

## The Tenth Day and the Kingdom of God on Earth

The fifth annual holy day is the Day of Atonement. “Also on the **tenth** day of the seventh month there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall afflict your souls ... and you shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement; to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul shall not be afflicted in that same day, shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul that does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work....It shall be to you a **Sabbath of rest**, and you shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall you celebrate your Sabbath” (Leviticus 23:27-32).

There are several facets to the Day of Atonement that must be understood to gain a full understanding of its meaning: the Day of Atonement ceremony which involves two goats, the tenth day, the obligatory fast, the year of Jubilee, and Monday. When we put each of these things together, then the full meaning of the Day of Atonement will be very clear.

### The Day of Atonement Ceremony

Aaron the high priest was to “...take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats: one lot for the LORD, and the other for the scapegoat [5799, *Azazel, goat of departure, to remove, to separate*]” (Leviticus 16:8). The scapegoat **was not an offering for sin**, but it was to be sent away to “... a land not inhabited ...” (v. 22). This goat represents Satan, who will be bound and placed in the “bottomless pit,” a place that is not inhabited, for “... a thousand years” (Revelation 20:2, 3).

The other goat is a type of Jesus Christ. “And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD’S lot fell, and **offer him for a sin offering**” (Leviticus 16:9). Jesus Christ is the only one who has ever been qualified to be an offering for sin. The Azazel goat **was not sacrificed**. A sin offering involves a sacrifice. The “sin offering” represented the offering of Jesus Christ, who, “...after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God” (Hebrews 10:12).

Before the crucifixion, the people had a choice between two men. Barabbas [912, *son of Abba, Father*], who was an insurrectionist, a murderer (Mark 15:7), and a robber (John 18:40). Those are the qualities of Satan, of whom Barabbas was a type.

Caiaphas was the high priest at that time, and he said, “... it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spoke he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death” (John 11:51-53). Barabbas, who was guilty, was let go at Passover, but Jesus Christ was

crucified as an offering for the sins of mankind.

Before Aaron could enter the Most Holy Place, he had to offer a bullock for a sin offering for himself, and he had to take the blood of the offering, and a censer of incense, and enter the holiest. He was to sprinkle the blood of the bullock, with his finger, upon the mercy seat and before the mercy seat, seven times (Leviticus 16:11-14). Under the Old Covenant, the high priest had to daily "... offer up a sacrifice first for his own sins, and then for the people's..." (Hebrews 7:27).

After making the offerings for his own sins, the high priest offered the sin offering for the people. "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, **that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil**, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: and he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness [2932, *impurity, defilement*] of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions [6588, *rebellion*] **in all their sins**: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness [2932]" (vv. 15, 16).

In figure one, the red arrows represent the high priest taking the blood of the sin offering from the altar into the Most Holy Place, and sprinkling the blood seven times. Seven times represents purification. Jesus did not have to offer a sacrifice for His own sins, as did the priests under the Old Covenant.

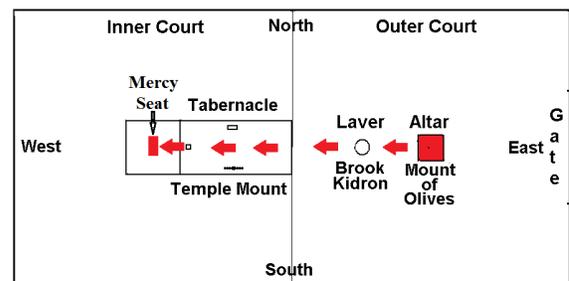


Figure 1

"But Christ being come a **high priest** of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; **neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us**" (Hebrews 9:11, 12). Jesus Christ fulfilled the "sin offering" when He was crucified on the fourteenth of Abib. On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the second month He ascended into the heavenly tabernacle by His own blood, which is the "...blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

After making atonement in the tabernacle, the high priest "... **shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it**; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat [*the sin offering*], and put it upon the horns of the altar round about (figure 2). "And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel" (Leviticus 16:18, 19).

