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The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16:11 – 19

Background

- The Day of Atonement, also known as Yom Kippur was the most solemn holy day of all Israelite festivals and feasts
- It occurs once per year on the 10th day of Tishri – the 7th month of the Hebrew calendar

Background

- This was not a ceremony to be taken lightly, and the people were to understand that atonement for sin was to be done God's way.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:11 (NKJV)

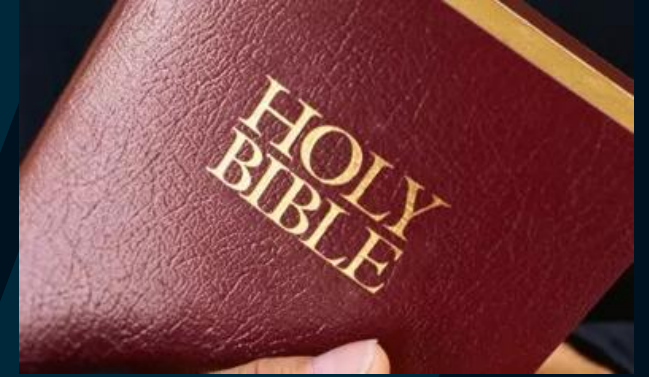
11 "And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:12 (NKJV)

12 Then he shall 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.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And he shall 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.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ He shall 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 shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:15 (NKJV)

15 “Then he shall 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.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:16 (NKJV)

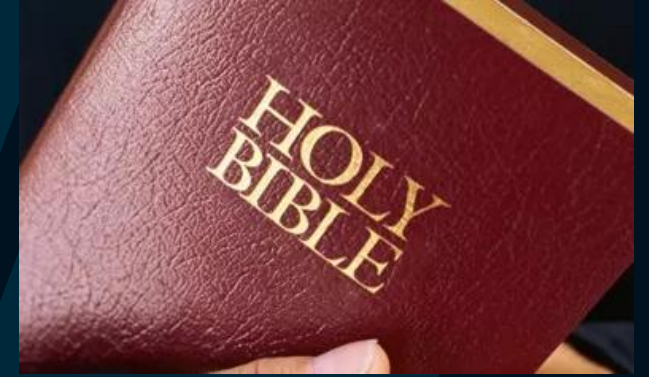
¹⁶ So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ There shall be no man in the tabernacle 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.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord, and make atonement for it, and shall 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.



Lesson Text

LEVITICUS 16:19 (NKJV)

19 Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate^[a] it from the ^[b]uncleanness of the children of Israel.

Commentary: Preparation

- Aaron had 4 sons – Nadab – the first born, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar
- Nadab and Abihu disobeyed God on how they kindled their fire in their incense burners
- A blaze then killed them in God's presence (**Leviticus 10:1-7**)

Commentary: Preparation

- God's wrath against those who mishandled His holiest things was also shown when the Ark of the Covenant was touched by Uzzah after oxen carrying the Ark had stumbled (2 Samuel 6:1-7)

Commentary: Preparation

- Given the seriousness of standing before God in the Holy of Holies, preparation of the High Priest – in this case Aaron was of the utmost importance

