OF ATONEMENT ORDER OF EVENTS — LEVITICUS 16

- 1 Aaron took off his normal priestly garments, washed, and then put on the special garments (v.4).
- 2 Aaron purchased a bull for his own sin offering, two male goats for the people's sin offering; 2 rams, one for Aaron's and the other for the people's burnt offering (v.3,5).
- 3 Aaron had to create a "cloud" of incense in the Holy of Holies, covering the mercy seat, to "veil" the glory of God (v.12-13).
- 4 Aaron slaughtered the bull for his own sin offering (v.6,11).
- 5 Aaron then took some of the blood of the bull (step 4) and sprinkled it on the mercy seat seven times (v.14).
- 6 Lots were then cast for the two goats, to determine which would be slaughtered and which would be driven away (v.7-8).
- The goat of the people's sin offering (step 6), was sacrificed, and its blood was taken into the Holy of Holies and applied to the mercy seat (v.15).
- 8 Cleansing was then made for the holy place (v.16), seemingly by the sprinkling of the blood of both the bull and the goat.
- Outside the tent, Aaron was to make atonement for the altar of burnt offering using the blood of both the bull and the goat (v.18-19).
- The second goat, the one which was kept alive, had the sins of the nation symbolically laid on its head, and was driven from the camp to a desolate place, from which it must never return (v.20-22).
- Aaron entered the tent of meeting, removed his linen garments, washed, and put on his normal priestly garments.
- The burnt offerings of rams, one for Aaron and his family and the other for the people, was now offered (v.24)
- The fat of the sin offering was burned on the altar (v.25), and the remains of the bull and the goat were taken outside the camp, where they were burned (v.27).