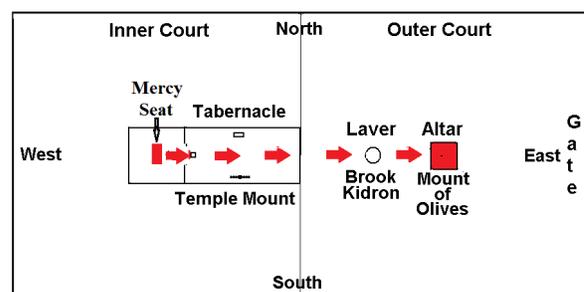


Figure 2

The picture that is presented in this part of the ceremony is that of the high priest returning from the tabernacle in heaven **on the Day of Atonement**, with the blood of the sin

offering that is for the people, and returning to the Mount of Olives. Jesus Christ will fulfill this part of the ceremony on the Day of Atonement.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war.... And He was clothed with a vesture **dipped** [911, or *immersed*] **in blood**: and His name is called the Word of God. And the armies in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean” (Revelation 19:11, 13, 14).

Jesus, the High Priest, will return to the Mount of Olives. “Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations ... And His feet shall stand in that day upon **the Mount of Olives**, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof from **east to west**, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the valley shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And you shall flee to the valley of [*My*] mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal: yes you shall flee...and the LORD My God shall come, **and all the saints with you**” (Zechariah 14:3-5).

Azal is *Strong's* 682. The *Brown-Driver-Briggs* and *Gesenius* Hebrew lexicons render it as, “near Jerusalem.” Going from the east to the west through the valley that is created when the Mount of Olives is split in two will lead to the entrance of Jerusalem. *The Living Bible*, which is a paraphrase, correctly renders Azal as “the city gate,” which would be the entrance to Jerusalem.

The Mount of Olives is where Jesus shed His blood, and it corresponds to the altar of burnt offering in the tabernacle complex. When the mountain splits in two, it is like the opening of a door. Jesus Christ is “...the **door** [2374, *a door, a gate, an entrance*]: **by Me if any man enter in**, he shall be saved...” (John 10:9). Who will go through this open door?

The great meaning of the Day of Atonement concerns “...a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and **palms** [5404, *palm branches*] in their hands” (Revelation 7:9). Who is this great multitude? “...These are they which **come out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white **in the blood of the Lamb**” (v. 14). These are those who will live through the great tribulation, and will be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ after His return to the earth as “...KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:16).

After making atonement for the altar, the high priest “... shall bring the live goat: and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, **putting them on the head of the goat**, and shall **send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness**: and the goat **shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited** [1509, *of separation, solitary*]: and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness” (Lev. 16:20-22). The living goat **is not an offering for sin**. An offering for sin requires a sacrifice. The sins are being placed on the head of him “... which deceives the whole world...” (Revelation 12:9).

When Jesus returns to the earth, Satan will be put in a place of separation for one thousand years, where he will be unable to deceive mankind. The “fit man” represents an angel. “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up**, and

set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled** [5055, *to end, complete, finish*]: and after that he must be loosed for a little season” (Revelation 20:1-3).

We have seen that Jesus fulfilled the first part of the Day of Atonement ceremony when, “...as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death ...” (Philippians 2:8). Then, “... by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Hebrews 9:12). He will fulfill the remainder of the ceremony when He returns to the Mount of Olives (the altar) on the Day of Atonement, and on that day Satan will be bound for one thousand years.

During **the same period of time that Satan is bound**, the saints “...lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years .... And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison” (Rev. 20:4, 6). The binding of Satan for a thousand years and the reign of the saints with Christ for a thousand years **run concurrently—not separately**. The Day of Atonement represents the millennium. The Feast of Tabernacles **does not** represent the millennium, as many suppose. If that were the case, there would be **two separate appointed times representing the same one thousand years**.

As we have seen, the Most Holy Place plays a dominant role in the Day of Atonement ceremony, and its dimensions are  $10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,000$  cubits. Ten cubed ( $10^3$ ) represents the Kingdom (10) of God (3). The number 1,000 is associated with the Day of Atonement, because it pictures the establishment of the Kingdom (10) of God (3) on the earth for one thousand years. “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day** is with the Lord as **a thousand years** and **a thousand years as one day**” (2 Peter 3:8).

### The Tenth Day

The number ten represents the Kingdom of God. We are going to look at the events that took place on the tenth day of the first month, and events that will take place on the tenth day of the seventh month, and we will see some surprising similarities that reveal the Kingdom of God.

