

GOD'S PLAN FOR ATONEMENT IN THE TANAKH

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- The Kings teach us that all have sinned:
 - The great King Solomon tells us this:
 - II Chronicles 6:36 – in his prayer of dedication of the Temple
 - Ecclesiastes 7:20
 - The great King David tells us this:
 - Psalm 14:1-3 – no one seeks after God
 - (From man's perspective it appears as if we seek – but the Bible says that we do not)
- Jewish people are always talking about sin during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- The Prophets teach us that all have sinned:
 - Isaiah 64:6
 - Jeremiah 17:9

The Hebrew Scriptures teach us that there are consequences for sin:

- Ezekiel 18:4, 20 – sin causes death
- Isaiah 59:1-2 – sin causes separation from God

The Hebrew Scriptures teach us that atonement only comes through a sacrifice:

- Lev. 17:11 – God's requirement. God hasn't changed (Mal. 3:6).
- Blood is detestable – God required blood to show how ugly sin is!

The Hebrew Scriptures teach us that the Messiah was the sacrifice:

- The Servant Songs – Isaiah 49-57
 - Isaiah 53:3 – Who is the “He”?
 - The Suffering Servant (whom Jewish people claim is Israel)
 - Who is the “we”?
 - The “we” is Israel (and mankind):
 - v. 3 – we hid our faces from Him
 - v. 4 – He has born our griefs. . . .
 - v. 5 – He was wounded for our transgressions. . .
 - This is the Levitical picture of sacrifice – identification – the people placed their hands on the animal to be sacrificed – and then sliced its throat.
 - The meaning – this animal is getting what we deserved. There's an exchange – a life for a life.
 - The “He” cannot be the “we”
 - The Suffering Servant is the Messiah
 - The “we” is mankind including Israel

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The Hebrew Scriptures teach us about the Messiah:

- Micah 5:2 – and that He is God – His days are from everlasting – He is eternal
- Jeremiah 23:5-6 – His Name is Jehovah our righteousness
- Isaiah 9:6 – a Son would be given Who is the Mighty God; He would reign – the government will be upon His shoulders
- Daniel 9:24-27 – He would come before the Temple was destroyed.
- Genesis 49:10 – He would come before the scepter departed from Judah
- Isaiah 53
- Psalm 22

The Hebrew Scriptures teach us to trust in the Messiah:

- Psalm 2 – coronation psalm – each new king in Israel would quote this psalm. From this psalm came the Jewish belief in the Son of God – and that the Son of God is God. This truth deteriorated in the time of Jesus.
 - We note that there is the Lord and His Anointed (Messiah).
 - We see the Lord and His Messiah as ruling.
 - The nations desire to break away from God.
 - God is laughing at man's attempts.
- God says, “No – I have set my King on the holy hill of Zion” – altho' this is speaking of the Millennial Kingdom (God is above time and space – the Lamb was slain before the foundations of the world – Rev. 13:8.)
- “I will tell you what God the Father said to Me, “You are My Son – I will give you the ends of the earth. And when you shall reign and when there is rebellion – you will smash it.” Curtain drops.
- God tells the Kings – serve the Lord by worshipping the Son and by putting your trust in the Son. God the Father says in Isa. 46:9 that He alone is God and in Isa. 48:11 – that He will not give His glory to another. And, yet in Psa. 2 we see God telling the world to submit to the Son.

Psalm 2 - You must believe in the Son to believe in God the Father. (NT – I Jn. 2:23)

The Hebrew Scriptures teach us when to do this – NOW!

- Isaiah 55:1-3 – God's gift of salvation is free.
- vv. 6-7 –
- John 8:24 – you shall die in your sins if you don't believe that Jesus is God's anointed – that He is God
- John 6:28-29 – the work of God is to believe.
- John 1:12 – believing on His Name – Who He is – become the children of God.