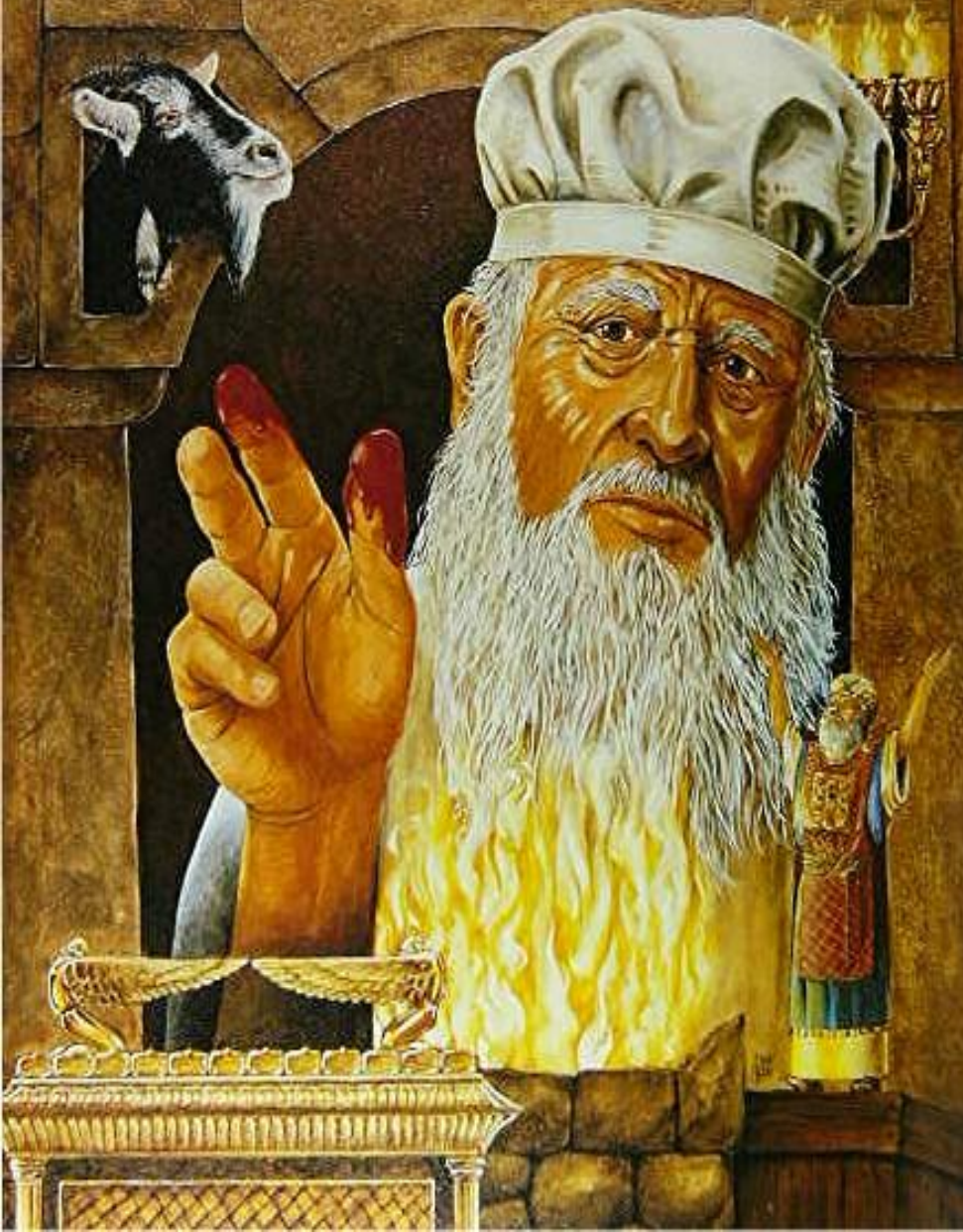


YOM KIPPUR PRACTICES CHANGED DRAMATICALLY AFTER 70 AD



- 70 AD Temple destroyed, never rebuilt to this day
- Temple is **REQUIRED** for all the rituals of Leviticus
- How to observe feasts, holy days, purification rites after the Temple was gone?
- Not all things were meant to be continued. Yeshua fulfilled many of the Temple rituals
- **BELIEVERS ARE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE CONSECRATED AND THE MERELY COMMENDABLE**

