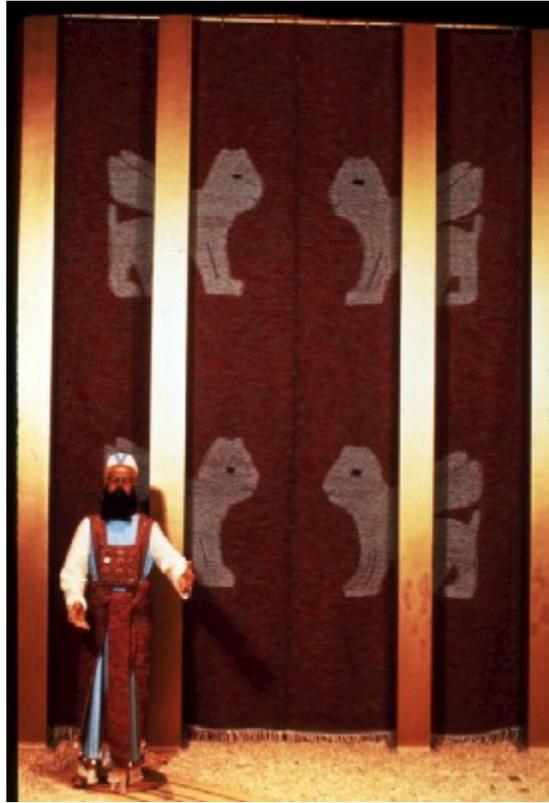


THE VEIL

"THAT IS TO SAY HIS FLESH"



Exod 26:31-33 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made: And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy. (KJV)

Heb 6:16-20 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, **who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:** Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which **entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

Heb 10:19-22 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

The study of the tabernacle opens up the teaching of New Testament salvation for our understanding. The second door in the Tabernacle proper (the veil) prevented entrance into God's presence by unholy people. When the veil was rent top to bottom, it signified the end of Judaism and the beginning of Christianity. Christ's death tears down the veil, "It is finished" = the end of Judaism.

Lesson #1 - all tabernacle furniture, symbols, ceremonies finished

Lesson #2 - reality of **the Lamb of God** in the person of Jesus Christ

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The teaching of the veil could not be stated any clearer, "that is to say, His flesh". What we have in view here then is the Person of Christ. What beauty there is in our Blessed Lord, oh! The colors of His life!

The blue, is the color of the Heavens. The purple, is the royal color, the robe of the King! The scarlet, the pouring out of His life in sacrifice! The fine twined linen, the perfection of His character. The CHERUBIM, the power of God.

It is very interesting to note the appearances of the cherubim in Scripture. Their first appearance is in Genesis 3. To protect the Tree of Life God posted cherubim at the gate of the Garden of Eden. Man was exiled from the garden, an act that prevented him from eating of the Tree of Life, lest he be locked in his sinful state forever. When we consider these angelic messengers, especially with flaming sword in hand, we tend to think of judgment. Yet the cherubim were a provision of God's mercy. We find the next mention of the cherubim here in the tabernacle, symbolically woven into the veil between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. Certainly they were there to speak to the heart of the ministering priest, saying, "Do not enter here", but the veil also allowed God to be near His people. "Come this far, but no farther. God dwells on the other side." Yes, the cherubim kept men out, but allowed God to come near. The next scene involving the cherubim was the Mercy Seat. Here the cherubim were on either side of the Mercy Seat witnessing the offering of blood. Again this is a picture: the High Priest alone could enter the Most Holy Place, never without blood, He could enter, knowing that the blood would satisfy the claims of God and that the cherubim looked at God's provision, not at the priest. Isn't it remarkable to when we think of the two angels the Gospel of John speaks of, in chapter 20, one at the head and one at the foot of the spot where the body of Jesus had lain. Could this be the fulfillment of the task of the cherubim, not now with flaming sword keeping people out, but with a word of good news, "He is not here: He is risen"?

The way to heaven is now open to all! God is present in His "heavenly tabernacle" Christ can lift our heart into presence of God now = "I've been to heaven today already." Christ entered as our forerunner through the veil = our assurance of salvation = our hope!

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

This hope is not human "wishful thinking" but anticipation of a sure thing, something divine = Heb 6:19, "anchored fast in heaven" = within the veil. Our "hope" is not anchored in ourselves, the earth, human government, wealth, etc. but in the ETERNAL.

What was within the veil in the tabernacle? a. the ark (with law, manna, rod) b. the cover with cherubim (mercy seat). **The blood** carried within the veil came from goat that was the substitute goat, not the scape goat. **It represented the just dying for the unjust so that we might be brought to God.** The veil reminds us of God previously hid in heaven, yet in complete access to believer today. The ark/mercy seat point to our forerunner, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is based on the propitiation for our sins:

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

I Jn 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The Veil is the last entrance that the priest had to go through to enter before he was in the Presence of God. The last enemy of God's people was death. Christ has burst through the portals of death removing its sting. How good to know when we depart this scene we shall enter through the Veil and be before God in love. "AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD."
AMEN!