Leviticus 23:26-32 (KJV) (also Numbers 29:7-11) - “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be an **holy convocation** unto you; and ye shall **afflict** your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do **no work** in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a **Sabbath of rest**, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.

* Atonement: *Kippur/Kippurim* – satisfaction/appeasement of wrath by shedding blood – the legal act of life for life (Leviticus 17:11 and Hebrews 9:22 – without the shedding of blood, no atonement)
* Holy Convocation: *Miqra* - a solemn assembly; gathering; a reading
* Afflict: *Anah –* bowed down in humility invokes self-honesty; testify; give an account; bear witness; eliminate pride; forcing into submission; fasting helps brings what is inside to the outside so we can make right decisions
* Work: *Melakah* – Occupation
* A Sabbath of Rest – *Shabbat* - An intermission; cease, desist, rest

**Foundational Scriptures**

* Romans 11 and Galatians 3:29 (we are the congregation of Israel - grafted in through the blood of Messiah - the seed of Abraham) – All those in Messiah is a son of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
* Leviticus 16:29-31: “This is to be a permanent statute for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month, you shall humble yourselves and not do any work—whether the native or the foreigner who resides among you—because on this day atonement will be made for you to cleanse you, and you will be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It is a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble yourselves; it is a permanent statute.” - (The ceremony – 1st on agenda - High Priest sets his house in order (verse 6) - day of affliction, cleansing and separation)
* Isaiah 2:5-22 (This is reason He calls His people to affliction – all pride is cut off)
* Hebrews 9 and 10 (Revealing our High Priest Messiah Yahushua (Jesus) in what has been fulfilled and what is soon to be fulfilled)
* Revelation 19-20; Psalm 37, 97 (Plays out the separation of truth and deception—final salvation)
* Joel 2:15-17 (Time of assembly, fasting, and revealing the true bride)
* Psalm 1:5-6 (Separation of the righteous and the wicked)
* Matthew 24:24, (a powerful deception coming to lead astray, and if possible, the very elect)

**Introduction to the Day of Atonement**

* Passover – The deliverance from death caused by **intentional** sin (rebellion)
* Shavuot (Pentecost) The giving of the Spirit to help us overcome the sin that so easily besets us (Hebrews 12:1-3)
* From Yom Teruah to Yom Kippur (10 days of awe) – a time of testing and the acknowledgement of who the true God is (realizing it is not us – nor our stomach)
* Yom Kippur - The putting away of **unintentional** sins (sins of ignorance) – that besets (hinders) us from complete set-apartness unto Him. (Hebrews 9:7)
* The separation of the deceiver and accuser from physical Israel
* 6th Feast – the # of man - the final call for Adam/Eve – a family/congregation to choose life

The inner core of the Feasts – Take us back to the Garden to have a second opportunity for us to choose life and not let go of it! It is about Yahuweh finding a people who will not rely on their own flesh to judge between truth and deception but come to the Judge and allow Him to decide.

The Day of Atonement exposes and separates out those who have been deceived by the spirit of whoredom (porneuo in Greek) - commit fornication (sexual immorality); (figuratively) to be unfaithful to Christ, while posing as His true follower. (whoredom tied to deception)

The absolute importance of this time is, through (affliction – having a love for the truth), the death of our fleshy desires, truth and deception are brought into full clarity so that we know, with absolute conviction and with full intention, which one we are choosing. The gnashing of teeth are those who thought they knew, but deception clouded their judgment.

The hour of great trial IS the repeat of the conversation between the serpent and man – Will we be deceived a second time? The dragon never stops though he knows his time is short! Will we stop?