The forty years that Israel traveled in the wilderness represent the journey of those whom God has been calling during the six thousand years of man. The Book of Deuteronomy is Moses’ final instructions to the people before they entered the Promised Land. “These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness...” (Deuteronomy 1:1). A parallel of this is the instructions that will be given to the saints before their return to the earth with Jesus Christ. The instructions to the saints will take place during the seven days of their consecration into the priesthood while they are in heaven.

The Promised Land corresponds to the entire earth, because the Kingdom of God will cover the entire earth, not just the small piece of real estate in the Middle East that is called the Land of Israel. God told Abraham, “And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad [6555, *to increase, to overflow*] to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your seed shall **all the families of the earth be blessed**” (Genesis 28:14).

On the **tenth day of the first month** the children of Israel were led by Joshua into the Promised Land, “And the people came up out of Jordan on the **tenth day** of the first month, and

camped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho” (Joshua 4:19). Joshua is *Strong’s* 3091, *Yehoshua*, which means, “the Eternal saves.” Joshua is also rendered as 3442, *Yeshua*, meaning; “he will save” (see Nehemiah 8:17). Yeshua is the Hebrew name of Jesus. Joshua is a type of Jesus Christ who leads the people into the Promised Land. On **the tenth day of the seventh month** the saints will be led back to the earth (the Promised Land) by Jesus (Yeshua).

Israel entered the Promised Land forty years to the day after the Passover lambs were taken up in the land of Egypt. “...In the **tenth day** of this [*first*] month they shall take to them every man a lamb...” (Exodus 12:3). Jesus fulfilled this when He entered Jerusalem on the **tenth day** of the first month as the Passover sacrifice. “Then Jesus **six days before the Passover** came to Bethany...” (John 12:1). Six days before the fifteenth of Abib is Friday the ninth.

“On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took **branches of palm trees**, and went forth to meet Him, and cried, Hosanna [5614, *save us*]: Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord. And Jesus [*Yeshua*], when He had found a young ass, sat thereon” (vv. 12-14). The next day is the **tenth day, which is the seventh day** of the week.

On the **tenth day** of the **seventh** month, “...Behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True....And He has on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:11, 16). The people with the palm branches, that greeted Him in Jerusalem, correspond to the “...great multitude...[*that*]stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and **palms** [5404, ***palm branches***] in their hands....These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb” (c. 7:9, 14).

The events on the tenth day of the first month and the events on the tenth day of the seventh month mirror each other. In both instances, the Promised Land is entered on the tenth day, and Jesus (Yeshua) is proclaimed to be the Savior of the people and the King of Israel.

### *The Obligatory Fast*

Why is the Day of Atonement the only obligatory day of fasting? Atonement is *Strong’s* 3725, and it is derived from 3722, *to cover*. The English word atonement means “*to be at one,*” to be “*reconciled.*” The Day of Atonement pictures a time of the reconciling of man back to God, because “...your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2).

For man to be reconciled to God requires a change of heart in man, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:7, 8). The carnal mind is full of pride, and “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

The intended purpose of fasting is to humble oneself, because “Every one that is **proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD...**” (c. 16:5). The opposite of pride is humility, for “A man’s pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the **humble in spirit**” (c. 29:23). In order for fasting to have the desired result there must be a change of heart, but fasting does not automatically equate with humility.

God says, “...Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exact [5065, *to impel*,

*demand*] all your labors...you fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: you shall not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high” (Isaiah 58:4, 5). Fasting **without truly humbling and repenting of your ways is useless**. God simply will not hear you when you are not willing to change your ways. The Day of Atonement is about changing the hearts of the people. “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...And there is none that calls upon Your name, that stirs himself up to take hold of You: for You have hid Your face from us, and have consumed us, **because of our iniquities**” (Isaiah 64:6, 7).

Notice what God says is the fast that He will accept. “Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To unloose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house? When you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily: and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. **Then you shall call, and the LORD shall answer...**” (Isaiah 58: 6-9).

True fasting requires a complete change of heart. “Seek the LORD while He may be found...Let the wicked **forsake his way**, and the unrighteous man **his thoughts**: and let him **return** [7725, *turn around*] **to the LORD**, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways...” (Isaiah 55:6-8). **This is the theme of the Day of Atonement**.

