

ATONEMENT, DAY OF FASTING
GOD'S SET TIME TO WORSHIP HIM.

The Day of Atonement is different than other holy days in that we are to fast on that day. No food or water taken adults. This day has a special meaning. Its name alone says a lot (at-one-ment) with Yeshua. We are commanded by God to give up our most valued life consuming need, food and water, for 24 hours to honor Him. This year of 2013 falls on the 17th day of Sept. according to our Roman calendar but on the tenth day of Tisri by God's calendar.

Jerusalem's time is about 7- 8 hours (depending on summer or winter) different from our time, for instance when it is noon here the sun is going down there. This info can be found on the internet by typing in the search line "Jerusalem Time" and there you will find a lot of info about it. All days are from sundown to sundown. If we keep the holy days, here in the U.S.A., by Jerusalem time we would start keeping the day of Atonement at noon, on the 16th, and end on the following day at noon. When we first started wondering about these things we happened to find in Nehemiah 13:17-19 an explanation that we decided if the timing of the Sabbath depended on the sun going down on the gates of Jerusalem, does it not still stand for a time to keep the Sabbath, as well as when to keep the holy days and the new moons?

Some might ask, "Isn't this just a lot of Jewish religious teachings? Not from what Paul taught, he was called to teach the Gentiles.

So we started studying about the new converts where Paul told the Gentile church not to let anyone judge them because of their keeping the Sabbath, new moons, and holy days. Col. 2:15-16 Did you notice the new moon is mentioned right in the middle? And that this new Gentile church had been taught by Paul to keep these days, otherwise there would not have been a need for him to give them this advice. They lived among pagan idol worshipers who were criticizing them for keeping these days. Then we had to look for a reason for the new moon at all. What did the moon have to do with anything? After several months of studying we found the reason. The new moons tell "when" to keep the holy days and even when the first of the year and the first of months begin! God has never changed his calendar, but man has changed it. For a detailed explanation of the new moon read the study on the web page title "All About God's Calendar". It is a real eye opener. This may sound very confusing at first but all you have to remember is to go by Jerusalem time and watch for the crescent of the new moon to appear, either on the 29th or 30th of each month (God's months not our months). The month's names are given in the Bible. See them at the bottom of the page.

Getting back to the Day of Atonement: When the new moon was sighted (by our time) on the seventh of Sept, that was the first day of the seventh month, Tishri, by God's calendar (Lev. 23:27-32). Then nine days later, at sundown (Jerusalem time) begins the Day of Atonement. Since the resurrection of Yeshua the day of Atonement represents a time when Yeshua will return and collect his called out ones (church) and will give them eternal life. At this point they will be made "at-one-ment" with him. No longer will they need food and water to live, they will be as he is, a spirit being. We can read about this in Revelation 20:6 and many other scriptures throughout the Bible. Doing without food and water represents the suffering that preceded the martyred's reward of eternal life.

They have and will give their lives for their faith in Yeshua. Do they not inspire us to be in that wonderful state with our loving savior? We can rejoice in knowing we may be in that blessed group if we have the right attitude about pleasing him!

God's Calendar ----- Roman Calendar

1. Nisan or Abib ----- mid April New years day.

2. Zif or Zin ----- May first day unlvn bread. and last day of unlvn bread.
3. Sivian ----- June Pentecost
4. Tammuz ----- July
5. Ab ----- August
6. Elul ----- Sept./Oct.
7. Trumpets, Atonement, first day of Tabernacles, and Last Great Day. Tisri ----- “ / “
8. Bul ----- Nov.
9. Chisleu ----- Dec.
10. Tebeth ----- Jan.
11. Sebat ----- Feb.
12. Adar ----- March

The way the first day of the year is figured is when the barley is sighted in the ear, (new growth) in Jerusalem, the very next new moon is the first of the year moon. Sometimes the 4 holy days cause an overlap on Sept. and Oct.. A new moon (first day of the month) can occur on any day of the Roman calendar, but is always on the 29th or 30th from the previous month, on God’s calendar. If the new moon is not sighted on the 29th it is always a new month on the 30th.

**MORE ABOUT
DAY OF ATONEMENT**

Atonement == The 5th high day of the seven high days of God's annual Sabbaths. This is the holy day that is ongoing and yet to be totally fulfilled as a shadow of Christ's coming as a warrior, claiming his position as King of kings, and gathering his elect (144,000 Israelites) and the two groups of martyrs who resisted Satan's system. These martyrs have received the atonement described by Paul in Rom. 5:8-19 and are made “at-one-ment” with Yahweh. But he will totally destroy the wicked remaining on the earth. Satan will be imprisoned for one thousand years. Rev. 20:1-2 During this thousand years the land will enjoy it's rest, and will be “cleansed” or atoned **. Only a few people, mostly Gentile, will survive, enough for the beginning of a new age and a new civilization. Christ and his saints educate and lead the new age to restructure and cleanse the earth and restores (**) the world's government under his system, for a period of one thousand years. Is this not the time of "the fullness of the Gentiles"? Rom. 11:25 These Gentile nations will, with the supervision of Yeshua and the resurrected saints, prepare the earth for the next great resurrection of Israel to occur "after" the thousand years. Paul continues in verse 26, "And so all Israel shall be saved...."v.27 "For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins." Other scriptures tell us when that will actually happen. See Eze. 36:24-29. Rev.20:5-6 and Ezek. 37:1-14 Compare these last scriptures carefully and you will discover some exciting future events.

Below is the definition of the word “atonement”:

03722 rpk kaphar kaw-far’

a primitive root; TWOT - 1023,1024,1025,1026; v AV - atonement 71, purge 7, reconciliation 4, reconcile 3, forgive 3, purge away 2, pacify 2, atonement...made 2, merciful 2, cleansed 1, disannulled 1, appease 1, put off 1, pardon 1, pitch 1; 102

1) to cover, purge, make an atonement, make reconciliation, cover over with pitch

1a) (Qal) to coat or cover with pitch

1b) (Piel)

1b1) to cover over, pacify, propitiate

1b2) to cover over, atone for sin, make atonement for

1b3) to cover over, atone for sin and persons by legal rites

1c) (Pual)

1c1) to be covered over

1c2) to make atonement for

1d) (Hithpael) to be covered

**The same meanings of purge, cleanse, and reconcile can be derived from both these numbers from Strong’s Concordance (#03725 from #03722 for Atonement and #02398 for Cleanse).

Le 23:27 Also <0389> on the tenth <06218> day of this seventh <07637> month <02320> there shall be a day <03117> of atonement <03725>: it shall be an holy <06944> convocation <04744> unto you; and ye shall afflict <06031> (8765) your souls <05315>, and offer <07126> (8689) an offering made by fire <0801> unto the LORD <03068>. Le 23:28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

Le 25:9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

Nu 8:19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

Nu 8:21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

Nu 15:25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:

Nu 15:28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.