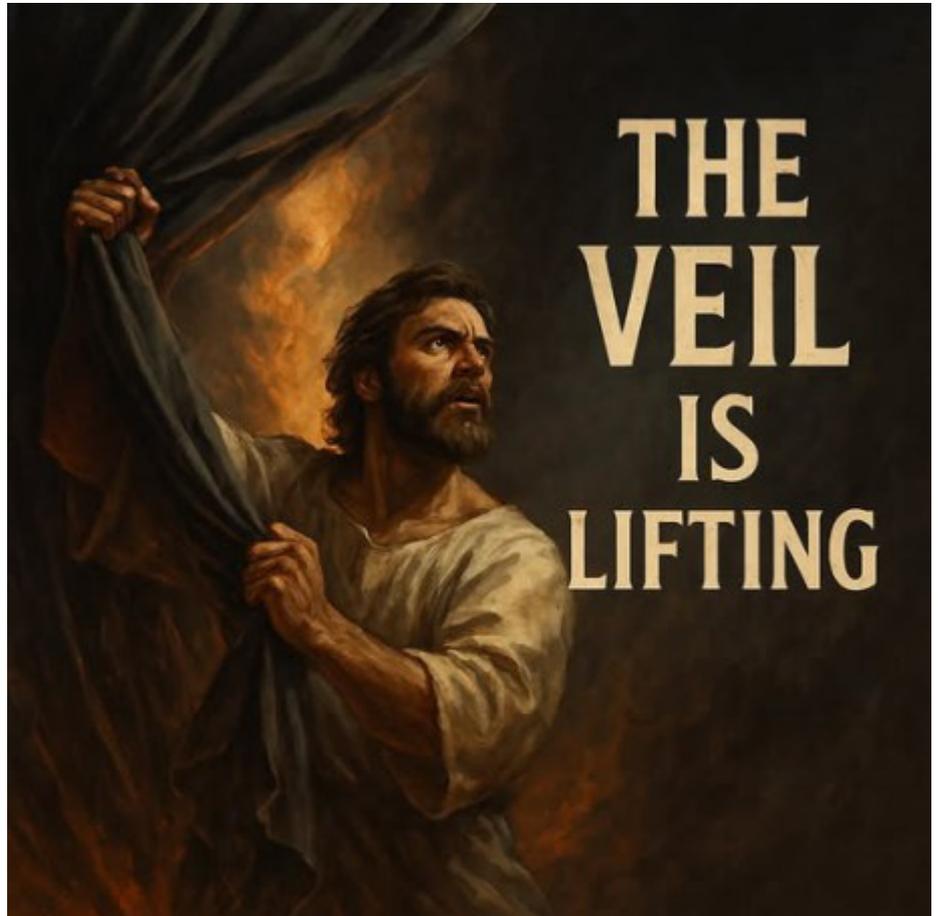


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Veil - The Veil Is Lifting



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The Veil Is Lifting

Per request from a comment and which veil was torn (at bottom).

That's the painful truth many of us have had to face. We were brought up in a religious system that mixed the Old and New Covenants, taught us to idolize Israel, and left us stuck in the shadow of the Old Testament, even after Jesus fulfilled it all.

Hebrews 8:13 says,

"When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first

obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear."

The author of Hebrews wrote those words in the first century. The Old Covenant was not only obsolete, it was about to disappear entirely. And it did, when the temple fell in 70 AD. That system was judged and removed.

Yet here we are, 2,000 years later, and most of Christianity is still clinging to what God already ended.

They still preach the Ten Commandments as if we're under Sinai, instead of the law of Christ, which is love, grace, and walking in the Spirit.

They still elevate ethnic Israel, even though Galatians 3:28 says,

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

They still condemn others based on Mosaic Law, when Jesus came bringing grace and truth.

Why? Because church tradition took precedence over scripture. And Jesus warned us about it:

Matthew 15:6 – "You invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition."

