



Lesson 5 - The “Unveiling”

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The Emplacing of the Veil



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SCRIPTURE



²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his **face shone** because he **had been talking with God**. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they **were afraid** to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, **he put a veil over his face**. Exodus 34:29-



COMMENTARY

- Man in his sinful state could not bear the image of God and His Holiness which shone on Moses' face and were afraid.
- Also, because of their "stiff-necked" ways, the Israelites, unlike Moses could not see God's true nature.
- Because of the above, God "veiled" (hid from them) the truth which shone on the face of Moses.
- The veil hid God's true nature of love, forgiveness, and compassion which was to be manifested in the coming of Christ and the New Covenant of grace.



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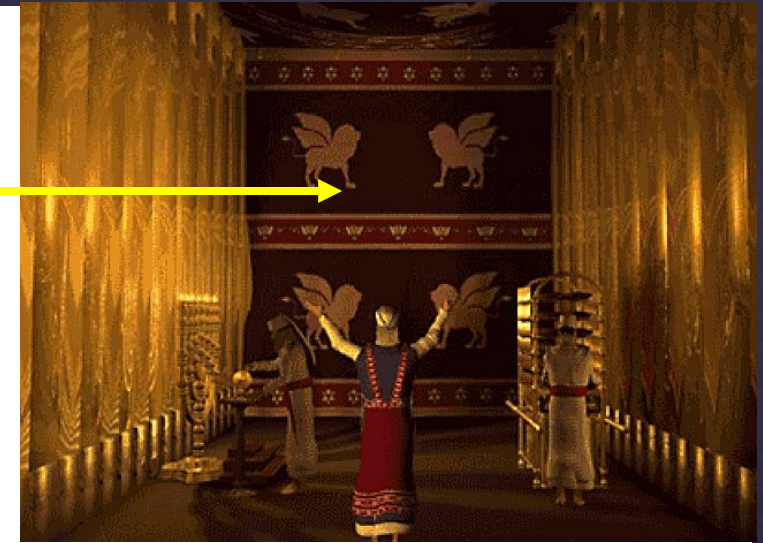
SCRIPTURE

The Temple Veil Separating
The Holy Place from the
Holy of Holies where the
Ark of the Covenant Resided

And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there **within the veil**. And the **veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy**. Exodus 26:33

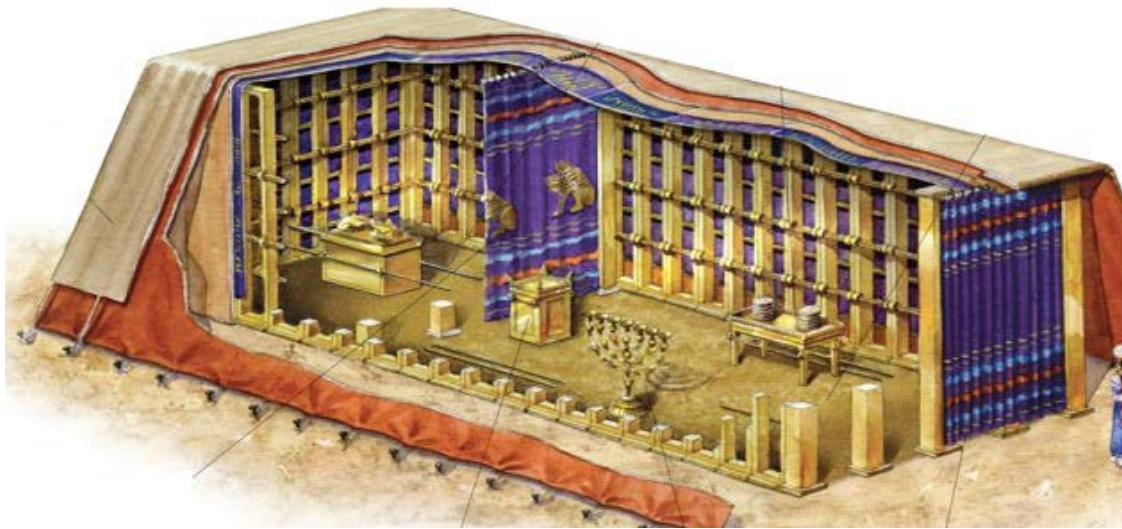
And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place **inside the veil**, before the **mercy seat** that is on the ark, so that **he may not die**. For I will appear in the **cloud over the mercy seat**." Leviticus 16:2

