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**Introduction**

This week we have a double portion that normally go together due to their subject. The first portion, Acharei Mot, picks up after the death of Nadab and Abihu who had offered strange fire and died because of it. The second portion, Kedoshim, contains a distillation of the essence of Torah-instruction.

**Leviticus 16:3-10**

**3** "Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup> "He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall bathe his body in water and put them on. <sup>5</sup> "He shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. <sup>6</sup> "Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household. <sup>7</sup> "He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. <sup>8</sup> "Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. <sup>9</sup> "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell and make it a sin offering. <sup>10</sup> **"But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat.** (NAU)

<05799> אֲזָזֵל *azazel* (736d)

**Meaning:** *entire removal*

**Origin:** from an unused word

**Usage:** scapegoat(4).

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Lit *goat of removal*, or else a name: *Azazel*

One goat lives the other one dies. The goat that dies is the one for the Lord, while the one that lives is sent away and is the scapegoat. In many ways, both goats can be seen as pictures of the Messiah. Both are for the sin of the people, but one is to die for that sin, and the other will live but is sent away into the wilderness. The scapegoat is known in Hebrew as Azazel. Azazel is translated as *entire removal*. The scapegoat carries away the entire sin of Israel into the wilderness. It is sent away as alive and can be seen as the Messiah taking our sins upon Himself and offering us the gift of eternal life. On the one hand, we see Messiah taking our sins upon Himself and dying so that we can live. The flip side is we live, our sins are removed, and laid upon Yeshua who chose to die for us, but the goat goes into the wilderness to wander around.

The story is the goat wandered back to the camp, and in fear of their sins coming back upon them, the rabbis instructed the goat was to be taken to a cliff and pushed off to prevent it from coming back. Here is the problem with this: The intent, on the part of the Lord, was to show Israel their sins could be removed, but if the goat is killed, it defeats the lesson the Lord wanted Israel to learn. Sin is always there waiting to enter.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your **adversary** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (ESV)

<476> ἀντίδικος *antidikos*

**Meaning:** an opponent, adversary

Satan is an opponent who is constantly on the lookout for someone to draw into his web of lies and deceit. Is it also possible that the goat that dies as an offering to the Lord is the Messiah Yeshua? The goat that lives and carries the sins of Israel into the wilderness is the adversary, Satan, prowling around looking to come back and lay some of those sins on the back of others.

### **Amos 9:11-15**

**11** "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old; <sup>12</sup> That they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name," declares the LORD who does this. <sup>13</sup> "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will be dissolved. <sup>14</sup> "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*; they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine and make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> "I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them," says the LORD your God. (NAU)

Sin has been the downfall of man since the garden. It has almost been as if he could not control himself or herself, so the fall from grace was swift and brought with it broad consequences that continue down to our day. In fact, it seems that we are multiplying these sins because we accept abnormal behavior as normal because society has been turned upside down. Does this mean that the time prophesied as the tribulation is coming,

and the anti-messiah will be revealed? No one can say unless the sequence of events that spell out the Fall Festivals takes place. No matter how bad it might be, we have seen and read about similar events taking place in the past. The morale of the story is, *Are you ready?* Are you holding on to Messiah for dear life, for that is the essential point, people? Messiah is our rock who will see us through what is coming. It won't be "Tom, Dick, or Harry!" Man will fail, God will not. He can't because He is infallible! It is the reality! The world, as it is, cannot go on forever, or that would mean God's covenant cannot be trusted. But God is the only one we can cling to in times of trouble. And when you grab hold of God, you had better hold on for dear life.

