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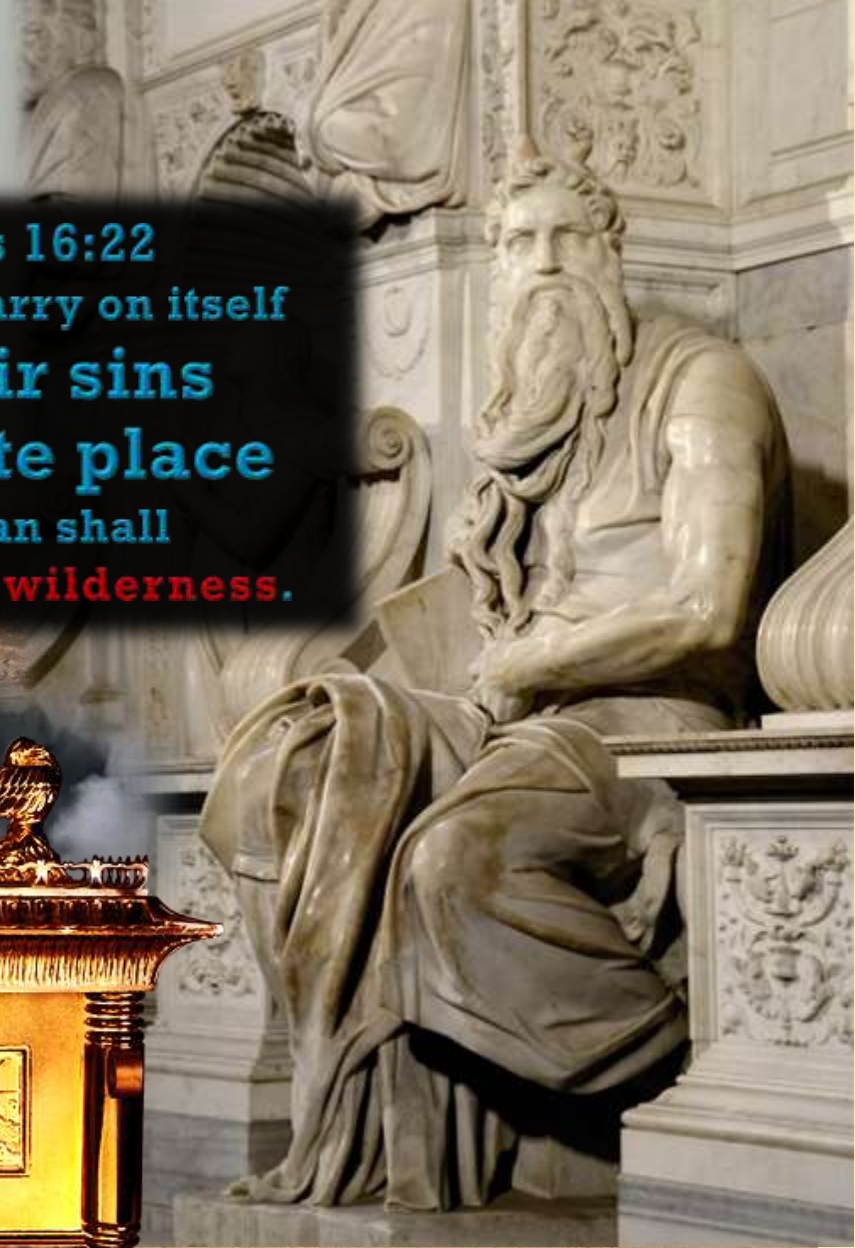
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Ark of the Covenant  
& Mercy Seat



# Leviticus

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You are  
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**Day of Atonement** – Most Important Day in Jewish Life



