

## THE TABERNACLE

### Handout

**(WE HAVE ARRIVED AT OUR "BEST WESTERN" DESTINATION!)  
THE MOST HOLY PLACE OR HOLY OF HOLIES  
"THE ARK OF THE COVENANT" ~ HIS MANIFEST PRESENCE**

Before we go through the **VAIL** into the **Most Holy Place**, let us look at the significance of the **COVERINGS** of the tabernacle.

\*The first covering formed the **LINEN CEILING** for the Holy Place and The Most Holy Place.

**Scripture Text:** "Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with **TEN** curtains of fine twined **LINEN**, and **BLUE**, and **PURPLE**, and **SCARLET** : with **CHERUBIMS** of cunning work shalt thou make them." (*Exodus 26:1*)

This **linen CEILING** had the **SAME** colors as the Eastern Gate Hanging and the Hanging of the Holy Place entrance, with the **EXCEPTION** that this linen had **CHERUBIMS** embroidered in it. These **TEN** curtains were draped behind the gold-overlaid, wooden boards so that they only formed the ceiling. The **number 10** speaks of the **PERFECT LAW** (*the TEN COMMANDMENTS, God's PERFECT STANDARD of RIGHTEOUSNESS*). God specified that they be "**COUPLED**." The word "**COUPLED**" means "**YOKED**." It is used by Jesus in the New Testament when He tells us to take **HIS YOKE** upon ourselves. In this **CEILING** curtain you have a picture of all that the colors and material represent (*as previously studied*) being **YOKED** with images of the **FOUR-FACED, HEAVENLY** creatures known as **CHERUBIM**.

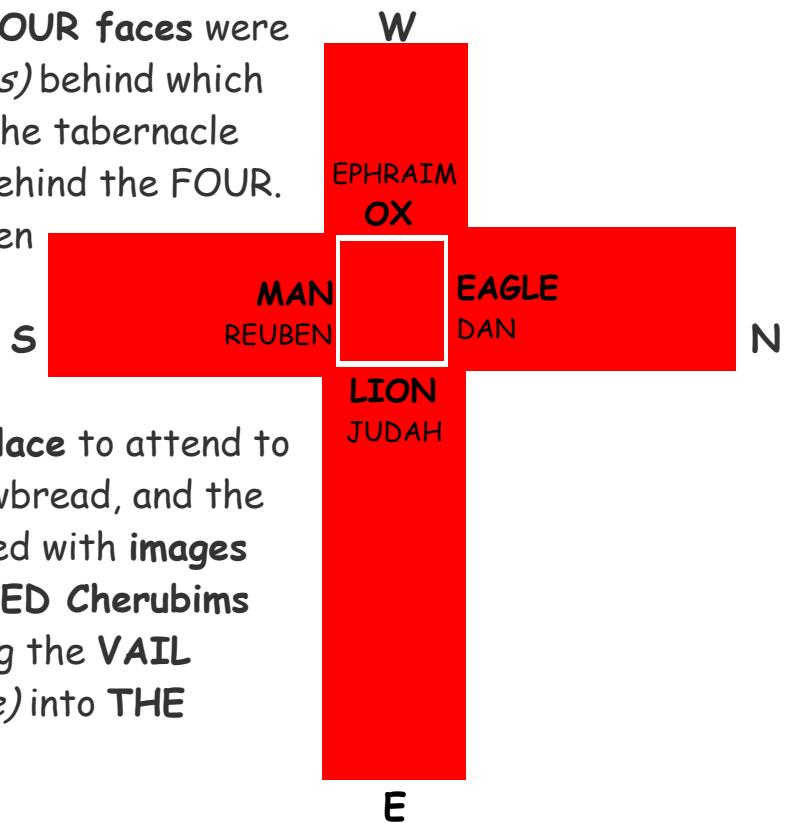


It is, again, another picture of the **GOD-MAN** and His **Holy mission!** The **FOUR** faces of the **CHERUBIM** (*who are seen again in Ezekiel and in the Book of Revelation*) represent this **coming Messiah** as:

- (1) **LION**. Jesus would be of the lineage of the tribe of Judah, i.e., the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah as shown in the Gospel of **Matthew**.

