## The LIVE GOAT

in Leviticus 16:1-34 Was / is...

"Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness." (16:8-10)

"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness." (16:20-22)

a key aspect of the Day of Atonement

about the removal of sin & guilt

an annual object lesson on forgiveness

(fill in the blank)

closely linked to the first goat

(fill in the blank)

foreshadowing Christ's work (John 1:29) (fill in the blank)

important but neglected by theologians

(fill in the blank)

in line with Psalm 103:12 & Heb. 10:17 (fill in the blank)

Descriptive



like and unlike the second bird in 14:1-7 (fill in the blank)

not driven off a cliff & killed (fill in the blank)

not to be worshiped (Lev. 17:7)

the scapegoat

often wrongly linked to a demon, Azazel (fill in the blank)

perhaps not just a judicial illustration (fill in the blank)

serious and somewhat sad at that time (fill in the blank)

to be applied to the conscience (Heb. 10:22) (fill in the blank)

to help us think about sin & salvation (fill in the blank)

unnecessary today (Hebrews 10:1-18) (fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through Leviticus chapter 16 and Hebrews chapters nine and ten in a good study Bible, think about and discuss the many ways the scapegoat is described. Do you agree with the various phrases above? Would you change the way some of the blank lines are filled? — At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications. In doing so, think about how our position in Christ enables us to have a clear conscience and greater joy than was possible in Old Testament times. Also, it may be helpful to think about the victory over sin that is yet to come (1 Cor. 15:53-57). — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.