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Dear friends,

I hope you are all doing well in these day of turmoil. Debi and I are managing well and growing in faith as we watch our world in conflict. I must say I am shocked in how little of the Bible I have grasped in my 50 plus years of being born again! I hope I'm not boring you with my repeatedly sharing new discoveries I have found in Jonathan Cahn's The Book of Mystries. I never connected these verses with the sacrifice of Jesus.

Leviticus 16:7-10. Then he is to take the two male goats and present them in the LORD's presence at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Aaron is to cast lots over the two male goats—one lot for the LORD and the other one for the scapegoat. "Aaron then is to bring the male goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and offer it as a sin offering. The male goat on which the lot fell for the scapegoat is to be brought alive into the LORD's presence to make atonement for himself. Then he is to send it into the wilderness."

From the Book of Mystries

IN ANCIENT TIMES," said the teacher, "on the holiest day of the year, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, a unique ceremony took place. The high priest would stand before the people with two goats at his side. Each goat had to be identical in appearance to the other. The high priest would then reach into an urn and pull out two lots, one in each hand. Each lot had a different Hebrew word inscribed on it. He then placed one lot on the head of the goat to his right, and another on the head of the goat to his left. One stone identified the goat that would die as the sacrifice for the sins of the people. The other identified the goat that would be let go. So before there could be a sacrifice, there had to be the presentation of the two goats before the people and the determining of the two lots and the two destinies. What about Messiah?" "What do you mean?" "What took place before His sacrifice? He was presented before the people, for the determining of the two destinies." "So that's why there were two," I said. "That's why there were two men presented before the people." "Exactly. And only one could become the sacrifice. So Messiah had to be one of two lives presented before the people in order to be chosen as the sacrifice. And according to the mystery, the other life had to be let go. So what happened to the other life that was presented that day?" "He was let go." "And what was his name?" "Barabbas." "According to the requirements of the ancient ceremony, the two goats or lives had to be identical. Messiah was the Son of God, the Son of the Father. Do you know what the name Barabbas means?" "No." "Barabbas comes from two Hebrew words, bar, which means son, and abba, which means father. Barabbas means the Son of the Father . . . Two lives . . . Each one bears the name the Son of the Father. So the sacrifice and the one set free because of the sacrifice must in some way be identical. So if God were to die in your place . . ." "He would have to become like me." "He would have to become like you, of flesh and blood, in the likeness of sin. He would become . . . your identical."

The Mission: Live today as one sentenced to judgment, but who has instead been set free and given a second chance of life, because of the love and sacrifice of Him.

Matthew 27:15-24

May God richly bless you as you walk in His presents during these troubling times.

Thank you for your prayers and help.

Richard