

Pearls for Atonement

The tenth day of this seventh month is the **Day of Atonement**. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves[fast], and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. He is to cast lots for the two goats--one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat[Azazel]...He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites--all their sins--and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert.

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain...He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. In this way he will make **atonement** for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites and all their sins.

For this reason he [Christ] had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make **atonement** for the sins of the people.