YOM KIPPUIR



THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

- *Two purposes:*
- 1) Purify the Tabernacle (and later the Temple)
- 2) Purify the priests and the common Israelites
- **REASON:**
- If Yehoveh's earthly dwelling place was defiled, He could not be present there

HOW DID THE TABERNACLE BECOME DEFILED?

- A Priest not properly performing his duties
- Unclean food accidentally being used
- Someone touching a dead body enters the grounds
- Uncleanness, to some degree, is UNAVOIDABLE!
- Uncleanness is a state that can be entered with NO moral failure on the part of the person (no longer so for Believers)
- No watertight connection between avoiding sin and avoiding impurity

APPROACHING GOD IS DANGEROUS

- Yehoveh will not tolerate a violation of His holiness
- In Lev. 16, Aaron's sons deaths were very recent
- God explains to Moses in vs. 2 how Aaron can avoid the same fate
- High Priest may only enter when God says he can
- ONLY 1 day per year,
on Yom Kippur

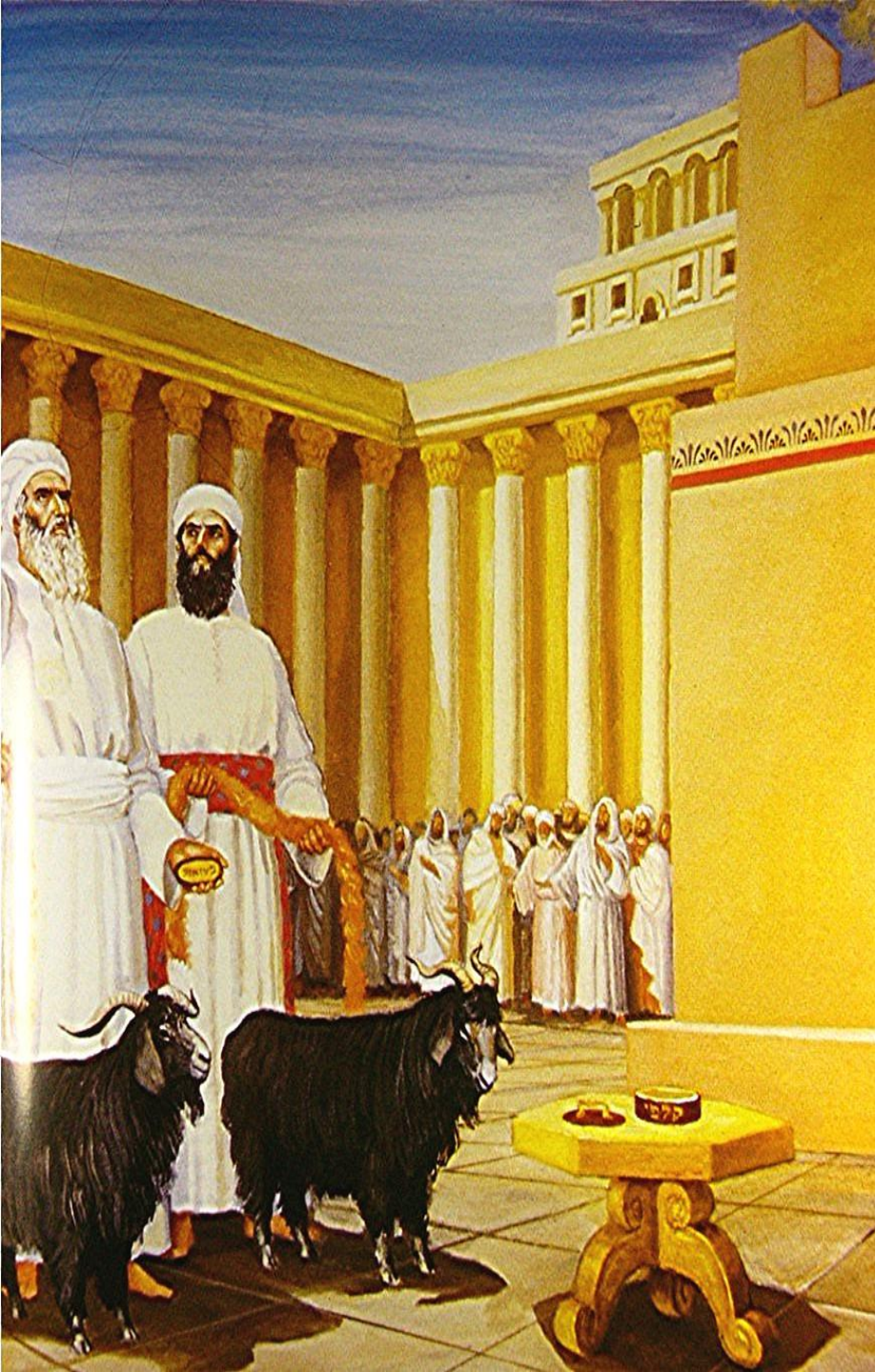
Nadav and Avihu killed



AARON ENTERS THE HOLY OF HOLIES



- Young bull for Hatta'at offering
- Ram for 'Olah offering
- High Priest was to wear plain white linen garments inside the Holy of Holies
- High Priest was the holiest man in Israel, but before God his holiness was as nothing
- ***NAS Revelation 19:8 And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.***



THE SCAPEGOAT RITUAL

- 2 male goats
- Lots are cast to choose the goats' fates
- One lot "for Yehoveh", and the other lot "for Azazel"
- The word "scapegoat" is usually substituted for Azazel in most translations

