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- The high priest was the only one who could enter the Holy of Holies.
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 - The sins of the people were "laid" on the second goat (the scapegoat), and it was sent out into the wilderness to separate the Israelites from their sins.

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- He makes atonement for our sin.
- He intercedes for us at the right hand side of the Father.
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