Commentary: Preparation

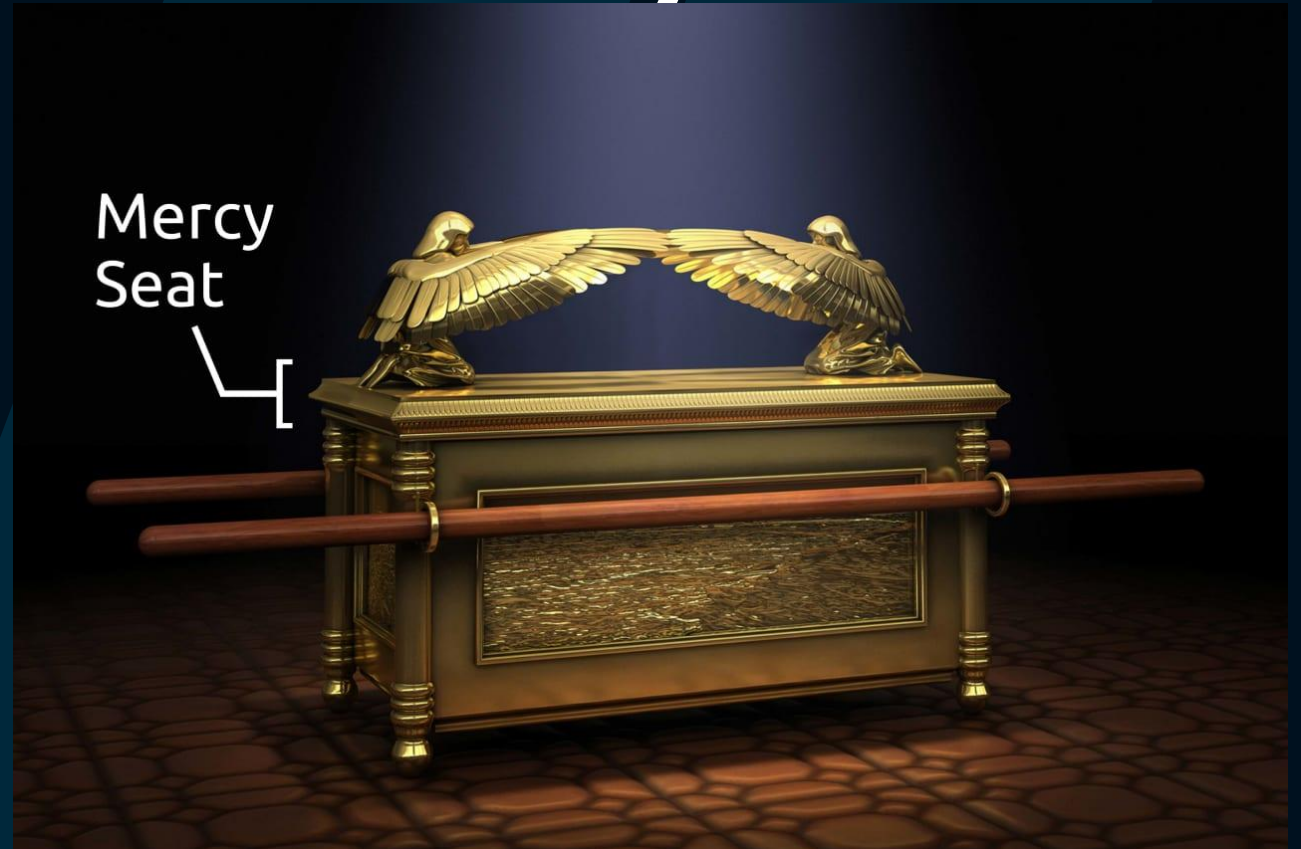
- Before Aaron could make intercession for the people, he must first make intercession for Himself and his family by sacrificing a bull and a ram for his own sins

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Commentary: The Mercy Seat

The Ark of the Covenant's construction is described in
Exodus 25:10-21



Commentary: The Mercy Seat

It contains:

- The tablets with the 10 Commandments
- A golden pot of manna
- Aaron's Rod



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Commentary: The Mercy Seat

The lid of the Ark is called
'The Mercy
Seat'



