

Leviticus 16:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Day of Atonement**. The most sacred day in Israel's calendar, when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for all Israel's sins.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

Historical Context

The most sacred day in Israel's calendar, when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for all Israel's sins. The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) described in chapter 16 became Israel's most sacred day. Only on this annual day could the high priest enter the Holy of Holies, making atonement for the entire nation. This ceremony, still observed in Judaism, found ultimate fulfillment in Christ's entrance into heaven itself (Hebrews 9:11-12). Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to

Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple. The tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

וְנָשָׂא אֶת	הַשָּׂעִיר יוֹ	עַל יוֹ	אֶת	כָּל	עֲוֹנוֹתָם	אֵל
shall bear	And the goat	H5921	H853	H3605	upon him all their iniquities	H413
H5375	H8163				H5771	
אֶרֶץ	גִּזְרָה	וְשָׁלַח	אֶת	הַשָּׂעִיר יוֹ	בַּמִּדְבָּר:	
unto a land	not inhabited	and he shall let go	H853	And the goat	in the wilderness	
H776	H1509	H7971		H8163	H4057	

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 9:28 (Parallel theme): So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

John 1:29 (Parallel theme): The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Peter 2:24 (Parallel theme): Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

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