

Zerah Torah Parshat
 Ki Tisa
 Exodus 30. - 34.35

More On The Atonement Pledge
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We offer this discussion in the loving memory of Mr and Mrs Belk, Mrs Martha Reynolds and Gary Lee ben Ethel Channah, and Donald Wayne ben Ethel Channah and Stephen ben Martha may they rest in peace and may their memory be for good and may they be elevated in the heavens. May those who study with us and give charity in their memory be richly blessed.

More than twenty years ago I returned to Judaism. Returning for me was not like an on and off switch. It wasn't like today Today, I believe like Christians and tomorrow I believe like Jews. There was some transition time between what I used to believe and what Ha Torah Teaches. There were some amazing minutes during this transition. There were some real strong struggles. I was taught that only Jesus could save one's soul. I believed this with all my heart for 39 years. I attended Bible College and then Seminary. Christian teachings were rooted deeply within me. Some of those teaching aligned with Ha Torah Teaches and other did not agree. In Parshat Ki Tisa we learn that MONEY provides an atonement. Can you imagine what a shock that was to me?

If one has been taught all their life that only Jesus blood can atone for sin then they read Exodus 30.12 there is a collision. For me it was actually a relief. It was so pleasing to learn an old Teaching. It was new to me, yet, it was an old teaching. Jesus and Christianity and all their doctrines did not come around for another thousand years.

One has to wonder how did this doctrine about Jesus mislead so many. Christians have been taught that Jews are blind. They believe God has blinded our eyes as to who Jesus is. Actually that is not true at all. Christians don't spend much time studying the Christian Writings. If they did they would be asking their Teacher and Pastors a lot of challenging questions. I was there. I know what goes on. I lived in that shallow life style. However, back then when I was in transition it was difficult. I couldn't see the shallowness of Christianity and the lack of real thinkers. Try talking to Christians about logic. Logic is reasoning conducted or assessed according to strict principles of validity. Logic is a system of codified principles.

Let me provide just one example. I discuss this in several books, [PASSOVER - Jesus Last 6 Days On Earth](#) and [A Sincere Journey Ends Without JESUS](#). These books are available through <http://www.bnti.us/books.html> - I discuss In Matthew 12:40. <http://www.bnti.us/books.html>

The Writer Matthew quotes Jesus as saying,

'For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.'

Now, we really don't know if Jesus said this or not. Matthew says Jesus said this. Yet, the point is, that Christians don't understand the implications of this quote!! Has anyone stopped to add up what three days and three nights equal? What is 3 times 24? Can Christians add? When did Jesus die? How do you get three full days and three full nights and 72 hours from late Friday to just before sunrise on Sunday? IT DOES NOT WORK... Christians don't care. They believe. Christians accept what they read is true. It does not matter that there are not three full days and three full nights between Friday evening and early Sunday morning. They believe that even though there is only one day it's actually three. They believe that even though there are only two nights it's actually three nights. Christians say they have the truth. WHAT IS TRUTHFUL ABOUT THIS? Christians say Jews are blind. Who is looking the other way here? This is NOT close!! Christians can believe all they want that 36 hours equals 72 hours but we know differently. There are so many places where Christians are so very shallow... so empty... so clueless... I WAS THERE! I was empty! I was shallow! I was Clueless!

So Dear Reader when I read money was an atonement pledge, this was news to me. This was like fresh vegetables right out of the garden. I discuss the atonement pledge in my book *Mysterious SIGNS Of The Torah in EXODUS* on page 113.

Exodus 30:12

כִּי תִשָּׂא אֶת־רֹאשׁ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לִפְקֻדֵיהֶם וְנָתַנּוּ אִישׁ כַּפָּר נַפְשׁוֹ
לִיהוָה בַּפְּקֹד אֹתָם וְלֹא־יְהִי
בָהֶם נֶגֶף בַּפְּקֹד אֹתָם: יג

Exodus 30:12

Take a head count of everything from Aleph to Tav of B'nei Israel to determine the amount each man shall give as an atonement pledge for his soul to The Lord when you count them and as a result there will be no plague among them when you count them.

We want to center on the Words אִישׁ כַּפָּר Eesh Coh Fehr, meaning Man's Atonement Pledge. Man's Atonement Pledge is represented by a half shekel coin for each man above the age of twenty. Each man brought a half shekel as

an atonement for his soul. אֵשׁ כֹּהֵן Eesh Coh Fehr, is the Gematria of 611. The Gematria for תּוֹרָה Torah / Law, meaning the 613 Commands of Ha Torah of the Law is also 611. This tells us that obeying, i.e. Observing the 613 Commands of Ha Torah is an atonement for our soul.

May our learning be expanded,

Blessings, Love and peace.

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