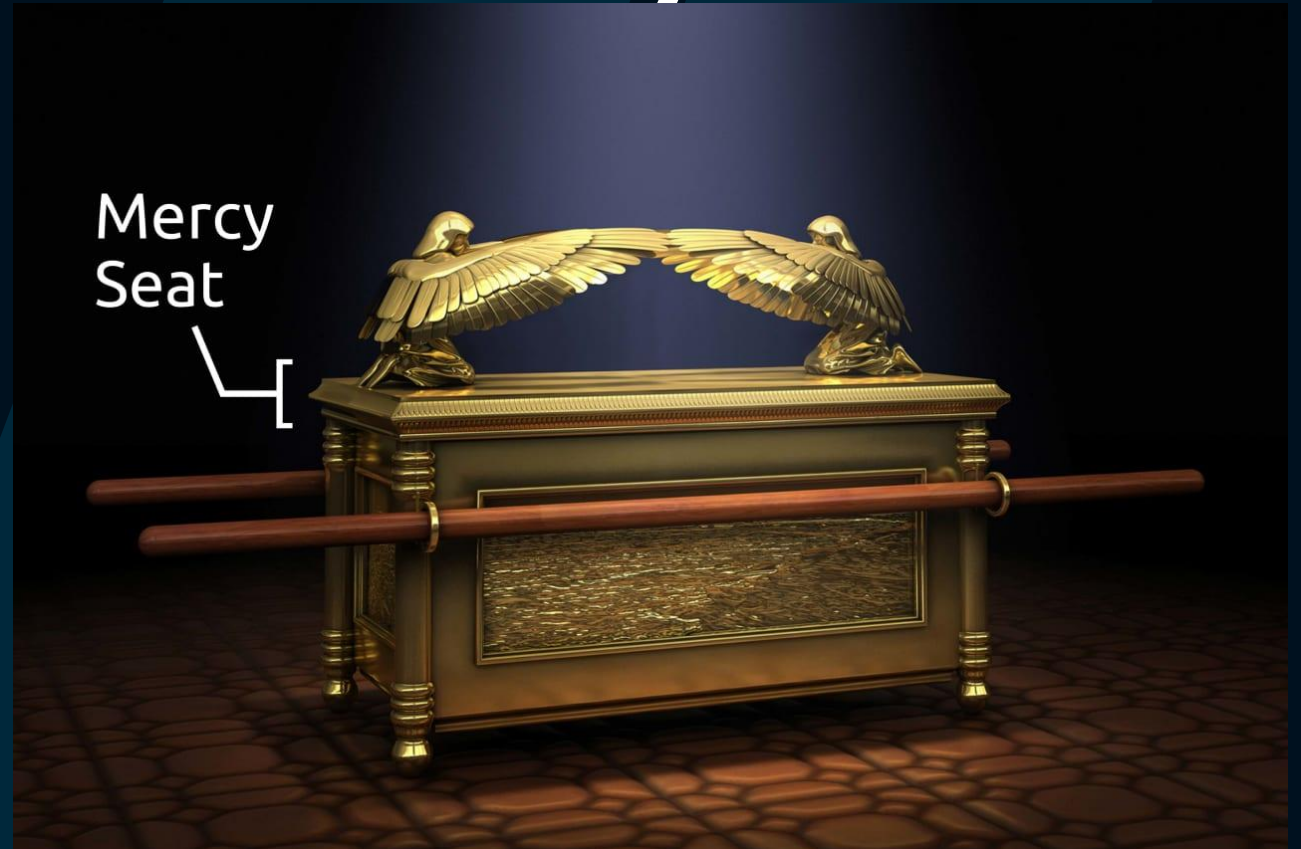
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Commentary: The Mercy Seat