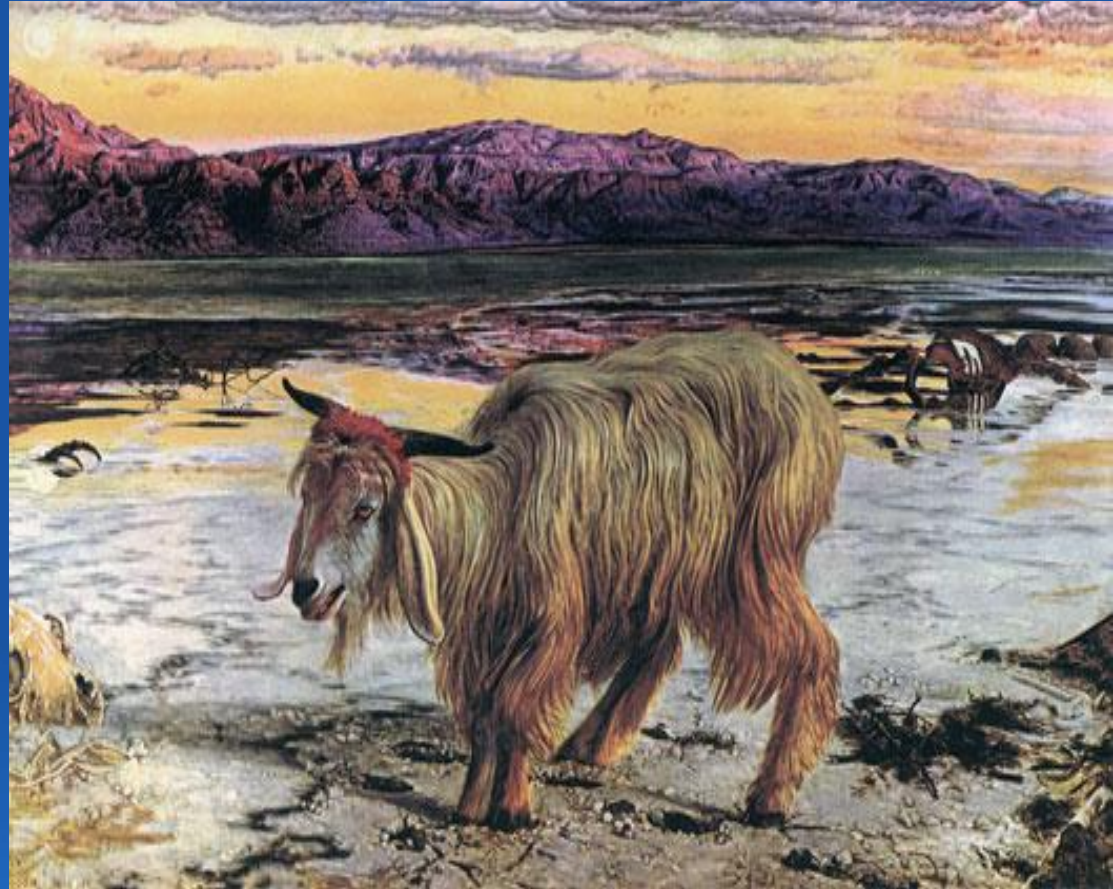


AZAZEL

- Most interpretations:
 - 1) means “complete destruction”
 - 2) “rocky precipice”
VERY unlikely!
- In book of Enoch, Azazel is a demon (mythology)
- Azazel *might* represent Satan

GOAT FOR AZAZEL NOT TO BE RITUALLY SLAUGHTERED

- Goat for Yehoveh WILL be ritually killed
- Goat for Azazel is expected to die in the Wilderness (desert)



- Hot coals taken for Altar of Burnt Offering
- Incense added
- Kapporet = Mercy Seat
- Smoke:
 - 1) Obscures God so that Aaron does not look upon Him and die
 - 2) Connected to cloud which guided Israel

Smoke was PROTECTION
for Aaron

Blood sprinkled on Kapporet,
eastward (front of Mercy Seat)