**Key Verse – Leviticus 16:22**

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Alternate Title

# Tale of Two Goats



## News Flash ... News Flash

Wednesday evening, 11-15-2017

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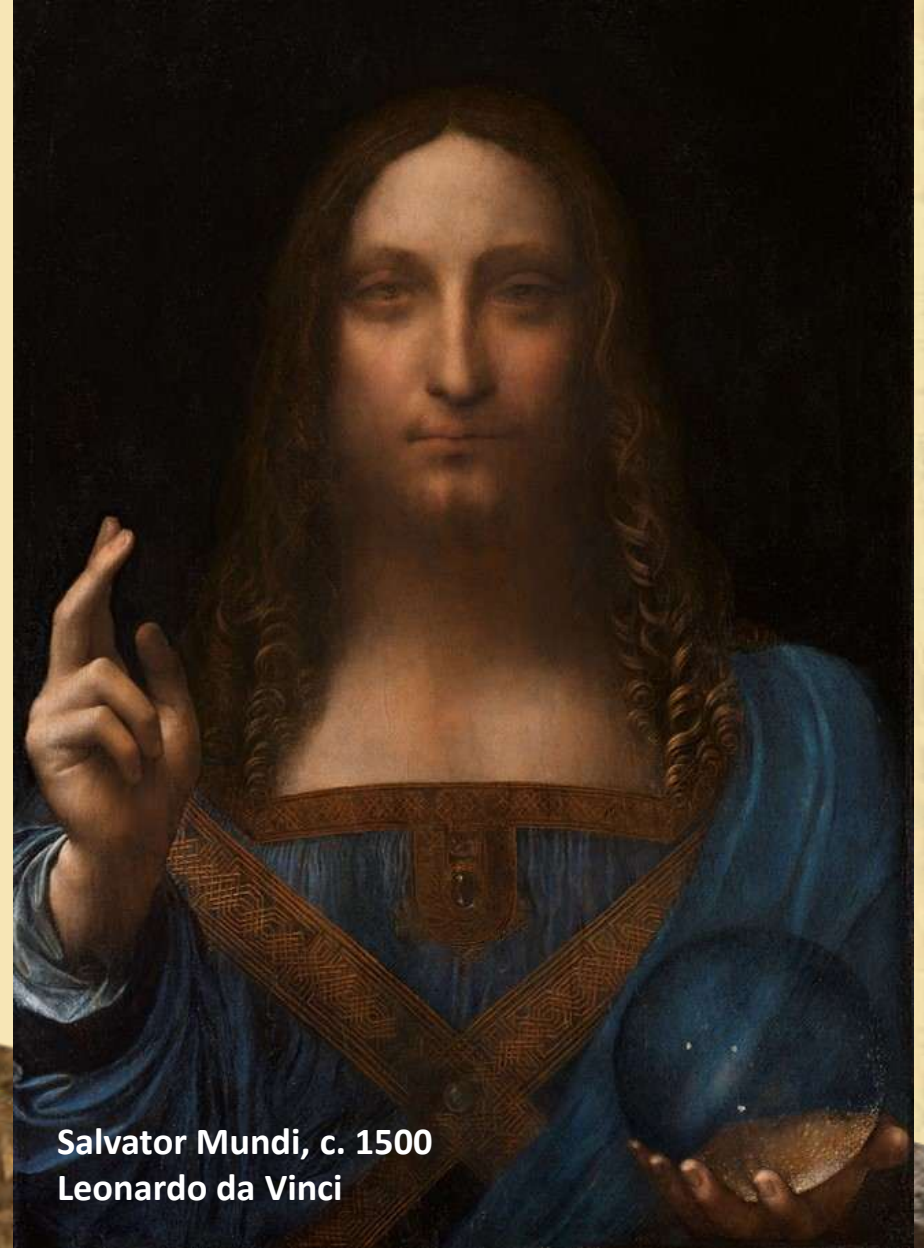
Leonardo da Vinci's *Salvator Mundi*

Latin for "Savior of the World"

**Sold for \$450 Million**

To a single individual ... wow

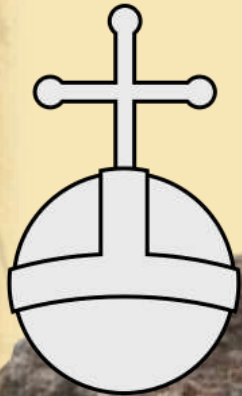
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Salvator Mundi, c. 1500  
Leonardo da Vinci

The “Orb” representing the **WORLD**  
During renaissance, several painted  
Salvator Mundi ... Savior of the World  
Throughout the Middle Ages many  
Salvator Mundis were painted with the  
**Globus Cruciger**  
Latin for “Cross-bearing Orb”  
Symbol of Christ’s Authority