God's presence
is said to exist
above the 2
Cherubim

Exodus 25:22

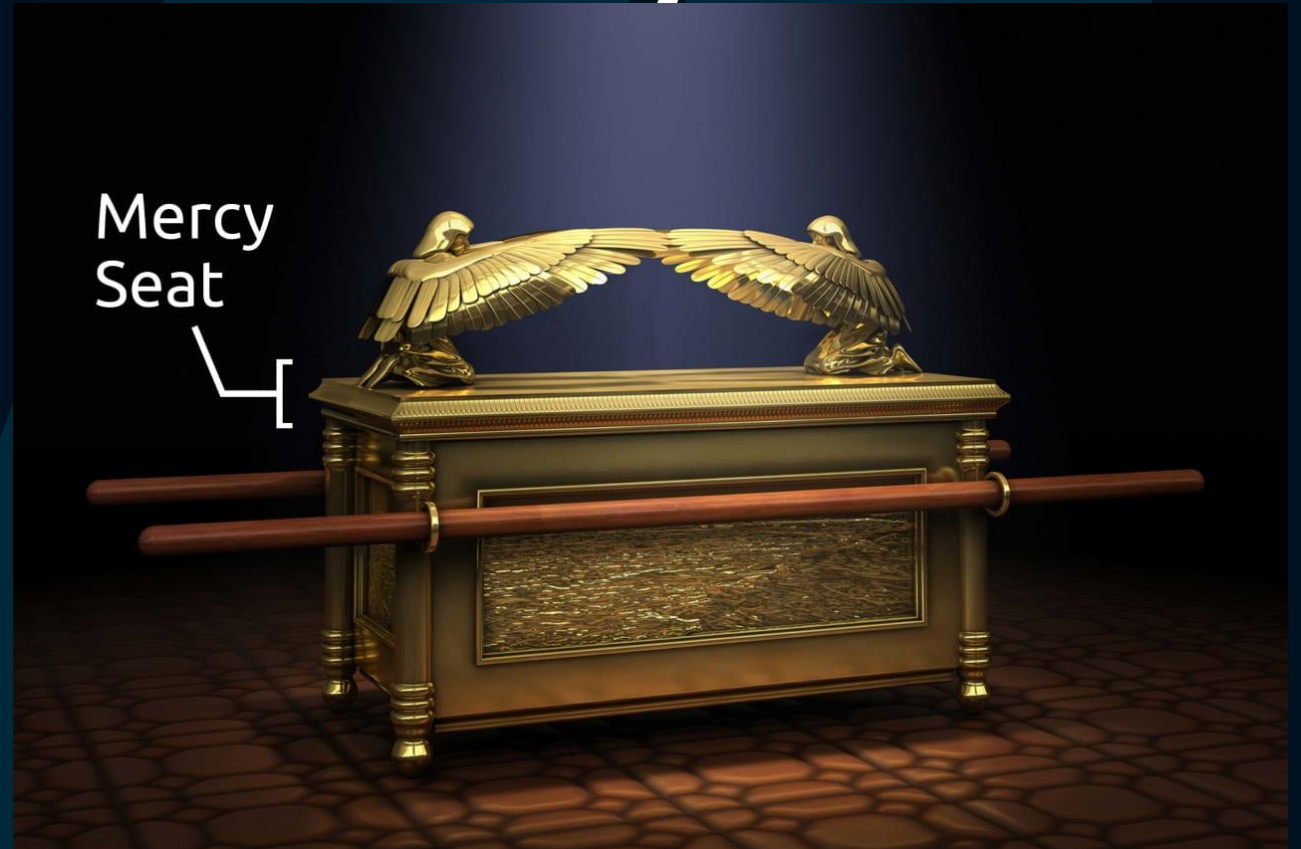


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Commentary: The Mercy Seat

The coals and incense Aaron carries into the Holy place forms a cloud over the cover