**The Day of Affliction, Judgment, Final Decision, War, Separation and Family Restoration**

**The Final Call to Choose Life**

**Affliction (Fasting and Humility)**

* The fasting/waiting on the Day of Atonement is for the unveiling and sending away of the enemy of our souls – the father of lies/deception
* Separation from food and all fleshly desires –brings clarity of knowing His original intention to choose life
* Acts 13:1-2 - Ministering to Yahuweh (obedience) and fasting brings a separation of vessels to fulfill the purpose and will of Yahuweh
* Why Fast? Read Daniel 12:1-2 and 2 Peter 3:8-13; Ezra 8:21 - “**Then I called a fast there, at the river of Ahava (Babylon), so we might afflict (humble) ourselves before our God/Elohim, in order to seek from Him the right way for us, and for our little ones and for all our possessions**.” – Make it very clear for us what the right way for us is - VERY important for the fasting period!—Pride says, “I will make my own way!” – Psalm 10:4 – the wicked do not seek Him.
* Leviticus 16 - In the time of fasting, the whole congregation brings two goats to the High Priest for a decision to be made by the casting of lots. Which one is true and worthy to shed its blood as a sin offering (for Yahuweh) and which one is the false who would have led us, the elect, astray? The atonement of all transgressions placed on the head of Azazel (Removal) – Psalm 7:16
* Not up to the people to judge which one was worthy (Leviticus 1:4) – Barabbas was chosen because people were pride filled and deceived. On Atonement, 2 animals are chosen by the people but only 1 selected for a sin offering by lots.
* **Without fasting to allow Him to show us the right way, we will most certainly be cut off from among the people because fasting brings clarity to see who the High Priest says the deceiver really is - not by our own choosing. Ultimately, we had the chance in the Garden to ask Him who is lying, but we failed. This day is about us going back to the Garden and asking Elohim the question – who is real and who is false? What have we learned in our walk? If Adam/Eve had gone to Elohim with this question rather than relying upon the lust of their flesh to make the decision for them, they would have not been cutoff from the presence of Yahuweh!**
* Deuteronomy 30:11-20 – I have set before you life and death – choose life!

**Judgment/Final Decision**

* The time to give the final answer of who delivered us from Egypt (destruction of the golden calf and the question of who the true deliverer is) – no other gods! – We will not be deceived and not 2nd guess!
* The ending of the secret of Elohim at the sounding of the 7th trumpet (Revelation 10:7)
* The final sealing of those who choose (or not) to be blotted out of His Book (Exodus 32:32-33)

**War**

* Revelation 19; 17:14 – “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”
* Zephaniah 1:7 – “Hold thy peace (**HUSH!**) at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.” – The man without the wedding garment became speechless – Matthew 22:11-12
* The Day of Yahuweh (The Lord) – Joel 2:1-2; 3:14 and many others

**Separation of the Righteous unto salvation and the Wicked unto damnation**

* The lamb was separated from the flock on the 10th day at Passover (lamb from sheep or the goat) and on 10th day of Atonement, the lamb (goat) separated from the flock of Israel (the deceiver.)
* Leviticus 16:1-2 – once a year – lest you die of not being set-apart – Aaron’s sons (they were priests in the family – depart from me, I never knew you)
* Be ye holy (set-apart) as He is (Leviticus 19:1-2; 1 Peter 1:16) – the final determination of who He knows because they have made themselves holy like Him!
* A day of cleansing the priesthood, the congregation of Israel, the Most set-apart place, the set-apart place, and slaughter place
* Psalm 103:12 – The final transference of sin – returned on the head of the deceiver/accuser
* Messiah returns a second time **apart from sin** (Hebrews 9:28) to separate the bride from the one whose purpose from the beginning was to divide her, by deception, from her Bridegroom
* Truth separated from deception (all hidden things revealed - Revelation 12)
* The separation of the sheep and the goats – Matthew 25:33
* Light from darkness (Genesis 1:4); clean and unclean; truth and falsehood
* Between righteous Israel and the angel of light who deceived her and her offspring.
* The final removal of what led astray His people to succumb to being less than what He originally intended – the Garden of Eden
* Revelation 20:1-3 - Satan is bound for a 1000 years by the ‘fit’ angel so as not to lead astray

**Family Restoration**

* Isaiah 53 - Messiah will see the reward of his suffering – He will reap what he sowed in the family of Elohim whereas Satan will reap back on his own head what he has sown – the stumbling block of deception (the sin of Balaam – killed by the sword).

**How do we prepare/celebrate/participate in the Day of Atonement**

* Prayer and Fasting – (Allow Him to bring clarity so that we are not deceived and arrive to Revelation 19 - prepared with white wedding garments)
* If we do not afflict our beings we are telling Him we have no love for the truth – we will be cutoff from His people (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12) - The decision to keep our garments white IS having a love for the truth
* Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth – knowing Him and Him knowing us
* Celebrate Yahuweh’s Supper (The Lord’s Supper)

**May He Find Us Faithful and Innocent to the End!**