Bull's blood (for Aaron), and
Goat's blood for all Israel





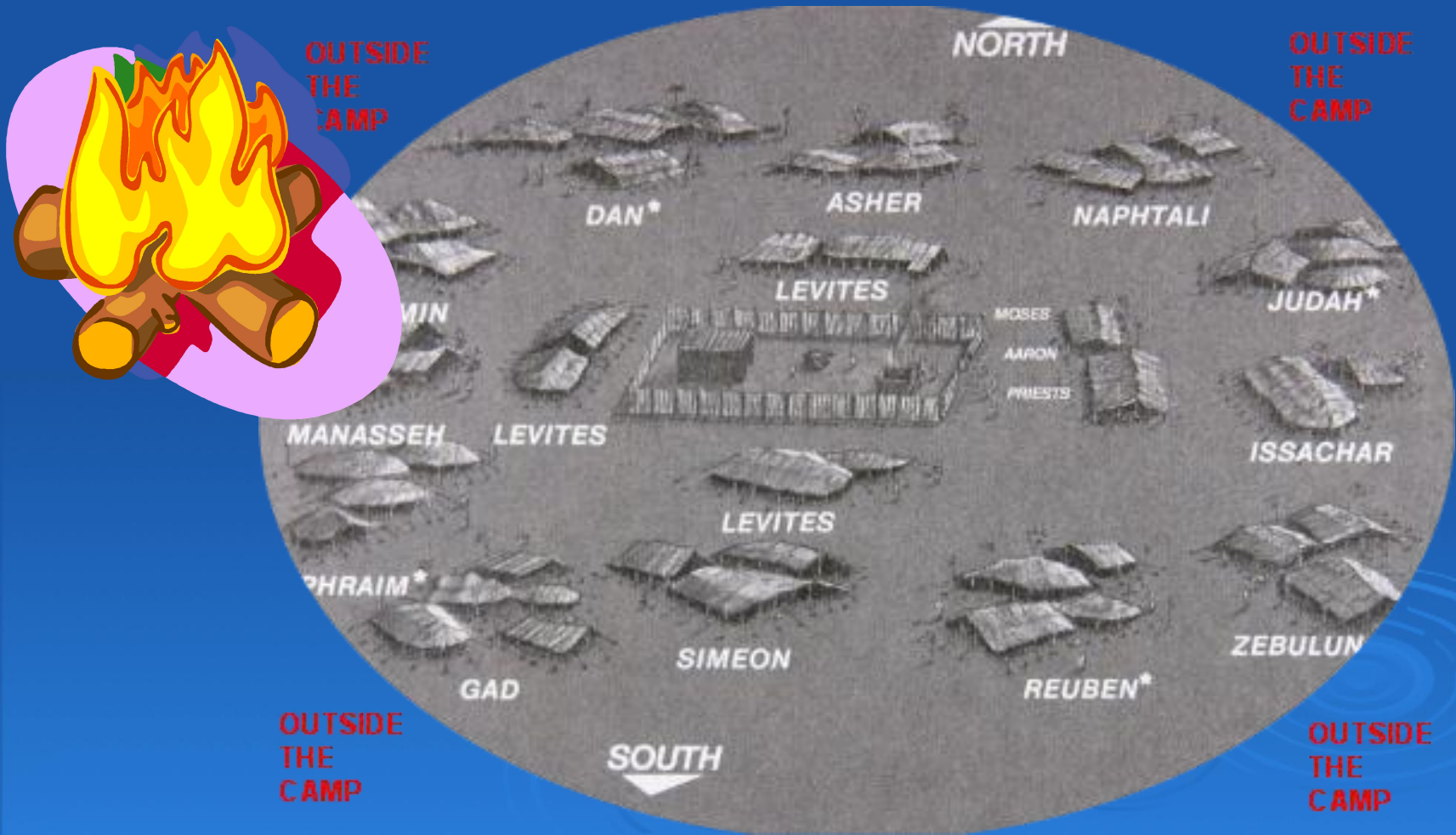
- Next, the Altar or Burnt Offering is cleansed with the Bull's and Goat's blood
- High Priest lays hands on "scapegoat's" head
- Transfers sins from all Israel onto the goat
- Goat sent out into wilderness (sins sent far away)
- Wilderness often considered a place of evil....of cast-out demons being sent into the dry Wilderness

MORE ON AZAZEL

- Azazel thought to be a demon ruler of the Wilderness
- Two goats: **One** set-apart for holiness (for God), and **the other** will be a DEPOSITORY for Israel's sin and uncleanness
- Scapegoat loaded up with evil, and sent BACK to it's source....the Evil One
- Azazel in book of Enoch was a fallen angel, given jurisdiction over sorcery and magic. His domain was the desert wilderness. MYTH!!
- God mocking Satan?

Verses 25 – 28: Only specified parts of the Hatta'at sacrifices are to be burnt-up on the Altar. Remainder to be taken **OUTSIDE THE CAMP** and destroyed.

This act is **GETTING RID** of that which is not for God. That which is not for God will burn.



DAY OF ATONEMENT OBSERVANCES CHANGED

- 10th Day of the 7th Month of the Year
- Yom Kippur a super-Shabbat
- NOT a 7th day Shabbat, rather a special one
- Afflict one's self = deprive, Fasting
- Tradition makes it a day of abstaining
- Was made for Israelite and those who sojourn with Israel
- This is a “law for the ages”
Permanent



TRADITIONS OF YOM KIPPUR SINCE DESTRUCTION OF TEMPLE

KAPPAROT



- God judges a person on Yom Kippur
- 10 days of penitence begins on Rosh Hashanah
- Tallit can be worn at EVENING service (normally only mornings)
- No longer a NATIONAL, but an INDIVIDUAL purpose
- Kapparot
- Belief that today prayer, repentance and good deeds atone
- Persons own death atones for grave sins
- Hebrews 9 about Yom Kippur