



THE TORN TEMPLE VEIL

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MATTHEW 27:50-52 NKJV – (50) And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. (51) Then, ***behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom***; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, (52) and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

During the lifetime of Jesus, the holy temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish religious life. The temple was the place where animal sacrifices were carried out and worship according to the Law of Moses was followed faithfully.

Hebrews 9:1-9 tells us that in the temple a veil separated the Holy of Holies—the earthly dwelling place of God’s presence—from the rest of the temple where men dwelt. This signified that man was separated from God by sin (**Isaiah 59:1-2**). Only the high priest was permitted to pass beyond this veil once each year (**Exodus 30:10; Hebrews 9:7**) to enter God’s presence for all of Israel and make atonement for their sins (**Leviticus 16**).

So, what do we make of this? What significance does this torn veil have? Especially for us today? The tearing of the veil at the moment of Jesus’ death dramatically symbolized that ***His sacrifice, the shedding of His own blood, was a sufficient atonement for sins***. It signified that now the way into the Holy of Holies was open for all people, for all time, both Jew and Gentile.

When Jesus died, the veil was torn, and God moved out of that place never again to dwell in a temple made with human hands (**Acts 17:24**). As long as the temple stood, it signified the continuation of the Old Covenant. **Hebrews 9:8-9** refers to the age that was passing away as the new covenant was being established (**Hebrews 8:13**).

In a sense, the veil was symbolic of Christ Himself as the only way to the Father (**John 14:6**). We can now enter the Holy of Holies through Him.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 9:1-9

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