



Day of Atonement

The second observance of the Fall Feast Days is named "Day of Atonement" and follows Day of Trumpets. In Hebrew, it is called Yom Kippur. This day is the only one that many normally do not observe by having a banquet full of food. In fact, it is one that many observe by fasting from food and water through this 24 hour time set. Let's look at the verses given concerning Day of Atonement.

Scriptures :

Lev. 16:29 "And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. 30 For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before YHWH from all your sins. 31 It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever.

Lev. 23:27 "Now on the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict yourselves and present a food offering to YHWH. 28 And you shall not do any work on that very day, for it is a Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before YHWH your God. 29 For whoever is not afflicted on that very day shall be cut off from his people. 30 And

whoever does any work on that very day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31 You shall not do any work. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. 32 It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves. On the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath.”

Num. 29:7 “On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation and afflict yourselves. You shall do no work.

The Day of Atonement was the one special day of the year that the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies. It is the very place where YHWH dwelled in the Temple (or Tabernacle). The High Priest would make atonement for the sins of all the people of Israel.

What do we do on this day each year? How do we involve our children? These are the questions I have had.

Yom Kippur falls on the 10th day of Tishri of the [Hebrew calendar](#). This Day of Atonement is a Holy Convocation. That simply means, get together with other like minded believers. It is also a high sabbath, which is a day of rest. "You shall do no work."

In looking at the word "affliction", it is a word that brings up many different thoughts. Fasting from food is the first thought, mainly because that seems to be the number one way for me to bring affliction upon myself. Though, when looking at the word "affliction", it is not translated to specifically mean "fasting". It is meant for us to afflict our souls. There are other ways you can choose to do that.

Though the traditional way to observe this day is thru fasting, the main thing for us is to focus on the repentance of our sins. No matter how you choose to afflict yourself, do it with the intent of humbling yourself before our Heavenly Father and strengthening your walk with Him.

Now, what about our children? How do we guide them along for this day? As their parent, we need to teach them exactly what the scriptures

say. Give them a challenge. Ask them what might "afflict" them in helping them focus on Yah. Help them do as they suggest. Remember they are still "learning to walk" and "stumbling" usually comes right along with it. Be an encourager and you'll see that is a teaching in itself that goes a long way.

The Day of Atonement could very possibly be the day when Yeshua resurrects all believers. This is an understanding that many are starting to see possible. For more on that, please see our teaching titled "["The Last Trump"](#)".

May Yom Kippur be a memorable day for you. One that renews you and strengthens your relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Growing in Him,
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