

## THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

**Atonement**—The reconciliation of God (YHWH) to man by the **blood of Christ (Yahshua)** through the Heavenly Sanctuary system. The blotting out of sin on the Day of Atonement. How long is it to be binding? “. . . It shall be a **statute for ever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings.” Lev. 23:31. “And this shall be **an everlasting statute** unto you, to make **an atonement** for the children of Israel for all their sins **once a year**. And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.” Lev. 16:34. “Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the **first tabernacle** (first apartment), accomplishing the **service of God**. But into the **second** (second apartment) went the high priest alone **once every year**, not without **blood**, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the **holiest of all** (the Sanctuary in Heaven) was not yet made manifest, while as the **first tabernacle was yet standing**: Which was **a figure** for the **time then present**, in which were offered both **gifts and sacrifices**,...” Hebrews 6:6-9. “For if He were on earth, He should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that **offer gifts according to the law**: Who serve unto the **example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the **tabernacle** or, See, saith He, that thou **make all things according to the pattern** shewed to thee in the mount.” Hebrews 8:4, 5. “And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the **sanctuary be cleansed**.” Daniel 8:14. “In Daniel the term ‘daily’ occurs five times as the translation of tamid (RSV ‘continual burnt offering’) and is associated with the **Sanctuary**. In chapter 8:11-14 the power symbolized by the little horn desolates the **Sanctuary** and halts its regular ritual services. But **after a period of 2300 ‘days’** the **Sanctuary** is to be ‘cleansed’ (KJV), or “**restored to its rightful state**” (RSV). In chapter 11:31 the additional information is given that “the abomination that maketh desolate” is **substituted** for the ‘daily’. Since the ‘daily’ designates the **divinely ordained system of worship**, the power that removes it stands in opposition to God, and the “abomination that maketh desolate” represents a **counterfeit system of worship**.” *SDA Bible Dictionary, Vol. 8, page 242*. “And the **seventh angel** poured out his vial into the air; and there came a **great voice** out of the **temple of heaven**, from the throne, saying, **It is done**.” Rev. 16:17. “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is **righteous**, let him be **righteous still**: and he that is **holy**, let him be **holy still**. And, behold, I come quickly: and **My reward** is with Me, to give every man **according as his work shall be**.” Revelation 22:11, 12.

What is the meaning of the words, “It is done.” Well, since Jesus played the role of **a lamb** upon the cross, He had to die for the sins that were committed under the Old Covenant, Old Testament dispensation, according to the sacrificial law which had been in operation for 4,000 years (see Rom. 3:24, 25 and Heb. 9:15). But after His ascension into Heaven, He began His work as an **Advocate** (1 John 2:1), **Mediator** (Heb. 8:6; 9:15; & 12:24), and **High Priest** (Heb. 7:25, 26; 8:1-5; 9:11,12,24). As an High Priest, He cannot die for sins, therefore, He bares them upon His shoulders before His Father in the second apartment or Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary on the Day of Atonement. This act is in harmony with, and is obedient to the statute of Leviticus 16:29-34, which calls for a **blood offering** by which sins are blotted and the Sanctuary is cleansed **once a year**. Thus the books of record are closed for that year and a new record begins. Since the Heavenly Sanctuary with its law, blood, and High Priest system was the **pattern** for the Earthly Tabernacle and its’ system (see Ex. 25:8, 9 & Heb. 8:5), we must therefore realize that when the solemn declaration is made, “It is done,” then the work of salvation is finished; the final atonement has been made; probation is forever closed; the Sanctuary is inactive; and the cases of all those who lived under the New Covenant, New Testament dispensation have been examined and their destinies eternally decided. Thus the Sanctuary stands as a monument to the love and justice of God and His Son Jesus Christ.