A humble person is teachable. The Eternal says, “...[B]ut to this man will I look, even to him that is poor [6041, *afflicted, humble*] and of a contrite [5223, *broken*] spirit, and **trembles at My word....Hear** [8085, *to understand, to obey, give heed*] the word of the LORD, you that **tremble at His word...**” (Isaiah 66:2, 5). If we do not tremble at God’s Word, i.e. if we do not have a proper respect for the Word, then we are not going to be careful about obeying it. We will not put forth the effort that is needed to make changes in our lives.

Those who will be in the first resurrection are of a humble and contrite spirit. They are willing to change their ways when they come to see that they have been wrong. Contrast this with those who remain alive on the earth after the seven seals, and the first six trumpets. “And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet **repented not** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils...**Neither repented** they of their murders, nor of their sorceries [5331, *drugs, magic arts*], nor their fornication [4202, *adultery, incest, idolatry*], nor of their thefts” (Revelation 9:20, 21).

God had warned Israel that if they did not repent of their sins, “...but walk contrary to Me; then...I will chastise you **seven times for your sins**...I will destroy your high places...And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries to desolation...And I will bring the land into desolation...” (Leviticus 26:27, 28, 30-32). This same principle applies to the entire world in the last days. Before the Messiah and the Bride return to the earth, there will be **seven last plagues unleashed that will be of greater intensity than those that preceded them** (Revelation 16:1-21).

This world needs to be humbled before the return of Jesus Christ. “For **all** that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: **but he that does the will of**

**God abides forever”** (1 John 2:16, 17).

Before Jesus returns the people are told, “Sanctify you a **fast**, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry to the LORD. Alas for the day! **for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.** Is not the **meat** [400, *food*] **cut off before our eyes...?** The seed is rotten under their clods, the **garners** [214, *storehouses*] are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, **because they have no pasture**; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures ... and the flame has burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also to you: **for the rivers of waters are dried up**, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness” (Joel 1:14-20).

Before the return of Jesus Christ, the people will have to be humbled. The food supplies and water supplies will have been destroyed. Therefore the people will have to fast, and they will be humbled. “Therefore also now, says the LORD, **Turn you to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart**, and not your garments, and turn to the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He **repents** [5162, *a change of heart*] of the evil [*punishment*]” (c. 2:12, 13).

The obligatory fast on the Day of Atonement pictures the humbling of mankind before the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. It is a reminder to the people of God of their need to continually be of a humble spirit before their Creator, because “...God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6).

### *The Destruction of Mystery Babylon*

The destruction of Mystery Babylon the Great will take place before the return of Jesus Christ. Babylon is “...that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth” (Revelation 17:17). This is the same religious/political system that mankind attempted to build at the Tower of Babel in Babylon. The so-called “New World Order” is a hierarchical, fascist, communist, collectivist, totalitarian system. This worldwide power will “...continue forty and two months” (c. 13:5). After that it will be destroyed.

The religious aspect of this system is the “...great whore that sits upon many waters [*nations, peoples* v.15], with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication...and I saw a woman sit on a scarlet colored beast...having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: and upon her forehead a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...” (c. 17:1-6).

It is the great whore who is behind this evil system. A whore symbolizes a false religious system, and fornication with her symbolizes idolatry, i.e. the worship of her pagan gods. She has many offspring that are also whores, who came out of her in protest, but hung on to many of her pagan doctrines. She is responsible for the inquisitions in which many were martyred because

they refused to accept her ways. She and her daughters are teachers of a counterfeit of true Christianity, and the rulers of the nations are in bed with her.

“Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD’S vengeance; He will render to her a recompense. Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD’S hand that made all the earth drunk: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed....O you that dwell upon many waters, abundant in treasures, your end is come, and the measure of your covetousness” (Jeremiah 51:6-8, 13).

With the destruction of the city of Babylon, which is the headquarters of this system, an angel from heaven “...cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen...” (Revelation 18:2). A sign of Babylon is the esteemed day of the sun—**Sunday**. (We covered this in chapter one.)

When the Day of Trumpets is on the Sabbath, then the Day of Atonement is on Monday. The return of Jesus Christ and His bride to the earth will be on Monday, following the destruction of Babylon on **Sunday**. **Sunday** will cease to exist as a day of worship, along with the religious system of Babylon, **forever!** **Sunday** represents the head of this corrupt, counterfeit so-called “Christian” system, and that head will be cut off. The religion that the world calls “Christian” will cease to exist forever. That will come as quite a shock to the world of so-called “Christianity.”