**OVER the WORLD**



Serendipitous, even ***SPECTACULAR!***

In 2017

Just after 500th year Anniversary of the  
Protestant Reformation on 10-31-1517

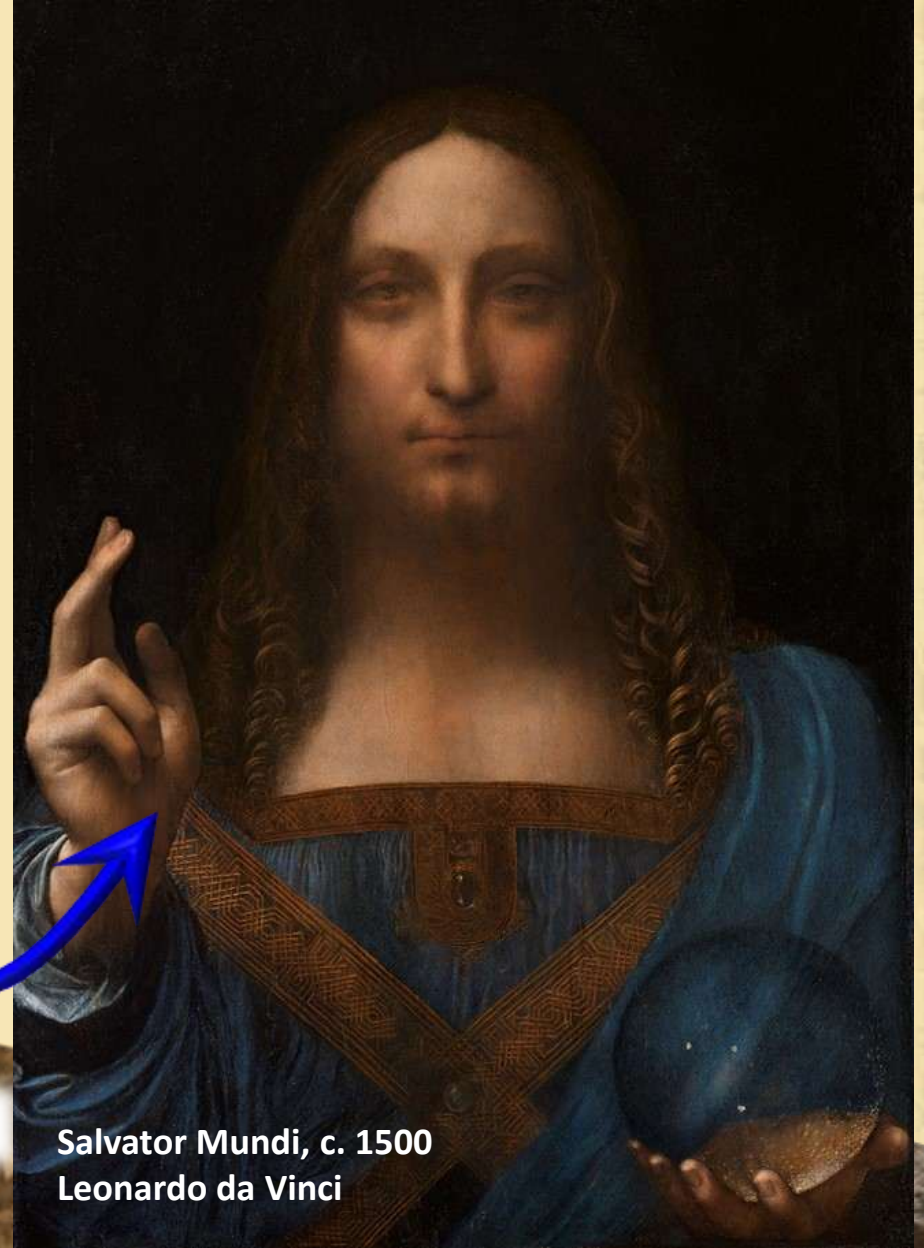
This 500-yr-old painting would become  
the **HIGHEST PRICED** in world history

First time I went through this was just  
before the Sunday Lesson in SBC  
churches across the U.S.A. on the

**Day of Atonement**

Salvator Mundi – **Savior of the World**

**How God works in mysterious ways**



Salvator Mundi, c. 1500  
Leonardo da Vinci



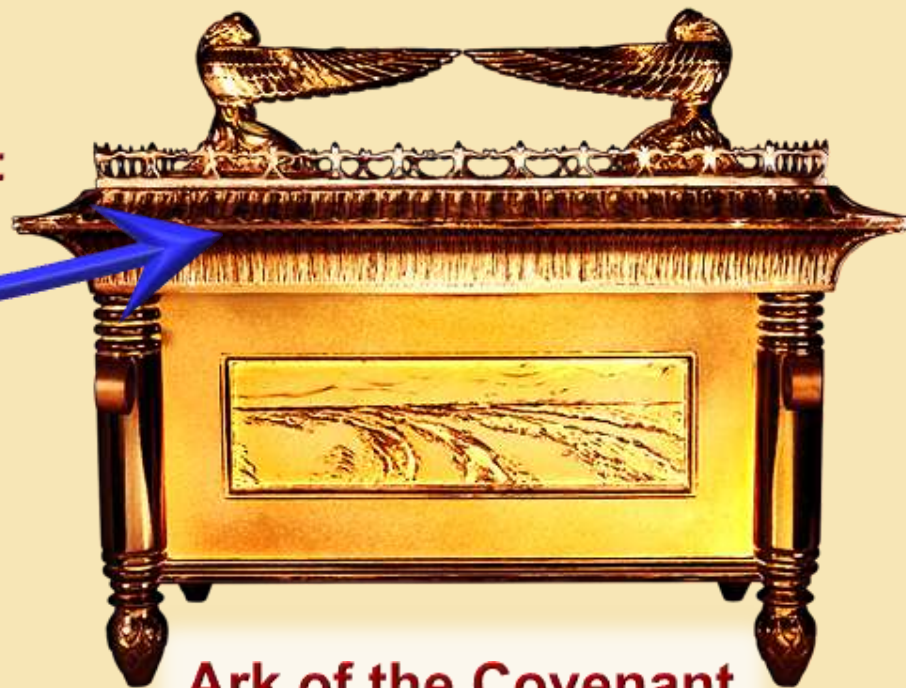
Center stage in Leviticus 16 is the  
Ark of the Covenant & the **Mercy Seat**