- (2) **OX.** Jesus would be the "plowing the fields" suffering servant "yoked" to His Father's Will and the ultimate **bullock** sacrifice as shown in the Gospel of **Mark**.
- (3) **MAN.** Jesus would be "Son of **MAN**." He would be the King descending from the human lineage of King David as shown in the Gospel of **Luke**.
- (4) **EAGLE.** Jesus was from Heaven, the place where eagles fly!  
He was and is Divine--the "Son of **GOD**" as shown in the Gospel of **John**.

According to Jewish writings, these **FOUR faces** were also the **STANDARDS** (*banner ensigns*) behind which **FOUR main tribes** encamped around the tabernacle with the remaining tribes encamped behind the **FOUR**. In this encampment configuration, when viewed from a mountain top, the camp formed **A CROSS!!!**



When the priests entered the **Holy Place** to attend to the Golden Candlestick, Table of Shewbread, and the Altar of Incense, they were confronted with **images** from **another world**--the **FOUR-FACED Cherubims** covering the ceiling and those adorning the **VAIL** (*the backdrop to the Altar of Incense*) into **THE MOST HOLY PLACE**.

**\*The second covering (above the linen) was the GOATS' HAIR CURTAINS.**

**Scripture Text:** "And thou shalt make curtains of **GOATS' HAIR** to be a **COVERING** upon the tabernacle: **ELEVEN** curtains shalt thou make." (*Exodus 26:7*)

The **number ELEVEN** in the Bible is associated with the **opposite** of the symbolism of the **number ten**, which is the **PERFECT LAW** and **RESPONSIBILITY**. **Eleven** is associated with **disorder, chaos, the STUBBORN** rejection of **God's Word** (*as shown in the 11 dukes of Edom*) which brings **JUDGMENT**.

The **GOAT** (*stubborn animal*) was the animal chosen as the **SIN OFFERING**. The two goats were presented for the offering and were chosen by lot--one as the

**SACRIFICE** and one as the **SCAPE GOAT** to be turned loose into the wilderness. The **LOOSED GOAT** is representative of God making that goat a **SIN-BEARER**, but allowed to **LIVE!** The **SCAPE GOAT** symbolized the **removing of our sins** as declared in the scripture:

"Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back." (*Isaiah 38:17*)

Jesus took our sins upon Himself and became the **sin offering goat** as well as the **scape goat** who was allowed to **LIVE AGAIN**. As a fulfillment of the **SCAPE GOAT**, Jesus was driven by the Spirit to enter the **WILDERNESS for 40 days**, one day for each year of Israel's unbelief wanderings in their wilderness. Jesus has been allowed to **LIVE** and has been **LOOSED** into the **WORLD'S WILDERNESS** as the **SCAPE GOAT** to **BEAR AWAY** their **SINS!** Christians need to let the world know this **GOOD NEWS!** Remember the New Testament scripture that whatsoever is **LOOSED** in Earth is **LOOSED** in Heaven! This terminology is "**SCAPE GOAT**" terminology and is dealing with **FORGIVENESS!**

**\*The third covering (above the Goats' hair curtains) was the RAMS' SKINS DYED RED.**

**Scripture Text:** "And thou shalt make a **COVERING** for the tent of **RAMS' SKINS dyed RED**,..." (*Exodus 26:14*)

The **SKINS** of animals to **TEMPORARILY AND CEREMONIALLY COVER** sin was illustrated at the very beginning in the Garden of Eden when **God Himself killed** the animals to provide the **SKINS** to cover Adam and Eve. It is significant that the **FIRST** shedding of **innocent BLOOD** was initiated by God. It would be the pattern He would repeat at Calvary's Brazen Burnt Altar of the **CROSS!**

The **RAM** is the animal symbolic of **SUBSTITUTE**. Remember, the covenant began with the faith of Abraham and God required him to offer Isaac upon the altar, but a **RAM** was provided in the thicket as the **SUBSTITUTE**.

