



## Introduction

*Aaron is given instructions for the day of atonement when he makes atonement for, or cleanses, the whole nation.*



## Questions

1. What does the LORD say to Moses following the death of Aaron's two sons?
2. What does Aaron do before the scapegoat is led away?
3. What is the purpose of all these instructions that are made an everlasting statute?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** Aaron is warned that he will die (see theme) if he goes into the Most Holy Place (part of the sanctuary) at just any time
- **v 3 to 5** God tells Aaron to bring sacrifices for himself and the congregation to the sanctuary and put on the holy garments
- **v 6 to 10** He is to cast lots and the scapegoat is to be chosen
- **v 11 to 14** Aaron is to offer the bull to make atonement, offer incense and sprinkle blood on the mercy seat
- **v 15 to 17** He is then to kill the goat of the sin offering, sprinkle its blood as before and so cleanse the sanctuary and the whole nation
- **v 18 and 19** Blood from the bull and goat is to be used to cleanse the altar outside
- **v 20 to 22** The sins of the nation are to be put on the scapegoat which is then taken far away and released in the wilderness
- **v 23 to 28** Aaron is to offer the two rams as burnt offerings on the altar. The bull and goat are then carried outside the camp and burned
- **v 29 to 34** The day of atonement is to be observed every year as a day of national cleansing

**Timeline** 1500 BC (see below)



## Theme

**God's principles cannot be ignored without consequences**

*A selection of verses showing that there will be consequences if we ignore what God says.*

The early Israelites are told the results of both obeying and disobeying God:

*Deuteronomy 11 verses 26 to 28*

Isaiah later tells the Israelites the consequences of disobeying God:

*Isaiah 1 verse 20*

The apostle Paul spells out the consequences of ignoring God:

*Romans 1 verse 18*

He points out the results of rejecting God's truth:

*Romans 1 verses 24 to 32*

