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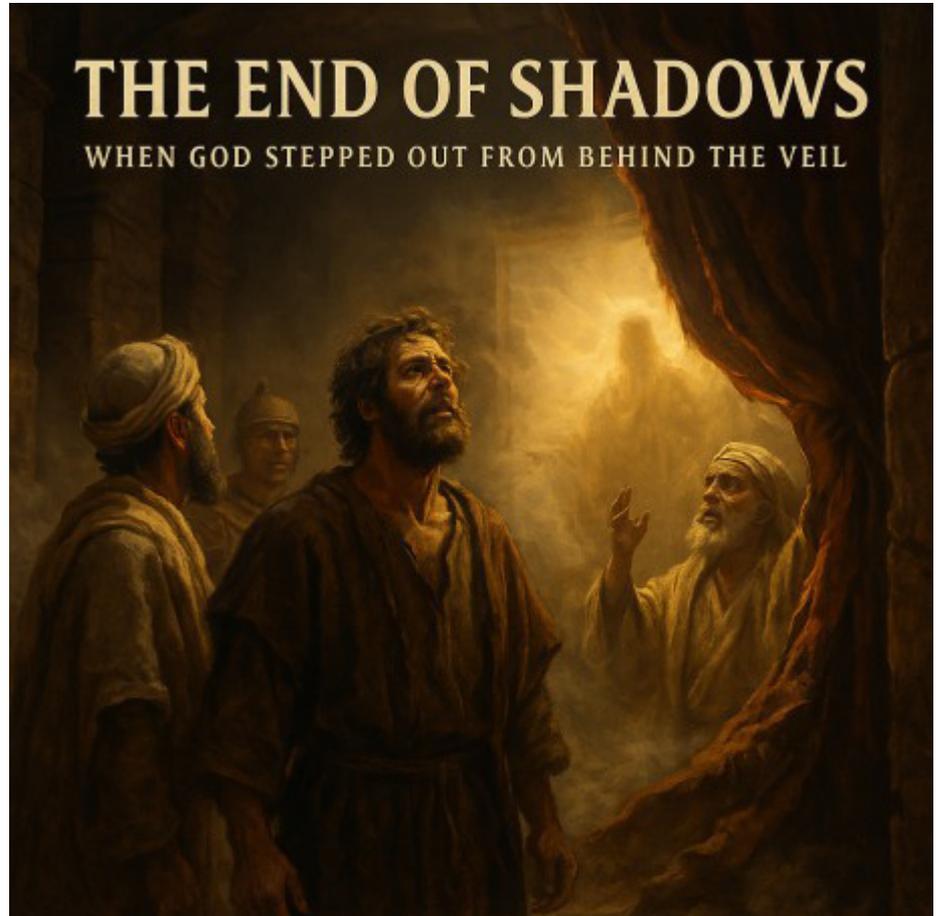
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## The End of Shadows: When God Stepped Out from Behind the Veil



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### Hebrews 9:8-9

The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing, which is a symbol for the present time.

† The writer shows that as long as the old tabernacle system existed, the way into God's full presence remained closed. The veil signified distance between God and man.

† The tabernacle was only a temporary copy, a shadow pointing to the reality in Christ. It represented what could not yet be accessed until the true high priest came.

† The Spirit Himself was teaching that no man could enter the Most Holy Place until redemption was complete.

† Everything under the law was symbolic, showing what was coming but never granting direct access.

### **Hebrews 9:11-12**

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

† Christ entered not the earthly sanctuary, but the heavenly one, bringing His own blood as the true sacrifice.

† His entrance into the heavenly tabernacle fulfilled every shadow and type of the Mosaic system.

† The old priests entered continually with animal blood, but Christ entered once for all, completing the work.

† His sacrifice ended the entire system of repetition, opening the way into the true presence of God.

### **Hebrews 9:24**

For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

† The veil of the earthly temple was a copy of the barrier sin had created. Christ's ascension shows that He stepped beyond that veil into heaven itself.

† The temple on earth was never meant to be permanent. It served only to illustrate separation until the time of fulfillment.

† Now, the true tabernacle is not a building, but Christ Himself and His body, the Church.

† In this fulfilled covenant, there is no more veil and no more priesthood of men.

### **Hebrews 10:19-20**

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.

† The veil represented Christ's flesh, and when He died, that veil was torn. Access to God was no longer restricted.

† What was once forbidden became open. The separation between heaven and earth was removed forever.

† The "new and living way" replaced the old dead works of the law.

† The believer now walks freely into God's presence, not by ritual, but by relationship.

### **Matthew 27:50-51**

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

† The tearing of the veil was not symbolic only, it was historical evidence of covenantal change.

† God Himself tore the barrier that separated Him from His people. From top to bottom means the act was divine, not human.

† The shaking of the earth represented the shaking of the old order, fulfilling Haggai 2:6-7 and Hebrews 12:26-28.

† Heaven stepped into history. God no longer dwelt behind a curtain but among His people.

### **2 Corinthians 3:14-16**

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; but whenever a

person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

† The veil was not only in the temple, but in the hearts of those clinging to the old covenant.

† The physical tearing of the temple veil pictured the spiritual unveiling that comes through faith in Christ.

† The veil represents blindness to the fulfilled work of God. Only in Christ is true sight restored.

† The law veiled God's glory, but grace reveals it face to face.

### **Hebrews 10:1**

For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

† The law was a shadow, a reflection, not the substance. The shadow had to end when the light appeared.

† Christ's coming exposed every shadow, fulfilling all figures and types in His person.

† The word "shadow" is key, it means temporary and incomplete. When the true form appeared, the shadow vanished.

† The cross and resurrection mark the end of shadows and the beginning of substance.

### **How it applies to us today**

† We no longer live in shadows or symbols. We live in the unveiled presence of God.

† The Spirit dwells in us as His temple, and there is no curtain, no distance, and no waiting for access.

† Every believer now serves as a priest, offering spiritual sacrifices of praise and truth.

† The old covenant age ended in AD 70, but the access Christ opened remains eternal.

† When we walk in His light, we experience the same unveiled

glory Paul spoke of, the fullness of God dwelling among men.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† Hebrews 9:8-12, 24; 10:1, 19-20

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