But he shall **not go through the veil** or approach the altar, because he has a blemish, that he may not profane my sanctuaries, for I am the LORD who sanctifies them. Leviticus 21:23

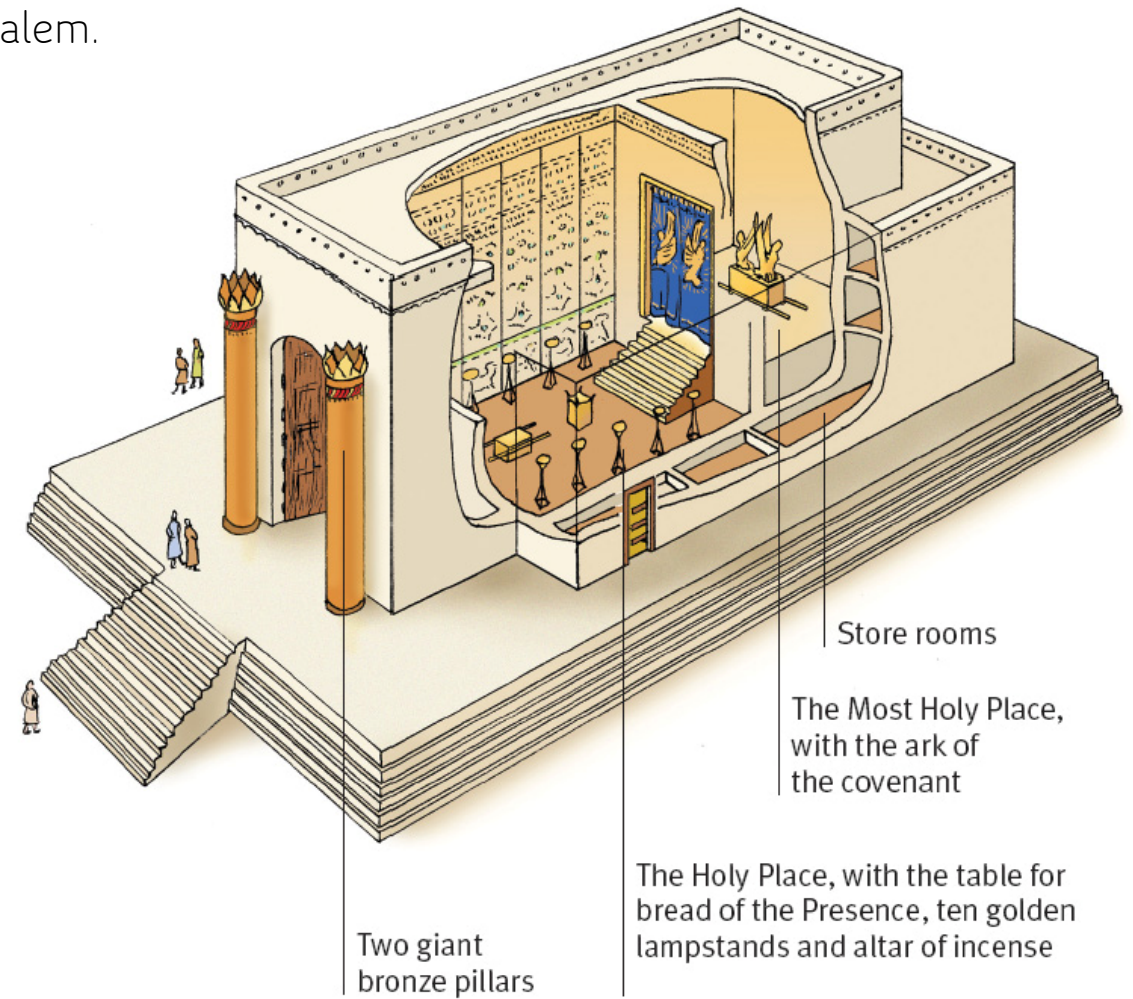


Mercy Seat on the
Ark of the Covenant

The Temple Tent Which the Israelites
Setup Before King Solomon Built
The First Temple in Jerusalem.



The Temple of King Solomon
in Jerusalem.