### **Romans 3:21-25**

**21** But now, quite apart from *Torah*, God's way of making people righteous in his sight has been made clear- although the *Torah* and the Prophets give their witness to it as well-<sup>22</sup> and it is a righteousness that comes from God, through the faithfulness of Yeshua the Messiah, to all who continue trusting. For it makes no difference whether one is a Jew or a Gentile,<sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and come short of earning God's praise.<sup>24</sup> By God's grace, without earning it, all are granted the status of being considered righteous before him, through the act redeeming us from our enslavement to sin that was accomplished by the Messiah Yeshua.<sup>25</sup> God put Yeshua forward as the *kapparah* for sin through his faithfulness in respect to his bloody sacrificial death. This vindicated God's righteousness; because, in his forbearance, he had passed over [with neither punishment nor remission] the sins people had committed in the past. (CJB)

One can teach about the mysteries in numbers, the Temple, etc., but isn't there enough mystery contained in the word of God? How do we explain God and who and what He is? How do you explain the concept of the trinity of a being who gives us enough hints to figure out some things about Him, but what do we do? We twist it up one side and then down the other. The reality is what's true as it happens in the spiritual world. Why is it that the world has a fascination with the supernatural as it pertains to Satan but not to God who created the physical and spiritual worlds and one day intends to bring them both together as one. There is enough mystery in His word to provide us with a lifetime of study, and we may never scratch the surface of understanding who God is. We might think we know, but do we really? How do you explain a being who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit? How do you explain *Elohim*, a plural God, who can be singular as El or the Son, Yeshua, or the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit?

Righteousness comes from God through the faith of Messiah Yeshua who placed His faith in His Father, gave up His Godhood, became a human being, and died a terrible death for the sake of redeeming His creation that He brought to life as the Father worked through Him. He is the goat who died while man's sins were placed on the goat that was set free to show us we needed a better way, and that way was given to us through Messiah Yeshua by His death and resurrection.

**Joel 3:16** The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth shake. **But the LORD is a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.**<sup>17</sup> So you shall know that I, the LORD your God, dwell in Zion,

my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall never again pass through it. <sup>18</sup> In that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the stream beds of Judah shall flow with water; a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD and water the Wadi Shittim. <sup>19</sup> Egypt shall become a desolation and Edom a desolate wilderness, because of the violence done to the people of Judah, in whose land they have shed innocent blood. <sup>20</sup> But Judah shall be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem to all generations. <sup>21</sup> I will avenge their blood, and I will not clear the guilty, for the LORD dwells in Zion. (NRS)

Who is our refuge and stronghold? The Lord, the Holy One of Israel! Is it possible that the protection He offers to those of the congregation of Philadelphia is His protection as the place of refuge that we have tried to figure out since we understood about the Great Tribulation? He is our refuge in a way we will not understand until it happens. This is the key, my friends! This is the truth about the “catching away” or the “rapture.” We will dwell with God during the bad times and into the world to come. That is the fallen tent of David that will rise again when the Lord says it is to be so.

**Acts 15:16** "After this, I will return; and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David. I will rebuild its ruins, I will restore it, <sup>17</sup> so that the rest of humankind may seek the Lord, that is, all the *Goyim* who have been called by my name," <sup>18</sup> says *ADONAI*, who is doing these things.' All this has been known for ages. (CJB)

**1484** ἔθνος *ethnos* {eth'-nos}

**Meaning:** a **multitude** (whether of men or of beasts) **associated or living together**, a company, troop, swarm, **a multitude of individuals** of the same nature or genus, the human race, a race, nation, people group, in the OT, foreign nations not worshipping the true God, pagans, Gentiles, Paul uses the term for Gentile Christians

**Origin:** probably from 1486; TDNT - 2:364,201; n n

**Usage:** AV - Gentiles 93, nation 64, heathen 5, people 2; 164

The fallen tent of David may very well be Israel reborn, and into Israel He will bring the *ethnos* or the *multitude* the same as He did when the mixed multitude came up out of Egypt with the people of Israel. As the Lord has called Israel, so too, He has called the Goyim, those who have been called by His name. This promise has been known from the beginning and was passed down from one generation to another, with some in every generation who have understood the truth. Do you believe?

***Torah Man says: "Only a fool fools with sin."***

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