

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

Part 8: 'The Veil Shall Be A Divider'

Reading: *Exodus 26:31 - 34*

Introduction

- When Aaron the first high priest died, Eleazar succeeded him.
- Now as high priest he would get to enter the 'holy of holies.'

1 The Veil Of The Tabernacle

- The '**veil**' divided the larger '**holy place**' from '**the holy of holies**.'
- Only on the '**Day of Atonement**' did anyone step behind the veil.
- It was 10 cubits wide and 10 cubits in height.
- It was supported on 4 pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold.
- Woven of blue, purple and scarlet with cherubim embroidered on it.
- In Hebrew, word '**veil**' means '**to separate**.'

2 The Cherubim

- There is variety in God's heavenly creation just as there is in His earthly creation.
- Angels: [Hebrews 1:14].
- Arch angel: [Jude vs 9].
- Gabriel. [Luke 1:26]
- Seraphim: [Isaiah 6]
- Cherubim: mentioned 95 times in Scripture.
- The cherubim on the veil was a reminder of [Genesis 3:24].

3 The Veil In The Temple

- The temple replaced the tabernacle some 500 years later in Solomon's time.
- There the veil was 40 cubits long and 20 cubits in height.

- It was a hand's breadth thick taking 300 priests to hang it.
- The temple a 1000 years later again was an even grander affair.
- When Jesus was crucified the veil was miraculously torn from top to bottom.
- (See Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, Luke 23:45).
- Now everyone was able to see behind the veil.

4 The Meaning Of The Veil

- The veil's purpose was to conceal the '**Shekinah Glory**' of God on top of the sacred ark.
- But it also foreshadowed Christ. How? [Hebrews 10:20].
- On the mount of '**transfiguration**' the glory of God within Him burst through the veil of His flesh.
- The disciples got a '**peek**' behind the veil.
- They saw His pre-incarnation glory.

5 The Tearing Of The Veil

- This indicated a number of things.
- The OT sacrificial system was finished. God tore that old arrangement up.
- Christ's sacrifice was the final sacrifice for sin offered '**once for all.**' [Hebrews 7:27/ 9:12, 28].
- We can now go directly into the very presence of God when we worship/pray.
- We are now not at a distance but close up and personal. [Hebrews 10:19ff].

6 Final Thought

- The Outer court represents the OT era of repetitive sacrifice.
- The Holy Place - 10 cubits x 10 cubits x 20 cubits = 2000 cubits cubed. (The church age)
- The Veil is the heavens which He will rend at His coming.
- The Holy of Holies - 10 cubits x 10 cubits x 10 cubits = 1000 cubits cubed (the millennial age) where we shall live and reign with Him.

***Within the veil, I now would come.
Into the Holy place, to look upon Thy face.
I see such beauty there, no other can compare
I worship Thee my Lord, within the veil.
(Ruth Dryden)***

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