COMMENTARY

- God even tells Moses, do not let your brother Aaron (the High Priest) come into the Holy of Holies and stand before the Mercy Seat that is “on the Ark”, for he will die.
- Let no man come through the veil and be in my presence, for they are full of sin, and their standing in my sanctuary will be disrespectful and irreverent.



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The Foreshadowing of Christ and the Lifting of the Veil



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And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. Isaiah 25:7

Take the millstones and grind flour, put off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass through the rivers. Isaiah 47:2



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COMMENTARY

- Isaiah foreshadows the coming of Christ.
- He states the Mountain, the place where the “Law” was given to Moses, will be “swallowed-up” (**not replaced, but swallowed up**) by something that is greater – that being the ushering of the New Covenant of Grace with the coming of Christ!
- Isaiah also says, the crushing weight of our sins (millstones and grind flour) will be taken from us.
- The veil which covers the truth (Jesus Christ and the Gospel) will be removed and we are to stand naked baring all (uncover your legs) in front of the Lord.
- Will we will then pass through the waters, crossing across the Jordan into the promised land with a new beginning



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The Preparation for the Veil's Removal



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1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites...As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous,...



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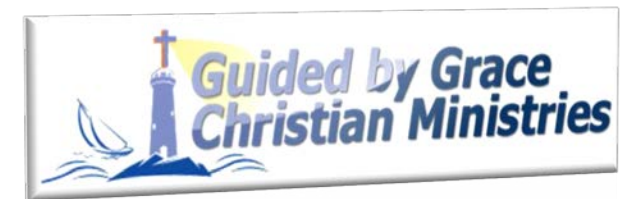
COMMENTARY

- God did not let Moses (meaning “Deliverer” in Hebrew) deliverer of the Law (**Old Covenant**) cross the Jordan.
- It was Joshua (meaning Savior in Hebrew) to cross the Jordan in preparation to receive the **New Covenant** of Grace.
- “Get Ready”, meaning to “Rise Up” and “cross” over the river from death and judgement of the Law to the land of grace, forgiveness, and eternal life.
- I will never forsake you – go in faith (be strong and courageous).



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⁴⁴ It was now about the **sixth hour**, and there was darkness over the whole land until the **ninth hour**, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the **curtain of the temple** was **torn in two** (from top to bottom).

Luke 23:44-45

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that **all was now finished**,...

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished**," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28-30



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COMMENTARY

- On the 6th hour – representing man's frailties, sins, and evilness.
- There was "darkness" over the land, until the 9th hour – meaning divine completeness and finality.
- At that time, the Temple's Veil which separated God from man and hid His true nature from man, was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- Christ said "It is finished" – Victory has been achieved.
- And, with the death of His flesh, so was the death of man's sins. the Holy Spirit departed His body.



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Christ Revealed in The Believer's Face



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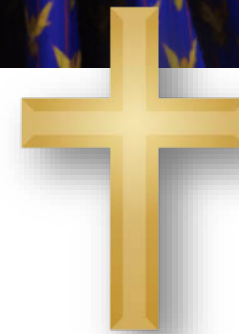
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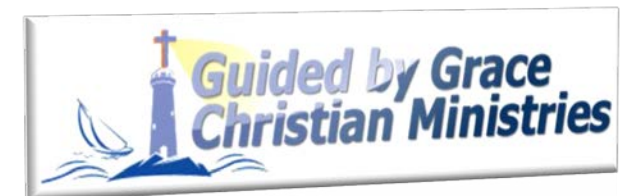
¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— ¹³ unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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COMMENTARY

- The “unveiling” of the truth now gives us hope, and with it, we are to be courageous like Joshua, for we have crossed over the River Jordan with Him.
- Unlike the unbelievers, or believers who choose to live under the Law (self-righteous), the veil will remain in place, and they will not see, nor know Christ.
- Like the Reubenites (Tribe of Reuben) and the Gadites (Tribe of Gad) and the half-Tribe of Manasseh, we are to be bold, brave, confident and ready to fight the good fight!
- With an unveiled face, all those who peer on the believer’s face, the image of Christ will shine like an image in a mirror, and with this image, know He lives in us and us in Him.



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COMMENTARY

- Look into a mirror.
- What do you see?
- Do you see a man or a woman, or do you see Christ.
- If you see Christ, you are being transformed.
- For what you see in the mirror is what others see in you.



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