“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles [682, *messengers*] and prophets; for God has avenged you on her....And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth....Alleluia [239, *praise you Yehovah*]; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power to the Lord our God” (Revelation 18:20, 24, 19:1).

When Jesus returns there will be a great battle at Armageddon. “And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon” (c. 16:16). The “...beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet...These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse...” (c. 19:19-21). Satan will be bound for one thousand years that “...he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed for a little season” (c. 20:3).

### *The Year of Jubilee*

With the binding of Satan, the world will be set free. This liberty is pictured by the year of Jubilee. Every fiftieth year, on the Day of Atonement, a trumpet was to sound to announce the year of Jubilee. “And you shall number seven Sabbaths of years...forty and nine years. Then shall you cause the trumpet of the jubilee [8643, *a joyful noise, rejoicing*] 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. **And you shall hallow** [6942, *to separate, to be holy*] **the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty** throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee [3104, *trumpet, ram’s horn*] to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family” (Leviticus 25:8-10).

Jesus is going to return when the Great Trumpet is blown on the Day of Atonement announcing the year of the Jubilee. “**Blow the trumpet in Zion**, sanctify a **fast**, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck at the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests ... weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, **Spare your people, O LORD**, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the LORD be jealous for His land, and pity His people” (Joel 2:15-18).

When Jesus returns, the people will be set free on the day of Jubilee. “And it shall come to pass in that day, **the GREAT TRUMPET shall be blown**, and they shall come which were ready **to perish** in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, **and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem**” (Isaiah 27:13). The Great Trumpet is the trumpet of the jubilee that will announce the return of Jesus Christ.

The root of jubilee (3104) is 2986, “to flow, to bring, to carry.” “Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travails with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping and with supplications **will I lead them** [2986]: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of water in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn....For the LORD **has redeemed** Jacob, and **ransomed** him from the hand of him that was stronger than he” (Jeremiah 31:8, 9, 11).

The fiftieth year is the **acceptable year of the LORD**. “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me...to preach good tidings to the meek; He has sent Me to bind up the broken hearted, to **proclaim liberty** to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim **the acceptable year of the LORD**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified” (Isaiah 61:1-4).

The people will be set free from the spiritual darkness that they have been under. “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined” (Isaiah 9:2).

### *The Marriage Supper of the Lamb*

The marriage supper of the Lamb takes place after the Bridegroom and the Bride return to the earth. “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come** and His wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints...**Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb**...And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war....And the armies in heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean....And He has on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:7-9, 11, 14, 16).

In the year of Jubilee, the people could not sow or reap the harvest of the land. Every seventh year was a land Sabbath, in which the people were forbidden to plant and harvest the produce of the land. "...You shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard. That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap..." (vv. 4, 5). However, they could eat that which grows of its own accord. "And the Sabbath of the land shall be meat [402, *food*] for you..." (v. 6).

Likewise in the Jubilee, "...you shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed. For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat the increase thereof out of the field" (vv. 11, 12). When Jesus returns, there will not be any crops because of the massive destruction. Where are the people going to get food?

Remember, it was announced, "...Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb..." (Revelation 19:9). Jesus and His bride will provide the food for the guests at the marriage supper. The guests don't provide their own food. An example of this can be found in the New Testament. The people had followed Jesus into "...a desert [2048, *waste, uninhabited*] place..." (Matthew 14:15). When Jesus returns, the earth is going to be a waste place.

It was late in the day, and the disciples thought that the people should be sent away that they might "...go to the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said to them, They need not depart: give you them to eat" (v. 16). The disciples said, "We have here but **five** loaves, and **two** fishes. He said, Bring them here to Me" (vv. 17, 18). The numbers five and two correspond to the Day of Atonement, because it is the **fifth** annual holy day, and it will be on the **second** day of the week.

Jesus "commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up all of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about **five thousand** men, besides women and children" (vv.19-21). Physical food often symbolizes the Word of God; therefore the meaning here is dual. Five thousand is the multiple of **fifty** and **one hundred**. Fifty is the Jubilee and one hundred is the door of the tabernacle, which is our inheritance. Jesus is the **Door** where the people will come to be fed the Word.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD...and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come you, and let us walk in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:2-5).

During the millennium, the "innumerable multitude" will be taught the Word of God by Jesus Christ and the Bride. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years...Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection...they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4, 6).