**Mercy Seat** is the **Lid** of the Ark

Aaron will sprinkle BLOOD on the lid

The high point of the

**Day of  
Atonement**



**Ark of the Covenant**

**Pointing to Christ  
though they *little* knew**

**Israel STILL  
at the foot of  
Mt. Sinai**

*Sinai*

**Jebel Musa  
Mt. Horeb**

*Horeb often refers to  
whole mountain range*

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# Day of Atonement

Most Important Day in Jewish Life

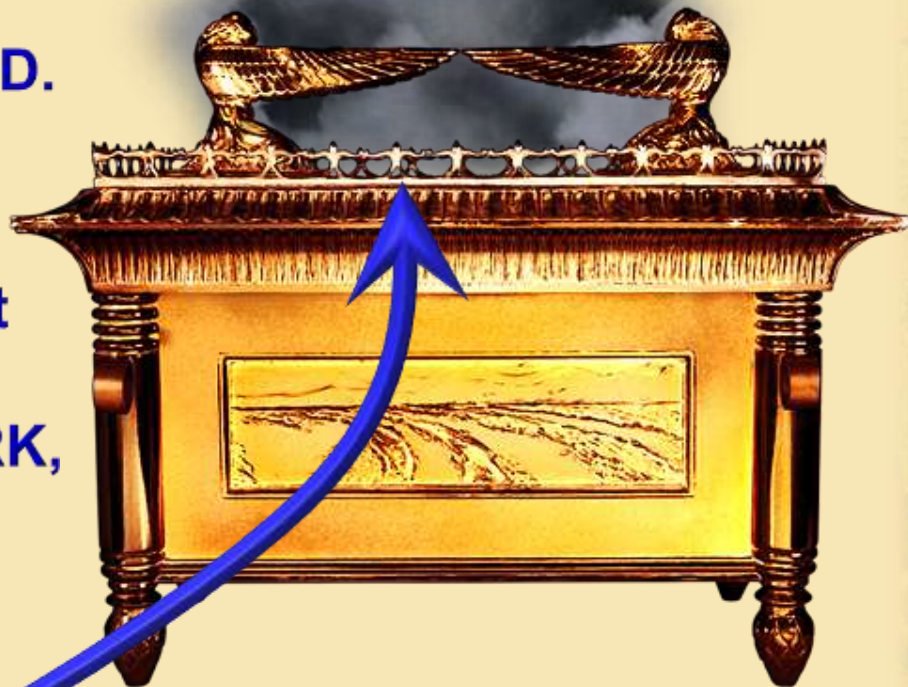


16:1 The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they approached the LORD.

16:2 The LORD said to Moses: “Tell your brother Aaron that he is **NOT** to come **WHENEVER** he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the **ATONEMENT COVER** on the **ARK**, or else he will **DIE**.

for I will appear in the cloud over the atonement **COVER**.

**NOTICE:** only come when told ...



**Cover = Mercy Seat**

Word “Mercy Seat” developed from Greek translators

## Cover = Mercy Seat

Root in “Cover Over” & “Cleanse”

Ark “cover” was pure GOLD Exodus 25:17

Day of Atonement is Yom Kippur

Yom = Day ... Kippur = to Atone

Holiest Day of Jewish Calendar

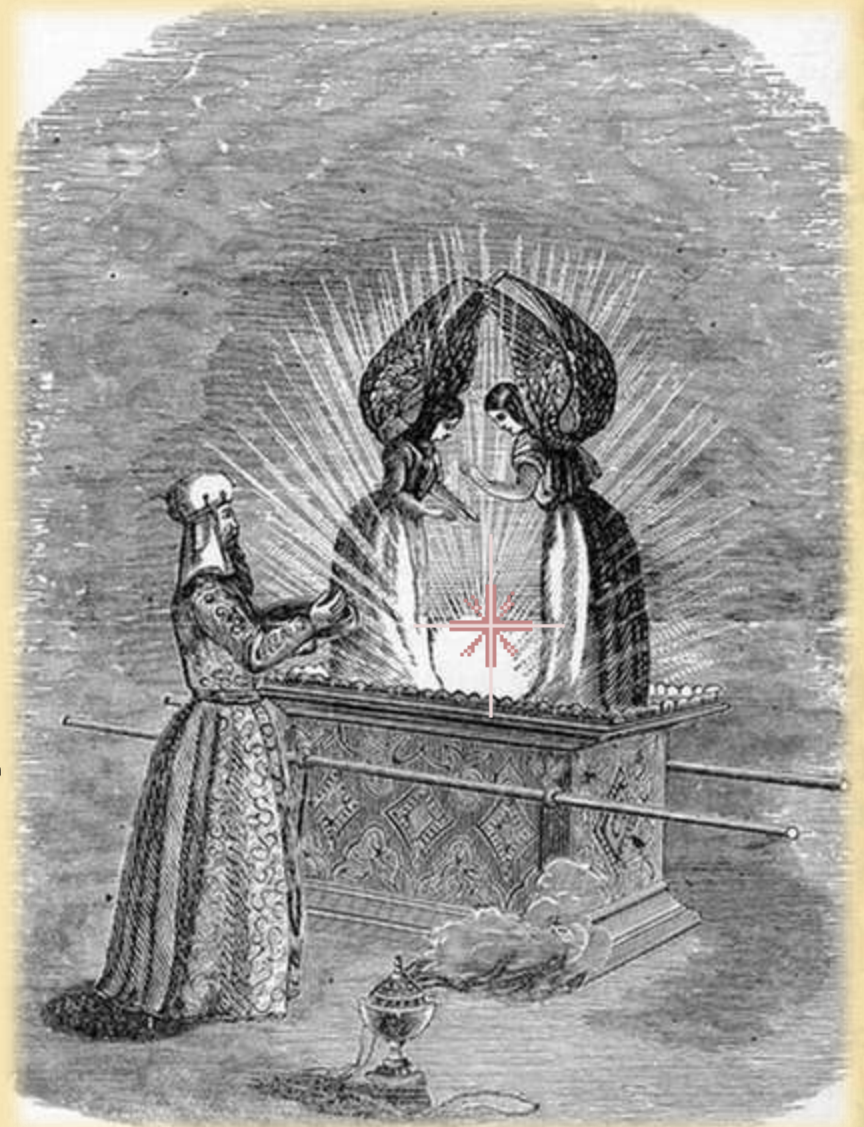
Sabbath of Sabbaths ...