This is why it's hard to sit in a church today and hear messages that:

Mix Law and Grace like oil and water

Preach a future return of Christ when He clearly said He would come in their generation

Matthew 24:34 – "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."

Quote Moses more than they quote Jesus

Many of us have walked this lonely road. We felt isolated. We were called heretics, outcasts, or even dangerous for questioning tradition.

But now we know the truth. We are free from the bondage of man-made systems. We are part of the true body of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:14-15 says,

"But their minds were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart."

What Does It Mean That the Veil Is Gone?

When scripture says the veil is gone, it is not just poetic language. It is a powerful truth about access, identity, and transformation.

The veil represented separation. It kept man out of the presence of God.

When Jesus died, that separation was ended once and for all.

Now:

We no longer need a physical priest

We no longer need an earthly temple

The Old Covenant access system is abolished

We walk in the Spirit with boldness and freedom

Hebrews 6:19-20 –

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and reliable and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us..."

To say the veil is gone is to say:

The Old Covenant system is fulfilled and finished

We are no longer separated from God's presence

We walk in the Spirit, not by the letter of the Law

We see clearly what generations before could not

We are free

So when you hear that the veil is gone, know this: Christ has opened the way fully and forever. No more shadows. No more confusion. No more waiting.

The veil is gone. The kingdom has come. And you are living in the reality they only hoped for.

Praise God, we are no longer behind the veil. We are in His presence.

What Veil Was Torn?

Matthew 27:51 says,

"And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook and the rocks were split."

This moment is often quoted, but not always understood. So which veil was torn?

1. The Temple Layout: Two Main Veils

The Second Temple (Herod's Temple) had two key veils:

Inner veil (parokhet):

This separated the **Holy Place** from the **Most Holy Place** (Holy of Holies).

Only the High Priest could pass through this veil, once a year on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:2).

Outer veil (masak):

This was at the entrance to the **Holy Place**, separating it from the outer court (Exodus 26:36–37).

2. The Veil in Matthew 27:51 – Which One?

The traditional view: the inner veil

Most scholars and early church sources (like Josephus and the Talmud) agree that **Matthew 27:51** refers to the **inner veil** that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.

Reasons for this view:

The tearing of the veil symbolized the **end of separation between God and man**, since the **Holy of Holies** represented God's presence (Hebrews 9:7).

Hebrews 10:19–20 links Jesus' death to access into the Holy of Holies:

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus... through the veil, that is, through His flesh."

The dramatic tearing **from top to bottom** implies divine action, not man's.

Early **rabbinic sources** mention strange temple events around 30 AD, implying disruption in the **inner sanctuary**.

Alternative view: the outer veil

Some suggest it could have been the **outer veil** (at the entrance to the Holy Place), pointing to the symbolism of mankind gaining access to the priestly ministry of Jesus.

While that symbolism fits in a limited way, there's **no biblical evidence** that this veil had the same theological weight as the inner veil.

The **inner veil** is always associated with **direct access to God's presence** (Exodus 26:33, Leviticus 16:2), which aligns better with the message of the cross.

3. Other 'Barriers' in the Temple

Two more divisions:

Court of the Gentiles barrier:

A literal stone wall separated the Court of the Gentiles from the inner courts. Paul refers to this in **Ephesians 2:14**:

"For He Himself is our peace... and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall."

This was not a veil but a **literal wall** with warnings in Greek and Latin that Gentiles could not pass.

Court of Women barrier:

Women were restricted from entering certain inner courts, but again, this was **not a veil**, it was a **physical division** in the Temple architecture.

4. Conclusion: The Veil Torn Was the Inner Veil

It was the **inner veil**, the one separating the **Holy Place** from the **Holy of Holies**.

It symbolized **access into God's presence**, which was restricted under the Old Covenant but opened through Christ.

This fits perfectly with **Hebrews 6:19-20**:

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul... which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us..."

The **types and shadows** show that Jesus, our High Priest, didn't just minister in the outer area. He entered the **true Holy of Holies in heaven** (Hebrews 9:24), and the torn veil proves that access is now open through Him.

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