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PART 19: THE ATONEMENT

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Jesus set up a protocol for the way Aaron should handle the atonement of sin for the people of Israel with goats.

1. The first goat would be killed as a sin offering. **Leviticus 16:5-19**
2. Hands would be laid upon the second goat, effectively transferring the sins of the people onto the animals for that year, and then it would be released alive into the wilderness. **verses 20-22**

The high priest had to go through this ritual annually since it only cleansed the Israelites of their sins on a yearly basis. **verses 29-34**

THE LAMB OF GOD

Jesus is not referred to as a “goat” but as “lamb” in the New Testament. **John 1:29**

When God instituted the Passover, the people were to kill a lamb without blemish and eat it. They were instructed to smear blood on the doorposts in order to protect themselves from the angel of death. **Exodus 12:3-13**

The goat in the New Testament symbolizes sinful men. **Matthew 25:31-41**

As God the Father’s perfect lamb, it was possible for Jesus to atone for the sins of humanity. **Hebrews 9:6-15**

Jesus died on the cross and paid for the sins of the mankind – past, present and future. **verses 19-26**

THE CROSS

Jesus set up two goats in the Old Testament to make atonement for the sins of the people of Israel.

The sin goat had to die while the escape goat carried away the sins from the people. The payment for the sins of the Israelites was deferred to the future.

The goats were identified with sin while the lamb was viewed as a symbol of innocence.

When Jesus was flogged, every sickness on earth was transferred to His body. It is for this reason that believers in Christ have the privilege of being healed. **Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:17**

Peter stated that Jesus carried our sins in His body. **1 Peter 2:24**

THE REBELLION BY LUCIFER

To fully understand the atonement, it is necessary to first examine the rebellion of Lucifer and his fallen angels. They were created with a free will before the universe was



made. Their assignment was spread out throughout the universe and develop civilizations on different planets. Lucifer was given the earth and he chose to rebel and try to dethrone God. This led to a space war that ended in Lucifer's defeat, a trial in which he was sentenced to the Lake of Fire, and being cast down to the earth. **Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 25:41**

Lucifer and his fallen angels did not quietly accept their sentence and created doubt that God was not fair in the minds of the holy angels throughout the universe. As a result, God set out to prove his righteousness. **Romans 3:19-28**

CREATION OF HUMANITY

Adam and Eve were created to show God's righteousness. Lucifer challenged them in the Garden of Eden through the serpent and they readily accepted his deception and sinned. **Genesis 3:1-7**

The human race was contaminated by sin and condemned to the Lake of Fire. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit already knew this would happen, having put plans into effect which would allow the Godhead to pay for the sins of mankind. It would be God the Father reconciling mankind back to Himself through God the Son. **Revelation 13:8**

PAYING FOR MANKIND'S SINS

In order to accomplish this redemption, it was necessary for God to enter a human body, live a sinless life on earth, and then become the sacrifice to pay for the sins of mankind; hence the incarnation of Jesus into a human body. **Luke 1:26-35**

At the end of His ministry, Jesus stated that Lucifer had nothing which to accuse Him because the Son of God had lived a sinless life and therefore was uniquely qualified to pay for the sins of mankind since He was God's perfect lamb. **John 14:22-31**

The mission of Jesus was twofold:

1. Jesus' physical body was to be sacrificed and killed.
2. Jesus was to be punished by God the Father. The sins of Adam and Eve all the way to the last man were transferred to Jesus when He hung on the cross. Once the transfer to Jesus was complete, God the Father punished God the Son and poured out His wrath upon Jesus, accounting for every sin. **2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Galatians 3:8-14; Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 9:28**

God the Father provided Abraham with the ram for the sacrifice. **Genesis 22:1-8**

In order for God the Father to pay for the sins of humanity, it was also necessary to provide redemption for mankind. **2 Corinthians 5:19**

Lucifer and his fallen angels never imagined it was possible for God to pay for mankind's sins. They didn't know that once the body of Jesus had been nailed to the cross, God the Father would transfer the sins of humanity to Jesus and judge Him accordingly. **1 Corinthians 2:6-8**

THE WRATH OF GOD

A great darkness lasting three hours hindered the people from seeing what was happening to Jesus on the cross. **Mark 15:33**

Once the sins of mankind had been transferred to Jesus, God the Father now viewed the Son of God as depraved, rotten to the core, and bent on rebellion. Jesus represented the human race and God the Father judged Him accordingly when He poured out His full wrath on the Son of God for three hours.

God is righteous and the sins of the human race could not go unpunished. There had to be a punishment for the crime. The Godhead knew they were the only ones that could satisfy the debt of sin. Therefore, God the Father's wrath was directed at Jesus as punishment to fulfill the demand for justice.

It is difficult to describe the horror of this judgment, but we know that Jesus cried out in pain as He was separated from God the Father and became filled with the filth of sin. **Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34**

Jesus confirmed that the sins of the human race had been paid in full and shortly thereafter the Son of God left His abused and ill-treated physical body on the cross and went to Paradise. **Matthew 27:50; Luke 23:46; John 19:28-30**

THE ATONEMENT IS FINISHED

The four inch thick veil in the temple that divided the holy from the holiest was torn from the top down, signifying that the atonement was complete and no more sacrifices would ever be needed because Jesus had paid it all on the cross. **Hebrews 9:24-28**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?