Greek word “Mercy Seat” appears 3x N.T.

Rom 3:25 ~ Hebrews 9:5 ~ 1 John 4:10

Greek word literally: “thing that atones”

## Mercy Seat



Ark and the Mercy Seat, 1894 illustration  
by Henry Davenport Northrop

So then ... Aaron sacrifices for the people

16:3 “This is how Aaron is to enter ... first bring a young bull for a Sin Offering and a ram for a Burnt Offering.

16:4 He is to put on the sacred **LINEN** TUNIC, with **LINEN** undergarments ... tie the **LINEN** sash around him and put on the **LINEN** turban.... are sacred garments ... must bathe himself with water before....

16:5 ... take two male goats for Sin Offering and a ram for a Burnt Offering.

16:6 “Aaron ... offer bull for his own Sin Offering ... and his household.



**LINEN** from  
“Flax” plant  
Very White  
Symbolizes  
“Purity”



# Tale of Two Goats ...

16:7 Then he is to take the **TWO GOATS** and present them before the **LORD** at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

16:8 He is to cast lots for the **TWO GOATS**—one lot for the **LORD** and the other for **THE SCAPEGOAT**—*word LaAzazel*

Pronounced *la-ah-ZAY-zel*

16:9 Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the **LORD** and sacrifice it for a Sin Offering.

**This is a Sin Offering with a *twist***

**One Goat sacrificed**

**One Goat sent into *wilderness***



## SCAPEGOAT—Azazel

We understand the word SCAPEGOAT  
But the Hebrew is *Azazel* ah-ZAY-zel  
Translated as SCAPEGOAT ... yet  
Greek LXX, Septuagint, translates Azazel

**Sent Away**

Azazel – 4x in O.T. – ALL in Lev. 16

**16:8** *above* ... **16:10** 2x & *in* **16:26**

Azazel is mentioned in the

**Dead Sea Scrolls**





## Tale of Two Goats ...

<sup>10</sup> But the GOAT chosen by lot as the

### **SCAPEGOAT—Azazel**

English

Hebrew

*in English letters*

shall be presented alive before the LORD  
to be used for making atonement  
by *SENDING IT* into the wilderness  
as a SCAPEGOAT—Azazel.

Once more, “SCAPEGOAT—Azazel” is  
**ONLY** used 4x in Leviticus 16

Some scholars make a case for  
Chapter 16 written *AFTER* the exile



There is a Mt. Azazel in the Judean Wilderness



**very desolate place all around**

- ✓ Perhaps place of the *Scapegoat* ceremony
- ✓ On top, traces of 5th century Byzantine Monastery
- ✓ Called Jabal Munttar ... “Mount of the Watchers”

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**Judean Wilderness**

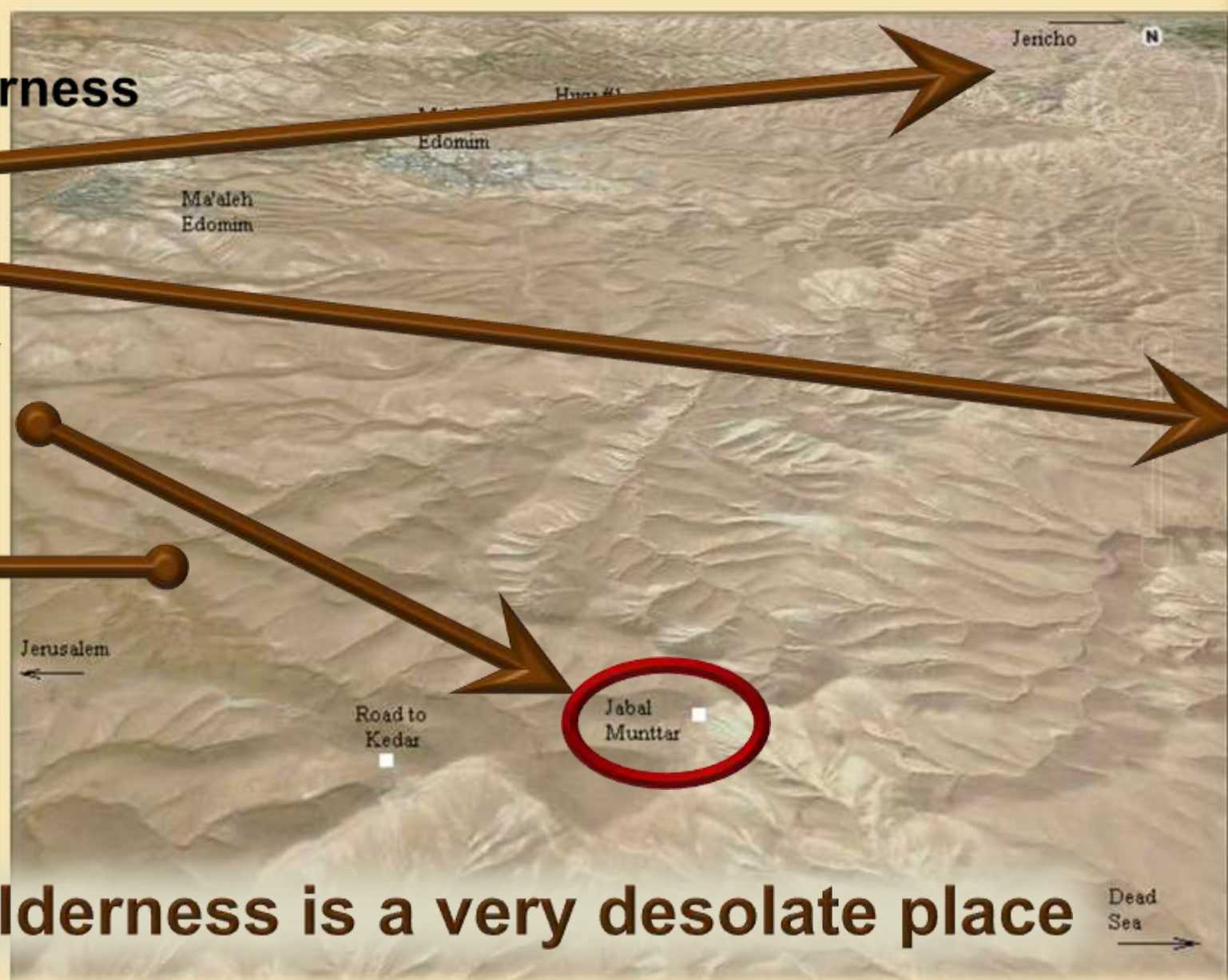
**Jericho**

**Dead Sea**

**Jabal Munttar  
or Mt. Azazel**

**Jerusalem**

**Judean Wilderness is a very desolate place**



## Scapegoat – Azazel *Ah-ZAY-zel*

According to **Dead Sea Scrolls**

- ✓ Azazel among Fallen Angels somewhere on Mt. Hermon with other Demons
- ✓ Leader of the “Watchers” prior to flood
- ✓ Taught Men Warfare: knives, swords
- ✓ Taught Women Deception: makeup, dye
- ✓ Yahweh ordered Archangel Raphael to chain Azazel to rough, jagged rocks
- ✓ Azazel abides there in darkness
- ✓ Day of Judgment Azazel will be **FIRED**

**Consumed with FIRE**

Azazel, Angel of Sacrifices  
by Pete Mohrbacher, c. 2016



# Scapegoat – Azazel ... pronounced Ah-ZAY-zel

Leviticus 16:26 several versions ... **goat is a GOAT** in Hebrew



NIV

The man who releases the

goat as a  
★ Scapegoat

must wash ...

ESV

And he who lets the

goat go to  
★ Azazel

shall wash ...

KJV

And he that let go the

goat for the  
★ Scapegoat

shall wash ...

HCSB

The man who released the

goat for  
★ Azazel

is to wash ...

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Goat to Azazel – Goat as Sent-Away-One – Goat is Scapegoat

Is Goat SENT to Azazel ... as to a Fallen Angel or to a Wilderness Mount?

c. 100 B.C., Jews in Qumran on the Dead Sea wrote about Angel Azazel

Or Goat **IS** Azazel ~ **IS** the *Sent-Away-One* ~ Goat **IS** a *Scapegoat*?

## Aaron the High Priest

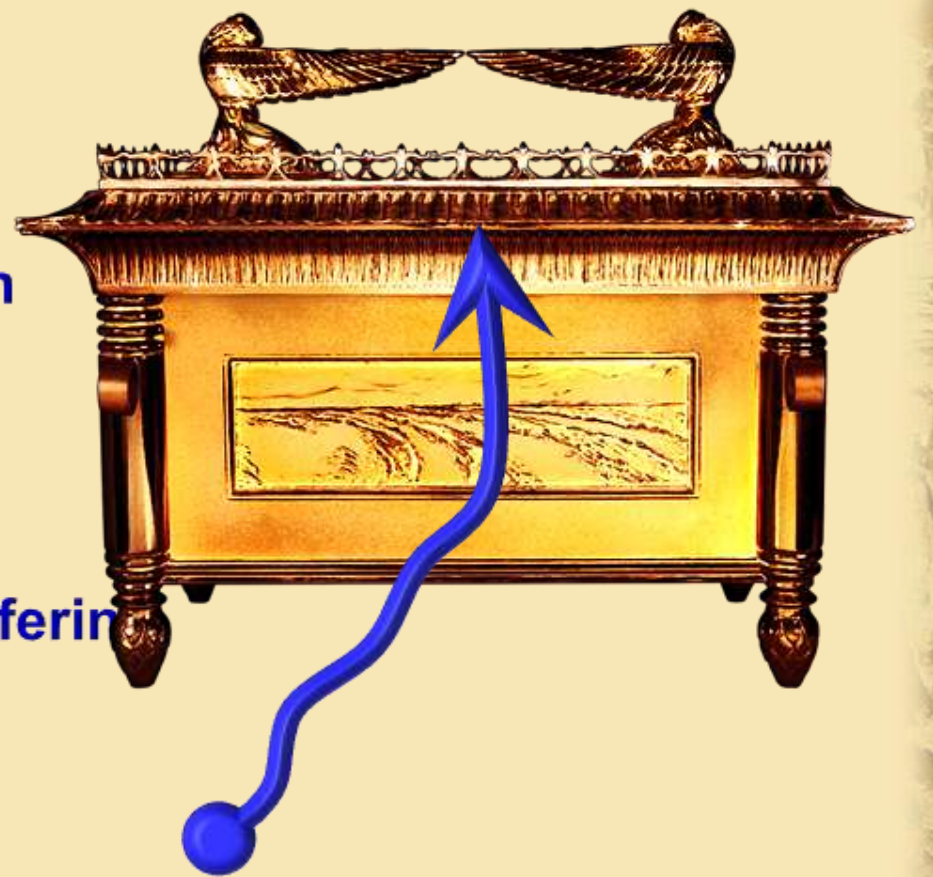
16:11 – Aaron kills bull for his sin offering

16:12-13 – Aaron takes coals behind curtain  
for the smoke to cover tablets of law

16:14 – Aaron sprinkles bull's blood  
7x on Mercy Seat

16:15 – Aaron kills goat for people's sin offering  
... takes blood behind curtain ...

Sprinkles blood on Mercy Seat



**NOTICE: Mercy Seat is the Solid Gold Cover**

**BLOOD** on the Mercy Seat, lid of Ark

Inside the Ark of the Covenant

*Ten Commandments*

Inside, was the LAW

ABOVE the Mercy Seat, *lid of Ark*

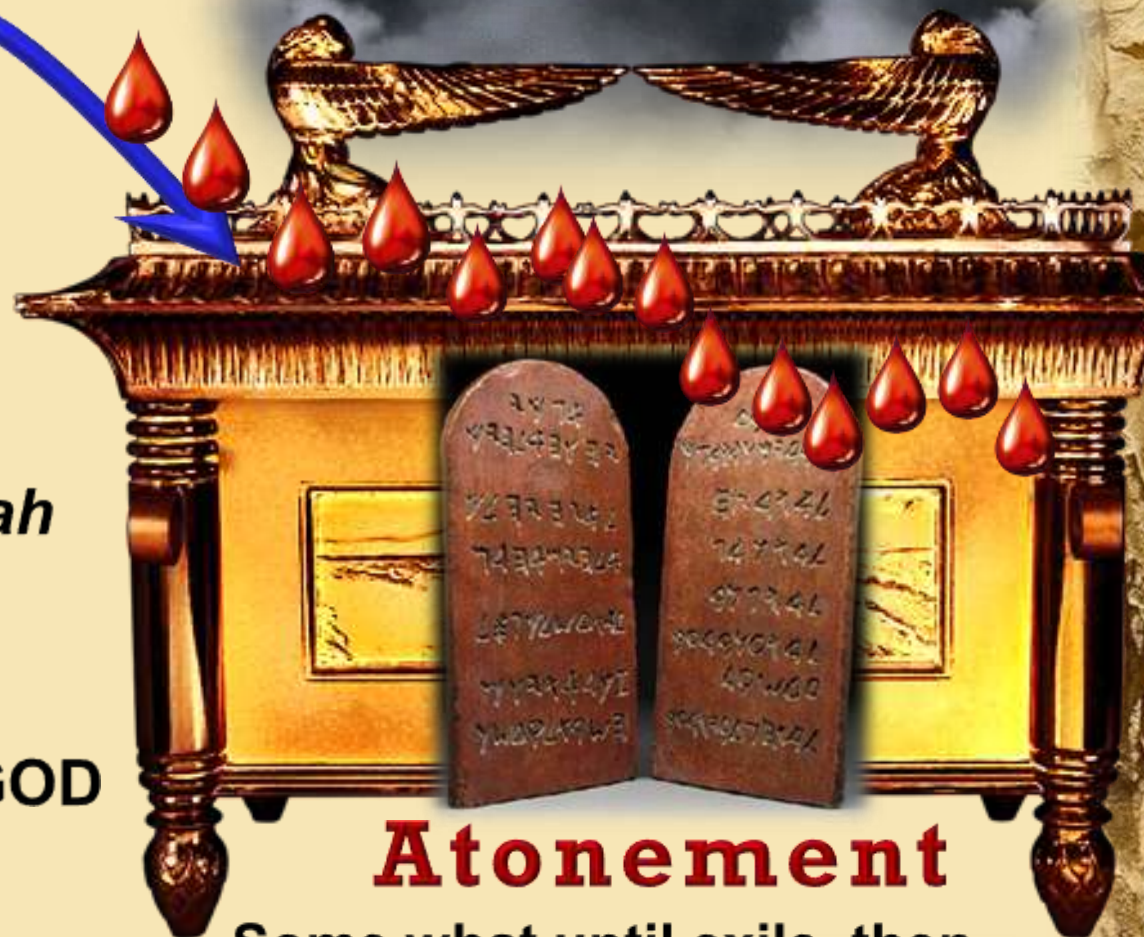
Two Angels & the Presence of God

Cloud of the Presence - *Shekinah*

So then ... *oh, catch this*

**BLOOD** covers the LAW

**BLOOD** between the LAW & GOD



**Atonement**

Some what until exile, then

Every Year ... until **A.D. 33**

## **THEREFORE**

16:16 In this way he will make **ATONEMENT** for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, **WHATEVER THEIR SINS** have been....

16:17 – No one **BUT** Aaron in tent of meeting

16:18-19 – Aaron is to **COME** out and sprinkle

**BLOOD** of bull & goat on horns of altar **7X**

16:20 – **AFTER** making **ATONEMENT** ...

16:21 – Aaron lays both hands on the head of the live goat ... and **CONFESSES** sends goat into **WILDERNESS**





## **THEREFORE**

**16:22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a REMOTE PLACE; and the man shall release it in the WILDERNESS. NIV**

<b>NIV</b>	<b>Remote Place</b>	<b>Wilderness</b>
<b>NASB</b>	<b>Remote Area</b>	<b>Wilderness</b>
<b>HCSB</b>	<b>Desolate Land</b>	
<b>KVJ</b>	<b>Land Not Inhabited</b>	<b>Wilderness</b>

**16:23-24 – Aaron takes off linen garments**

**WHITE ... symbolizing purity**



## **THEREFORE**

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to a **REMOTE PLACE**; and the man  
shall release it in the **WILDERNESS**.

16:23-24 – Aaron takes off linen garments,  
leaves garments in sanctuary ...

Puts on normal duds ... performs  
Burnt Offering for self ... another for people

16:25 – a Sin Offering too

16:26 – Man who released Goat as Scapegoat—**Azazel**—bathes

16:27-28 – Bull & Goat whose blood was  
used in Sin Offering – taken outside  
of camp, burned ... man bathes



**LORD tells Moses about the DAY itself**

**29 “This is a LASTING ORDINANCE for you:  
on the tenth day of the seventh month  
you must deny yourselves and  
not do any work—whether native-born  
or a foreigner residing among you—**

**30 because on this DAY ATONEMENT will  
be made for you, to cleanse you.  
Then, before the LORD, you  
will be clean from all your sins.**

**Verses 31-34 ... remind all AGAIN**



LORD tells Moses about the DAY itself

## Day of Atonement

Verses 31-34 ... remind all AGAIN

This is to be a **PERMANENT** statute  
to make atonement once a year for Israel

*YET ... something happens*

**Babylonian Captivity in 586 B.C.**

**Temple is DESTROYED ... Ark is LOST**

Jews have no more ABILITY to PROPERLY perform Day of Atonement

After Exile ... to time of Christ, Judaism truly kicks off

**Day of Atonement** is performed **WITHOUT** the

# Ark of the Covenant & Mercy Seat



When Christ rose from the grave

**Last Day of Atonement—*COMPLETE***

SINS leave with the Last Scapegoat

Some believed Sins leave with a Fallen Angel

Even to the Mount of Azazel ...

**We believe: NO Fallen Angel *involved***

As Christ died ... our sins were sent into

- ✓ Desolate Area ... into Oblivion
- ✓ As Far as the East is from the West
- ✓ Wilderness of Azazel ... Never to be Found Again
- ✓ To the Place of *Forgetfulness* by God

**Forgiven ... as we inherit Eternal Life**

**To Those Who *BELIEVE***

