

The Veil is Rent

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom (Mk 15:38).

(Ex 26:31-33 — It says you are not supposed to make a garment of two types of yarn. But does it really mean that or is it two different types like animal and vegetable? Cotton and wool you wouldn't mix because it is vegetable and animal. Silk is an animal product. There is something about mixing the two different types that is not good.)

Mk 15:38 — What did that mean? (Someone answered that there was no more distinction between the holy and the most holy place.) This happened at Passover. People were sacrificing right at the time of Yahshua's death. The people were right there. What did they see when the veil was ripped? Did Herod's temple have the Shekinah glory? Where was he sitting? The Ark was gone. The Mercy Seat symbolized His presence right over the Ark. It wasn't there.

Herod's temple did not have the Ark and when the veil was ripped it was revealed that God's presence was not there. There was no, no mercy seat, no glory. The people of Israel were under an illusion that He was there. It is just like the illusion that He is in Christianity, that He dwells in Christians. Some people in the Body are under an illusion that He is in them. How long will Christianity be under this illusion? The priests were sacrificing animals and they heard the sound of the veil being ripped. It was a great noise. They looked but no one was there. If the veil were rent in your life, would it reveal that you have been living an illusion? Where was God? 2 Cor 5:19 — He was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself. Everyone else was in the temple making sacrifices. He opened it up and showed them *no one* was there. We are ambassadors for Messiah. God makes His appeal through us. Evidently the Corinthians weren't reconciled, they might have had eternal life. Sometimes we need reconciliation too.

God was in Messiah. He came to do away with the old system, but they went on. The ritual went on until the temple was destroyed. When the veil was torn it did away with the old system. It should have been embarrassing but they probably patched it up and went on. This is just like Christianity — it is the same picture today. There are types for everything. We learn by types.

Christianity, like that old system, exposed when the veil was rent, is under an illusion. Everyone who stays in Christianity is under spirits masquerading as the Holy Spirit. Heb 9:8-12 — The only way to Yahshua is through the veil of the Body. Joel 2:12-13 — Joel says, "Rend your heart and not your garments." Find out if God is really there. Are we really coming to know Messiah? Is this our greatest endeavor? Are we putting everything aside (idols, other loves) that keep us from knowing Him? Will there be a first resurrection for us to enjoy? Is it our greatest, fondest desire to know Messiah even in our sufferings?

Someday the pretense will be exposed as when the veil was torn. Many priests believed when the veil was rent. When Messiah is revealed from heaven He'll pour out wrath on the pretenders. The veil will be lifted, exposing us for who we really are. Some of us are Christians. There were many Judaizers in the first church. Somehow they came over the wall. Someday we'll have another Acts 15 council.

How can we apply what we've heard today?

Yonah: The day will come when what is most deeply in us will be exposed, whether Messiah is in us or we are a hollow shell. There will be a great day of testing. Philippians 3 — Paul greatly feared that he would run the race in vain (because, for us, of the things we entertain and don't rule over).

Hakam: Where was God? He was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself. Everyone else was in the temple in some kind of religious form. The ministry of reconciliation is our ministry. I started thinking about my own life. You see what you love when you see what it takes to be reconciled. You must at this point cast aside everything that prevents us from being reconciled. The Holy Spirit tries to expose what is in us everyday, but we ignore Him because we have other loves. Then we are living in pretense.

The veil wasn't torn for the benefit of the High Priest but of the people.

Hakam: Isn't it going to have to happen again? If the sons are to be gathered out of Christianity, won't there have to be some evidence of reconciliation between people that would cause a loud enough

noise to get everyone's attention? (Rev 18:2 — a mighty voice, which comes before Rev 17; they are not in sequence.)

Cephas: This caused me to look at my heart and see what it is that keeps me from making my Master the most important thing in my life. Unless He becomes pre-eminent in my life I won't be effective. My desire is to be like Messiah. When things are revealed, when the Holy Spirit rips the veil off my heart, I don't want to continue to live in pretense. I want to do something about it.