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The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23: 26-31; Leviticus 16)

- 7 festivals a year, any male 12 years old was to go Jerusalem 3x a year
- Last week we looked at the Feast of Trumpets, first day of the 7th month
- Trumpet was synonymous with the very voice of God speaking to Israel
Exodus 19:19; 20:18-21 God's voice was terrifying, Moses feared
- Feast of trumpets was a memorial calling Israel to prepare to meet God.
- 9 days later was the Day of Atonement – a day of reckon for Israel's sin

I. Old Testament Legislation (Leviticus 23:26-31; 16:1-35)

A. The work of the priest

- vv.1-3 Aaron could only come before the Lord at the appointed time
- Aaron offered a bull for his sins and the sins of his family (vv. 5-6)
- For the people of Israel, he was to offer up one goat (v. 15)
- He sprinkled blood on the mercy seat & on the east side of the altar (x7)
- He was to make atonement for the holy place because of Israel's sin (v.16)
- V 20-22, lay hands on the living goat & send it into the wilderness

B. The Response of the People (16: 29- 32; 23: 26-31)

- Afflict their souls, keep a holy sabbath from sunup to sundown - no work
- Cut off anyone who does not afflict their soul, destroy one who works.

II. The New Testament Fulfillment and Application

- Blood of goats & bulls could never perfect the sinner (Hebrews 10: 4)
- Christ is our Passover Lamb sacrificed for our sins (Heb 9: 10-15)