A **RAM** is a **MALE SHEEP**. John the Baptist declared that **Jesus is the LAMB** of God who takes away the sins of the world. The **rams' skins** covering the tabernacle were **dyed RED** as a graphic reminder that the **TRUE RAM, Jesus**, would shed His **BLOOD** to cover sin.

\*The fourth and final covering (above the Rams' skins dyed red) was **BADGERS' SKINS**.

**Scripture Text:** "And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a **COVERING** above of **BADGERS' SKINS**." (Exodus 26:14)

Though some commentaries state that these could be porpoise skins, I believe that they are true badgers' skins. The **badger is a DIRT animal** and points to the **HUMANITY of Christ**. The badgers' skins were the **EXTERNAL appearance** of the tabernacle, just as Jesus' **humanity** was the **EXTERNAL** that was viewed by the people of His day. The badger is a common animal. There was no clue as to the immeasurable worth of the gold/silver glory inside that tabernacle when viewing the badgers' skins from the outside. It looked "common." As with Jesus Christ when He walked this earth, the **casual observer** had **NO IDEA** that He was **NOT COMMON**, but that He was the **True Tabernacle of the Glory of God!** And so it is with us, His church. We, too, have to enter **IN** to view His Glory--into the **SECRET PLACE of THE MOST HIGH!**

As the Badgers' Skins, Jesus fulfilled that which was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah:

"...He hath **NO FORM** nor **COMELINESS**; and when we shall see him, there is **NO BEAUTY** that we should desire Him." (Isaiah 53:2)

## **ENTERING THROUGH THE VAIL INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE**

As we stand at the **Golden Altar of Incense** about to enter **The Most Holy Place** (symbolic of the **THRONE ROOM OF GOD**), we notice a **DIFFERENCE** in the **PILLARS**. There were 5 **PILLARS** at the **HANGING** of the entrance to the Holy Place but here, at the entrance to **THE MOST HOLY PLACE**, there are **FOUR**. These **FOUR, GOLD-OVERLAID PILLARS**, unlike the others, were **CUT-OFF** at the top. They had **NO CAPITALS** or **CHAPITERS**. There are two Old Testament prophecies about **Christ** using the words "**CUT-OFF**:"

"...for He (*Messiah*) was **CUT OFF** out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken." (Isaiah 53:8)

"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be **CUT OFF**, but not for himself:..." (*Daniel 9:26*)

**QUESTION:** Did you know the words "**CUT-OFF**" mean "**COVENANTED?**" WOW!

In Isaiah, the words are also associated with **SEPARATION** and **DEATH!** Jesus felt "**CUT-OFF**" and **SEPARATED** when he cried from the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Yet, in this "**SEPARATION**," in this "**CUTTING-OFF**" Jesus was **CUTTING COVENANT** with His Father on **OUR BEHALF!** HALLELUJAH! In the **FOUR PILLARS** into **THE MOST HOLY PLACE** or **THRONE OF GOD** in the Tabernacle, God was clearly depicting that **THE WAY** to Him would be accomplished through the **MESSIAH** being **CUT-OFF**. We sin-stained mortals can now **BOLDLY** go before the **THRONE OF GRACE** because **Jesus** was **CUT OFF**, as illustrated by the **TOPS** of the **FOUR PILLARS** being **CUT-OFF!**

Just as the **FIVE GOLD-OVERLAID PILLARS** at the entrance to the Holy Place represented that "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...", the **FOUR GOLD-OVERLAID PILLARS** at the entrance to **THE MOST HOLY PLACE** represent what Jesus has become to us:

- (1) WISDOM
- (2) RIGHTEOUSNESS
- (3) SANCTIFICATION
- (4) REDEMPTION

"But of Him are ye in **Christ Jesus**, who of God is **MADE** unto us (1) **WISDOM**, and (2) **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and (3) **SANCTIFICATION**, and (4) **REDEMPTION**." (*1 Corinthians 1:30*)

Notice, too, that once **INSIDE** the **HOLY PLACE** and **THE MOST HOLY PLACE** **ALL** the **SOCKETS** (*foundations*) are now **SILVER**, which speak of the **PRICE OF REDEMPTION**. The **SOCKETS** of the **FIVE PILLARS** at the entrance to the **HOLY PLACE** were **BRASS** but here, about to enter the **THRONE ROOM OF GOD**, the **FOUR, CUT-OFF PILLARS** have **SOCKETS** of **SILVER**: WE are ransomed, bought with a **PRICE**, the **BLOOD OF CHRIST**, and now made **WORTHY TO STAND BEFORE HOLY GOD!** The **FOUNDATION** of it all is the **MAGNIFICENT SILVER REDEMPTION** of **Jesus Christ!**

Upon these **FOUR, CUT-OFF PILLARS** HUNG the **VAIL**. It is significant that this **FINAL HANGING** was the **THIRD HANGING** of the entire tabernacle. We must linger here to truly appreciate the symbolism of **THE VAIL** with its lavish embroidery of **CHERUBIMS**--the **ONLY HANGING** with the embroidered **CHERUBIMS**--clearly a picture that **this HANGING** represented something from **HEAVEN!** Remember, when Jesus cried out from the cross, "It is finished," the **CHERUBIM-embroidered VAIL** in the temple was **RENT** from **TOP** to **BOTTOM**, signifying that **Heavenly HANDS** had torn it. The Book of Hebrews tells us plainly what the tabernacle and temple **VAIL** represented:

"Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest** by the blood of **Jesus**, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the **VEIL** that is to say, **HIS FLESH**..." (*Hebrews 10:19-20*)

The offering of **HIS FLESH, HIS GLORIOUS BODY**, upon the Brazen Burnt Altar of Calvary's Cross **CREATED AN OPENING** into **THE MOST HOLY PLACE, THE THRONE OF HEAVEN!** His **BLOOD** was sufficient! The **BLOOD** made the **VAIL** an **OPEN DOOR!**

And now...we enter **DOOR NUMBER 3!** Unlike the old game show, "Let's Make a Deal," this **DOOR NUMBER 3** contains the **GREATEST WEALTH** we could ever be offered and **THE DEAL HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE! GUARANTEED!!!**

## **THE MOST HOLY PLACE (THE HOLY OF HOLIES) "THE ARK OF THE COVENANT"**

**Scripture Text:** "And they shall make an **ARK** of shittim (*acacia, incorruptible*) wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with **PURE GOLD**, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a **CROWN of GOLD** round about. And thou shalt cast **FOUR RINGS of GOLD** for it, and put them in the **FOUR corners** thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with **gold**. And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The **STAVES (poles)** shall be **IN THE RINGS** of the ark: they shall **NOT** be taken from it. And

thou shalt put into the ark the **TESTIMONY** (*ten commandments*) which I shall give thee. And thou shalt make a **MERCY SEAT of PURE GOLD**: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make **TWO CHERUBIMS of GOLD**, of **BEATEN** work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the **mercy seat**. And make one **cherub** on the one end, and the other **cherub** on the other end: even of the **mercy seat** shall ye make the **cherubims** on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the **mercy seat** with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the **mercy seat** shall the faces of the **cherubims** be. And thou shalt put the **mercy seat** above upon the **ARK**; and in the **ARK** thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and **I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat**, from between the two **cherubims** which are upon the **ARK** of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel." (*Exodus 25:10-22*)

**Scripture Text:** "... and the **ARK of the COVENANT** overlaid round about with **GOLD** wherein was the **GOLDEN POT** that had **MANNA**, and **AARON'S ROD THAT BUDDED**, and the **TABLES** of the covenant; And over it the **CHERUBIMS OF GLORY** shadowing the **MERCY SEAT**; ..." (*Hebrews 9:4-5*)

Whereas the **Holy Place** allowed for several priests to minister inside it tending the vessels (*30 feet by 15 feet*) and spoke of **FELLOWSHIP**, **The Most Holy Place** was smaller--only **15 feet by 15 feet** and reserved for **ONE PERSON**, the **High Priest**. As with the Old Testament High Priest, this is the place that we enter to be **ALONE with God**--to be intimate with Him.