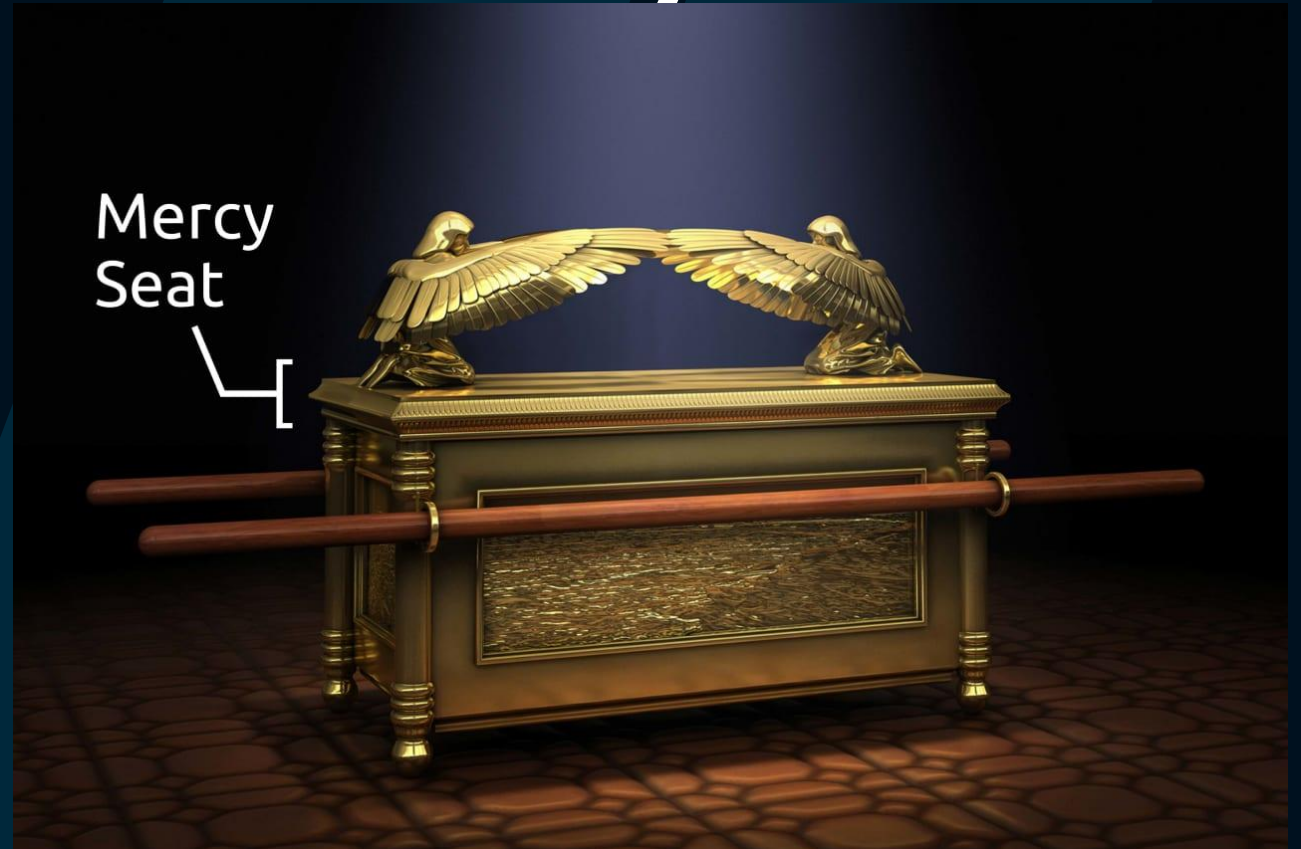


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Commentary: The Mercy Seat

The blood of
Aaron's bull for
his sins is
sprinkled on
the mercy seat
first – 7 times
for completion