The "innumerable multitude" corresponds to the Levites. "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...” (Leviticus 8:19). Aaron is a type of Jesus Christ, and his sons represent the priests. They will be teaching the “innumerable multitude” the Word of God, so that they in turn will be able to teach all of those who come up in the second resurrection.

Those in the second resurrection will be the congregation, which was the largest group of people in Israel. To teach and judge this large number of people will require a large number of teachers. We see that as the project grows, an increasing number of laborers is required to help with the work. Feeding the “innumerable multitude” the Word of God is the “marriage supper of the Lamb.”

### Rebuilding the Waste Places

When Jesus returns, the earth will be a wasteland. The cities and farmland will have been destroyed, and they will have to be rebuilt. “**In that day** will I raise up the tabernacle [5521, *sukkah, a place of protection, temporary dwelling*] of David that is fallen, and close up [1443, *to fence, hedge about*] the breeches thereof; **and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old....**And I will bring again the captivity of My people of Israel, **and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them**; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them” (Amos 9:11, 14).

The millennium is a time of liberty and rebuilding. “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me...to proclaim liberty to the captives...to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified. **And they shall build the old wastes, and they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations**” (Isaiah 61:3, 4).

This compares with Isaiah 58, and the chosen fast. “And they ... **shall build the old waste places: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations...**” (v. 12). The fasting of Isaiah 58, and the “acceptable year” of Isaiah 61, are talking about the same period of time. Both are references to the Day of Atonement, and the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

The tabernacle of David is likened to the entire earth, in which the cities will be rebuilt, and gardens and vineyards will be planted. Remember, the Levites, i.e. the innumerable multitude, were given as a gift to the high priest and priests, “to do the service...in the tabernacle of the congregation.” The cities are not going to be rebuilt just for those who live during the millennium, but also for those who will come up in the second resurrection.

### The Tabernacle and the Promised Land

When Israel conquered the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, they defeated “...all the kings **thirty and one**” (Joshua 12:24). When we overlaid the Ten Commandments on the pattern of the tabernacle, the number of the tabernacle was thirty-one (see chapter one). A Hebrew word with the numerical value of thirty-one is **לש**, *Strong's 410, the Almighty, God* or

*god.* The tabernacle is the house of God.

When the Promised Land was conquered, the Levites were given forty-eight cities. “All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were **forty and eight** cities with their suburbs” (Joshua 21:41). These forty-eight cities correspond to the number of boards that made up the walls of the tabernacle. You “...shall make the boards for the tabernacle, **twenty** boards on the south side...on the north side **twenty** boards...And for the sides of the tabernacle westward...they shall be **eight** boards...” (Exodus 26:18, 20, 22, 25).

The boards are the foundation of the tabernacle, which represents the Kingdom of God. The Word of God is the foundation of the Kingdom of God. The forty-eight boards represent the Levitical cities, and the responsibility of the priests and Levites is to teach the Word of God. “For the priest’s lips should keep [8104, *guard, hedge about, protect*] knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of Hosts” (Malachi 2:7). The Levitical cities were to be storehouses for the Word of God. It was to the Levitical cities that the people would come to have judgements rendered.

We can find a type of the Levitical cities in the story of Joseph. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh’s dream as being seven years of plenty and seven years of famine (Genesis 41:26, 27). Joseph told Pharaoh to save **twenty** percent of the grain in the seven good years, and “...let them keep [8104, *guard, hedge about, protect*] the food in the cities” (vv. 34, 35). The seven years of plenty represent the millennium, when the innumerable multitude will be taught the Word by Jesus Christ and the priests. The number twenty is that of a servant. The grain that Joseph proposes to be stored up represents the servants of God who will teach the Word to the people.

Pharaoh made Joseph ruler over all the land of Egypt, “...only in the throne will I be greater than you” (v. 40). Joseph means “he shall add.” Joseph is a type of Jesus Christ, and Pharaoh is a type of the Father. “For He [*the Father*] has put all things under His feet. But when He says all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted, **which did put all things under Him**. And when all things shall be subdued to Him, then shall the Son Himself be subject to Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:27, 28).

Joseph “...gathered up the food of the seven years...and laid up the food in the cities...And Joseph gathered grain as the sand of the sea...” (Genesis 41:48, 49). The grain that was stored in the cities corresponds to “the innumerable multitude” who are being trained during the millennium to dispense the Word of God to the congregation. The Word of God is food that is necessary for eternal life. “...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

The tabernacle represents the Kingdom of God. Those who come up in the second resurrection will come up out of their graves into a world of peace, in which they will be taught the way in which they are to walk. However, there is one more hurdle before that can come about.

