

Timeline of Truth – The Mercy Seat (Exodus 25:17-22)

<p>Ex 25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. ⁹ "According to all that I show you, <i>that is</i>, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make <i>it</i>.</p>	
<p>¹⁷ "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits <i>shall be</i> its length and a cubit and a half its width. ¹⁸ "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹ "Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it <i>of one piece</i> with the mercy seat. ²⁰ "And the cherubim shall stretch out <i>their</i> wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim <i>shall be</i> toward the mercy seat. ²¹ "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. ²² "And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which <i>are</i> on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.</p>	<p>1. The <u>Plans</u> for the Mercy Seat</p>
<p>³¹ "You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet <i>thread</i>, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim. ... ³³ "And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy <i>place</i> and the Most Holy.</p>	<p>2. The <u>Location</u> of the Mercy Seat Ex 26:33-34 "And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy <i>place</i> and the Most Holy. ³⁴ "You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.</p>
<p>³⁴ "You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.</p>	<p>3. The <u>Joining</u> of the Mercy Seat & the Ark</p>
<p>Ex 37:6 He [Bezalel] also made the mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits <i>was</i> its length and a cubit and a half its width. ⁷ He made two cherubim of beaten gold; he made them of one piece at the two ends of the mercy seat: ⁸ one cherub at one end on this side, and the other cherub at the <i>other</i> end on that side. He made the cherubim at the two ends <i>of one piece</i> with the mercy seat. ⁹ The cherubim spread out <i>their</i> wings above, <i>and</i> covered the mercy seat with their wings. They faced one another; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.</p>	<p>4. The <u>Making</u> of the Mercy Seat</p>
<p>Lev 16:2 and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at <i>just</i> any time into the Holy <i>Place</i> inside the veil, before the mercy seat which <i>is</i> on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. ³ "Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy <i>Place</i>: with <i>the blood of</i> a young bull as a sin offering, and <i>of</i> a ram as a burnt offering. ⁴ "He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These <i>are</i> holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. ... ⁶ "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which <i>is</i> for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. ... ¹¹ "And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which <i>is</i> for himself. ¹² "Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring <i>it</i> inside the veil. ¹³ "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that <i>is</i> on the Testimony, lest he die. ¹⁴ "He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle <i>it</i> with his finger on the mercy seat on the east <i>side</i>; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. ¹⁵ "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which <i>is</i> for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. ¹⁶ "So he shall make atonement for the Holy <i>Place</i>, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ¹⁷ "There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy <i>Place</i>, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.</p>	<p>5. <u>Purpose</u> of & <u>Access</u> to the Mercy Seat</p>

¹ Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. ² For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part*, in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; ³ and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, ⁴ which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which *were* the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; ⁵ and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶ Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. ⁷ But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people's sins *committed* in ignorance; ⁸ the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

⁹ It *was* symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience--

¹⁰ *concerned* only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ...

²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

²⁵ not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another--

²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Ex 25:17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width.

και ποιήσεις ιλαστήριον επίθεμα χρυσίου καθαροῦ δύο πήχεων και ἡμίσεως τὸ μῆκος και πήχεως και ἡμίσεως τὸ πλάτος

Rom 3:25 whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, (c.f. 1 John 2:2; 4:10)

ὃν προέθετο ὁ θεὸς ιλαστήριον διὰ [τῆς] πίστεως ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ αἵματι εἰς ἔνδειξιν τῆς δικαιοσύνης αὐτοῦ διὰ τὴν πάρεσιν τῶν προγεγονότων ἁμαρτημάτων

Heb 9:5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

ὑπεράνω δὲ αὐτῆς Χερουβὶν δόξης κατασκιάζοντα τὸ ιλαστήριον. περὶ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν νῦν λέγειν κατὰ μέρος.

6. The Picture & the Perfect Sacrifice

7. The Direct Connection to Jesus

1 John 2:2 *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

και αὐτὸς ἰλασμός ἐστιν περὶ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν, οὐ περὶ τῶν ἡμετέρων δὲ μόνον ἀλλὰ και περὶ ὅλου τοῦ κόσμου.

1 John 4:10 *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.*

ἐν τούτῳ ἐστὶν ἡ ἀγάπη, οὐχ ὅτι ἡμεῖς ἠγαπήκαμεν τὸν θεὸν ἀλλ' ὅτι αὐτὸς ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς και ἀπέστειλεν τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἰλασμόν περὶ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν.

Psa 80:1b Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

Psa 99:1 The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

Num 7:89 Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

1Sa 4:4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

2Ki 19:15 Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.