

Vicarious Sacrifice: Correlation of Yom Kippur with Crucifixion: Review of the Blood of Christ; Divine Integrity in the Church Age: Satanic Influence Intensified; the Luciferian Rebellion: His Five Assertions, Isa 14:13-14; the Dragon, Rev 12:3-4; His Appeal of the Guilty Verdict Takes Place During Human History

Romans 3:26 - for the demonstration, I say, of His [God's] righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just [uncompromised] and the justifier [to declare righteous] of the one who has faith in Jesus. (NASB)

51. Paul now emphasizes that the integrity of God is what makes it possible for those who believe in Him to have the imputation of divine righteousness.
52. Verse 25 also demonstrates that the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ is the reality previously forecasted by the Levitical rituals of Yom Kippur.
53. Verse 26 recognizes the application of divine integrity to those who believe in Christ for salvation that results in the imputation of divine righteousness to each.
54. Paul indicates that the second demonstration of divine righteousness is the result of the one previous (v. 25). If Jesus satisfied the integrity of God on the cross, then the integrity of God is free to apply that success to those who believe in Christ (v. 26).
55. "At the present time" refers to the Church Age, the dispensation in which Paul writes: **ἐν τῷ νῦν καιρῷ (en tō nūn kairō)**. The translation is almost correct with the exception of the locative of place of the adverb *nūn* which is better translated "this": "at this present time."
56. In dispensational history, the Church Age is when the angelic conflict advances to its most intensified stage.
57. It requires the rapid recruitment of combatants in the conflict and the development of star witnesses to testify for the Prosecution during the appellate review of Lucifer's guilty verdict for treason.¹
58. Witnesses are made necessary because of God's grace toward Lucifer and the fallen angels. The original sin in the angelic community is recorded in Isaiah 14:13-14 where Lucifer's Five Assertions constitute rebellion against God.
59. We know that one-third of the angelic population joined the revolution according to:

Revelation 12:3a - Then another sign was seen in heaven: and so, behold, a great red dragon [δράκων (drákōn)] ...

v. 4a - And his tail [indicates Lucifer's power over his followers] dragged away a third of the stars [demons, i.e., fallen angels] of heaven ... (EXT)

¹ "Appeal" has no conclusive meaning, and it is necessary in each instance to look to the particular act giving an appeal, to determine powers to be exercised by the appellate court. 'Appeal' differs from trial in that it is a review on original record after that has been made in accordance with well-recognized principles of judicial procedure" (Henry Campbell Black, "Appeal," in *Black's Law Dictionary*, rev. 4th ed. [St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1968], 124). This is used as an illustration for the angelic conflict. The Supreme Court of Heaven is the ultimate "superior court" whose decisions are impeccable. It is through divine grace that SCH granted Lucifer's appeal for the purpose of "bringing many sons to glory" (Hebrews 2:10).

² This word is used exclusively in Revelation as a metonymy for Lucifer (12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2 [cf. Genesis 3:1ff.]).