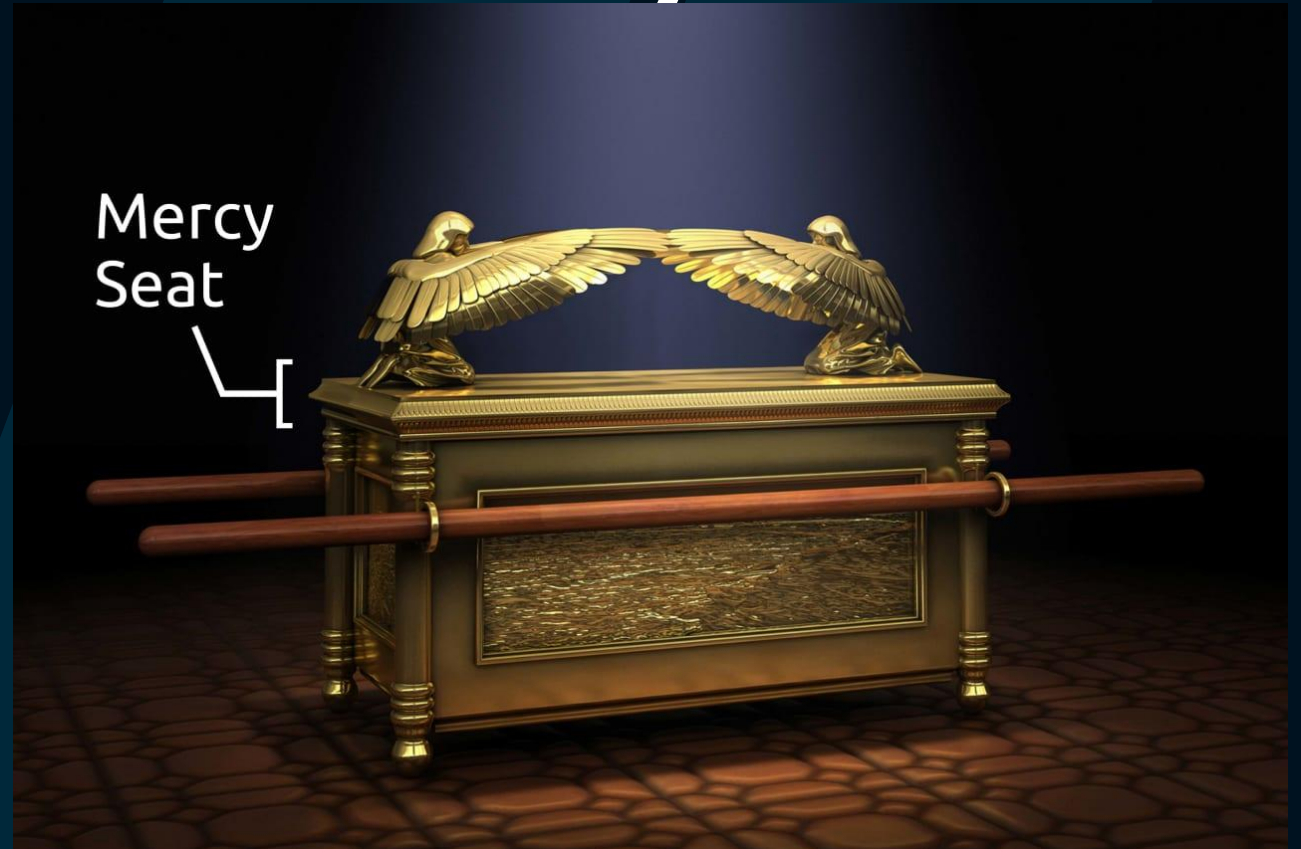


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Commentary: The Mercy Seat

This is repeated
for the goat
offered for the
people – again
the blood is
sprinkled 7
times



Commentary: Scapegoat

The term '**scapegoat**' is derived from the Day of Atonement. It was one of 2 goats brought by the high priest for the sins of the people



Commentary: Scapegoat

- one to be sacrificed on the altar,
- and the other where the sins of the nation are placed on it



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Commentary: Scapegoat

The goat is then taken out of the camp by a man and is set free in the wilderness of Azazel (Leviticus 16:8, 21)



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Commentary: Scapegoat

It symbolized that
the sins of the
people are
forgotten for
another year



NT Perspective

- Although Yom Kippur is still observed by Jews today, the ritual ceremonies ceased with the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.
- Prayers, fasting and other rituals are done instead
- It is typically held in Sept/Oct

NT Perspective

- Jesus Christ represents the 'propitiation' or substitution for all of our sins for all time (**Romans 5:9**), calling for an end to all ceremonies (**Hebrews 7:27**); No other sacrifices are needed (**Hebrews 10:1-12**)

NT Perspective

- Today's lesson stresses the seriousness of the ceremony
- We today should also consider the seriousness of what God offers us today through Christ, and to receive His gift of salvation while we still have time

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Scripture References



Refer to Lesson Scriptures

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Church School Creed

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN