

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
September 16, 2026
Leviticus 16:23-34

Introduction:

1. Leviticus 16 is the chapter that focuses on the Day of Atonement.
 - a) **Leviticus 16.1-10:** Come to God on His terms.
 - b) **Leviticus 16.11-19:** The Power of the Blood.
 - c) **Leviticus 16.20-34:** Bringing it to an end.
2. Verse 20 introduces the third section of the chapter which directs us to the scapegoat.
 - a) **Leviticus 16.20:** *"And when he has made an end of atoning..."*
 - b) **Leviticus 16.21:** *"Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat"*
 - c) **Leviticus 16.22:** *"The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities..."*
3. The two goats represent two parts of a single offering. The first goat provided the blood. The second goat provided the escape. (cf. Heb. 9.11-14; 9.28)

I. THE CONCLUSION

- A. The burnt offerings.
 1. **Leviticus 16.23:** The high priest changes his clothes. (cf. Lev. 16.4; Ex. 28.2)
 2. **Leviticus 16.24:** Two burnt offerings are made. (cf. Lev. 16.3,5; Lev. 1)
 3. **Leviticus 16.25:** The fat of the offerings are burned. (cf. Lev. 16.3,5; 3.16,17)
 4. **Leviticus 16.26:** The man with the scapegoat. (Lev. 16.10,20,21)
- B. Disposing the carcasses.
 1. **Leviticus 16.27:** The disposal of the bull and goat. Burn translates a different word than verse 25. Sacrificial vs destroyed.
 2. **Leviticus 16.28:** The man who disposes of the carcasses is unclean.
- C. New Testament parallel. (Heb. 9.13,14; 13.9-11)

II. THE CONGREGATION

- A. Setting the date.
 1. **Leviticus 16.29:** The duration.
 - a) Repeated three times for emphasis. (cf. Lev. 16.29,31,34)
 - b) Forever does not always mean eternally. (Heb. 9.10)
 2. **Leviticus 16.29:** The date. (Acts 27.9; Lev. 23.23-25,33,34)
 3. **Leviticus 16.34:** The frequency. (Heb. 9.7,25)
- B. The responsibilities of the congregation.
 1. **Leviticus 16.29:** It is a day of fasting and rest.
 - a) What does it mean to afflict your soul? (Ps. 35.13; Isa. 58.1-5)
 - b) Eating and working was a serious offence. (Lev. 23.26-32; Num. 29.7)
 2. **Leviticus 16.30,31:** The significance of their responsibilities.