The High Priest's ministry inside **The Most Holy Place** occurred only **ONCE** a year on the **Great Day of Atonement** when the High Priest entered with the **BLOOD** of the sacrifice from the **Brazen Burnt Altar** in the Courtyard. Like the horns of the Altar of Incense being smeared with the **BLOOD** of the sacrifice **ONCE** a year on this same **DAY OF ATONEMENT**, this **ONCE** a year on the **DAY OF ATONEMENT** entrance into **THE MOST HOLY PLACE** is also a picture of the **ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL, SUFFICIENT SACRIFICE OF JESUS FOR OUR SINS**. He will **never** be crucified again, as it is written:

"...but now **ONCE** in the end of the world hath He (*JESUS*) appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto **men once to die**, but after this the judgment: So **Christ** was **ONCE** offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (*Hebrews 9:26-28*)

Like all the furniture of the tabernacle, the **ARK of the COVENANT** was the **ACACIA** (*incorruptible*) wood which represented the **incorruptible HUMANITY** of Christ. It was overlaid with **GOLD INSIDE AND OUT**--just as King Jesus is--He is **PURE GOLD INSIDE AND OUT!** As studied previously, the **GOLD** represents **FAITH, WEALTH, the HEAVENLY, the currency of KINGS!** (*Jesus, as an infant King of the Jews, was brought GOLD by the Magi.*) Again, remember that **ACACIA wood** was a **THORNY** wood and **PIERCED** the hands of those who worked with it. The **THORNS** represented the **original CURSE** in the Garden of **EDEN**. Jesus took a **CROWN of THORNS** upon His precious head, signifying that He was taking the **CURSE** for **US!**

The **ARK of the COVENANT**, per God's instructions, had a **CROWN** design. All throughout the design of the tabernacle we see that a **CROWNED KING** is **COMING!**

It is significant that the **GOLD-OVERLAID STAVES** (*poles for carrying the ARK*) were specified by God to be put "**IN** the **RINGS**" and "**NOT be taken from it.**" As studied previously, these poles represent the cross and the **ONE-TIME** event of the crucifixion and **PIERCING** through for **ALL ETERNITY** (*the RINGS*). The finality of the crucifixion is represented in the instructions for the **ARK** that, once the **GOLDEN STAVES** had **PIERCED** through the **RINGS**, they were not to be taken from it.

The **MERCY SEAT** was the **LID** of the chest of the **ARK OF THE COVENANT**. As with everything about the **ARK**, it was overlaid with **GOLD**. **MERCY SEAT** means "**PROPITIATION**" and is the **SAME WORD** used in the New Testament:

"And He (*Jesus*) is the **PROPITIATION** (*Mercy Seat*) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (*1 John 2:2*)

With "scripture interpreting scripture" it is evident that **Jesus** is our **MERCY SEAT**. Now,... a **SEAT** is made for **SITTING!** BUT...the Old Testament High Priest, because he was mortal and only a type and shadow of the One True Eternal High Priest to come, could **NOT SIT** and tarry in the resplendent **GLORY** of the Shekinah Light of God as it hovered above the **MERCY SEAT** between the two **CHERUBIMS**. The Old Testament High Priest could bring the **BLOOD** in and **SPRINKLE** it upon the **MERCY SEAT** once a year, but he could **not** linger and certainly could **NOT SIT!** **HOWEVER**, when the **TRUE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**, came and paid the price, He got to **SIT DOWN**, as recorded in the New Testament:

"Who (*Jesus*) being the brightness of His (*God's*) glory, and the express image of His (*God's*) person, and upholding all things by the word of His (*Jesus'*) power, when He (*Jesus*) had **by himself** purged our sins, **SAT DOWN** on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" (*Hebrews 1:3*)

"And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a **THRONE** was set in heaven, and one **SAT** on the throne." (*Revelation 4:2*)

Jesus has finished the work and has **SAT DOWN** upon the **THRONE** of **HEAVEN'S MERCY SEAT!** PRAISE GOD FOREVERMORE!