### *The Great Rebellion After the Millennium*

“And when the one thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they

went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (Rev. 20:7-9).

When Satan is loosed from his bondage, those who have not committed to walking in the way of the Eternal will be vulnerable to Satan's deception. Elijah asked the people, "...How long halt thee between two opinions [or, *thoughts*]? If the LORD be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word" (1 Kings 18:21). The Eternal cannot use people that cannot make a choice, because they lack faith. "...For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is **unstable in all his ways**" (James 1:8). These people are easily deceived, because they are not spiritually mature. They are like children "... tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine ..." (Ephesians. 4:14).

Satan will lead those people to their ultimate destruction, "...Gog, the land of Magog.... After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land **that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel**....And you shall say, I will go up to the land of un-walled villages; I will go to them **that are at rest, that dwell safely**, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the **desolate places that are now inhabited**, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land" (Ezekiel 38:2, 8, 11, 12).

Some teach that the events of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 take place prior to the millennium. However, the people have been gathered out of the nations. That takes place at Jesus' second coming. The people are living in "un-walled villages," which indicates their dwelling places are not fortified. The millennium is a time of peace, when "... neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4). The former "desolate places" have now been rebuilt, and are inhabited. All of this takes place during the millennium.

The events surrounding Gog and Magog in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 correspond to Revelation 20:8, 9. "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them" (Revelation 20:9). Ezekiel has it, "...and I will rain upon him and upon his bands, and upon many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone" (Ezekiel 38:22).

This will be the demise of all of those who refused to humble themselves and repent during the millennium. This will be their final judgment, but what will happen to Satan?

### Satan's Judgment

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet [*were*], and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10). Does Satan have eternal life? The Worldwide Church of God, under the direction of Herbert W. Armstrong until his death in 1986, taught that Satan would live for all eternity, because even God cannot destroy spirit. God could restrain Satan, but He could not destroy him. What does the Word say?

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God,

thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, **and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man**, He humbled Himself, **and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross**” (Phil. 2:5-8). Jesus Christ was spirit, and He became flesh and blood, and He died. The Father resurrected Jesus, but if He hadn’t, then Jesus would have remained in the grave.

Before he rebelled, Satan was “... the anointed cherub that covers; and I have set you so; you were upon the holy mountain of God; you hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you” (Ezekiel 28:14-15). The cherubim that cover were in the Most Holy Place, over the Ark of the Covenant.

“By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I **will destroy you**, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire....I will bring forth a fire from the midst of you, **it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you....and never shall you be anymore**” (vv. 16, 18, 19). Satan’s fate is eternal destruction.

Those flesh and blood human beings that choose to follow the beast, “... shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name” (Revelation 14:10, 11). Can flesh and blood human beings live in fire and brimstone? Of course not. It simply means that their punishment lasts for eternity.

The Word tells us, “...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death** [2288, *the extinction of life*]” (Revelation 21:8). Those who do not repent will be destroyed **forever**. “For the wages of sin is **death** [2288]; but the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Eternal life is a gift, a blessing for overcoming sin.

With the defeat of Satan and those that he deceived, the land had rest from war. When Joshua defeated the thirty-one kings, the land had rest. “So Joshua took the whole land...and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel...And the land rested [8252, *to make tranquil, and secure*] from war” (Joshua 11:23).

This was a Sabbatical year. Caleb was forty years old when he spied out the land (c. 14:7), which was the second year of the exodus from Egypt. That means he was seventy-eight years old when they entered the land (40 + 38 = 78). Caleb was now eighty-five years old (v. 10). This was the seventh year, and in the “...seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest to the land, a Sabbath for the LORD...” (Leviticus 25:4). In the Sabbatical year “...the land had rest from war.” This was the first Sabbatical year in the land of Israel.

**Summary:** The Day of Atonement pictures the return of Jesus Christ and the saints to the earth to reign for one thousand years. Satan will be bound for one thousand years, and during this time the Kingdom of God will be established on the earth. After the one thousand years are finished, Satan will be released for a time, and he will be allowed to deceive those who have not committed themselves to God. They and Satan will be destroyed forever.