The **TWO CHERUBIMS** were upon the **MERCY SEAT** --one on each end.

**QUESTION:** Do you remember, following the crucifixion of Christ, a particular scene where one angel was on one side and another angel on the other side?

**ANSWER:** (*See John 20:12*) \_\_\_\_\_

They were there, at His tomb just as the **CHERUBIMS** had been on each end of the **MERCY SEAT LID** of the ancient tabernacle. Those two angels were perfectly positioned to declare that the **TRUE MERCY SEAT** had laid there in that empty tomb.

These mysterious angelic-like beings are associated throughout the Bible with **VINDICATING** the **HOLINESS** of God yet they also, with the **FOUR FACES**, represent **CHRIST HIMSELF**, who also came and **VINDICATED** the **HOLINESS OF GOD!!!** Their **faces** turned **downward** as they gazed at the **MERCY SEAT**. This

speaks of the angels desiring to look into and understand this unfathomable PLAN OF SALVATION--maybe because when the angelic rebellion occurred in Heaven, the angels did not get a second chance as humanity has been given. It is stated in the New Testament:

"Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:... which things the **ANGELS desire to look into.**" (1 Peter 1:10, 12)

These **CHERUBIMS** with the **FOUR FACES** are so closely associated with all the aspects of **Jesus** that they are designed to be **ONE** with the **MERCY SEAT** lid. They were melded into the lid, signifying that God **CANNOT** be **separated** from His **HOLINESS** and **GLORY** contained in **Jesus** and neither can He be separated from all that was contained **WITHIN** the **ARK** --His **GLORIOUS LAW** of **TESTIMONY**, i.e., the **Ten Commandments**; the **GOLDEN POT OF MANNA**; and **AARON'S ROD** that budded, blossomed and bore **FRUIT!** All of the contents of the Ark pointed to **Jesus**: As the **Ten Commandments**, **Jesus** is the **WORD OF GOD**. He is the **embodiment** of the **TEN COMMANDMENTS!** As the **Golden Pot of Manna**, **Jesus** is the **GOLDEN ROYAL, HEAVENLY Bread of Heaven**. He is our **DAILY BREAD** as quoted in **The Lord's Prayer**, just as the manna was physical daily bread to the wandering Israelites. **Jesus** is the **HIGH PRIEST'S ROD** that budded, blossomed and bore fruit. He is the **Eternal High Priest** seated in the **Heavenlies** and, just as **Aaron's Rod** was **DEAD** but **lived again**, **Jesus DIED** but now **LIVES FOREVERMORE** to make intercession for us.

Keep in mind that God directed that these **Golden Cherubims** be permanently attached to that **ARK** and, therefore, to **ALL** it represented. You could no more separate His **Cherubim** Glory from Himself than you could separate God from His **LOVE!** In other words, He declared His Name as "**I Am That I Am**," which is to say, the **IMMUTABLE, UNCHANGEABLE ONE**--He is what He is and is **INSEPARABLE** from What He Is. Our Lord **Jesus** came from **HEAVEN**. Like the **Glorious Cherubim**, He was **NOT** of this world. The **LIGHT OF GOD** or **Shekinal Glory** which shone between the two **Cherubims** declared the **MANIFEST PRESENCE** of the **ALMIGHTY** who only communicated, that is, **COMMUNED**, from above the **BLOOD-STAINED MERCY SEAT**. Make no mistake about it: When **Jesus** walked this Earth as a man, He carried that **SAME Shekinal Glory of God (THE LAW) WITHIN Himself**, even though it was **VAILED** from human view

because of His "**BADGERS' SKINS**" covering (*His humanity*). However, on the Mount of Transfiguration, three disciples were given the wonderful opportunity to see that **SAME MERCY SEAT GLORY** of ancient times **EMANATE** from the **PHYSICAL BODY** (*Badgers' Skins*) of Christ while upon this Earth:

"And His raiment (*clothing*) became **SHINING**, exceeding **WHITE** as snow; so as no fuller on earth can **WHITE** them." (*Mark 9:3*)

*(\*Incidentally, remember that the Old Testament prophet Isaiah says that our sins can be made "**WHITE AS SNOW.**" Isaiah 1:18)*

For a moment in time, these disciples were privileged to see what **NO OTHER** had seen. This Jesus who had "dwelt" (*literally "tabernacled"*) among them allowed them to behold "the **GLORY** He had with the Father **BEFORE THE WORLD WAS.**" (*John 17:5*)

Did you know that **WE**, because of the cross, can now **SEE MORE** than what they saw? The New Testament, **OUR COVENANT**, is a covenant of **UNVAILING!** It is a **FACE-to-FACE** covenant!!! And **GOD** meticulously designed it that way!!! This "**Face-to-Face**" New Covenant or "**Friendship with God**" Covenant was foreshadowed, not only in the **ARK OF THE COVENANT** of the tabernacle, but also in the personal lives of Jacob and Moses. Jacob, after wrestling with God in angelic form, stated "I have seen God **FACE-to-FACE**, and my life is **PRESERVED.**" Of Moses it is said God spoke to him "**FACE-to-FACE**," as a man speaks to his friend.

It is truly incomprehensible, but God was saying He was making a way through Jesus Christ so that He could **COMMUNE** with us from above the Mercy Seat, between the Cherubim! **AND...that HIS GLORY** would be **UPON US** and **IN US!!!** Do we Christians really grasp what we have in Jesus Christ???

"Arise, **SHINE**; for thy **LIGHT** is come, and the **GLORY** of the **LORD** is risen upon thee." (*Isaiah 60:1*)

If you have come to know Jesus Christ as your Savior--who is your Sin-offering Goat, your Sin-bearing Scape Goat--then **YOU** are **HIS** modern day

**TABERNACLE!!!** You are His nomadic, earthly tabernacle pitched in this old world's wilderness. As with the tabernacle of old, you are **THREE** parts:

- (1) An Outer Court
- (2) A Holy Place
- (3) A Most Holy Place

Your **personal Most Holy Place** is your **spirit**; it is the **THRONE** of the Holy Spirit, as real as the **Ark of the Covenant** in the tabernacle. God's **GLORY** does, indeed, **reside** there:

"What? Know ye not that **YOUR BODY** is the **TEMPLE** of the **HOLY GHOST** which is **IN YOU**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (*1 Corinthians 6:19*)

Jesus is **IN** you and He wants to be seen by a lost and dying world who desperately need Him. If you have any "**vails**" hiding Him from view, today is a great day to tear away that vail--just ask Him for help and those unseen Divine Hands will rend it as surely as He rent the Vail when He cried, "It is finished." I encourage you to be "**FINISHED**" with anything that is hindering your walk with Christ, any sin that is so easily besetting you, **this day!** It is at that moment you will behold...

### **The Manifest Presence of God**

Finally, be assured that the "**GARMENTS of GLORY**" that the High Priest Aaron wore when he sprinkled the **BLOOD** upon the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant, **speak to the LOVE OF GOD** directed toward **YOU!**

**Six onyx stones** were placed atop **each shoulder** of the High Priest's Garments. They were **engraved** with the **names** of the 12 tribes of Israel. According to Isaiah, The **GOVERNMENT** is to be upon **JESUS' SHOULDERS**. This placement, with the **same type of stones** for all tribes, showed that we are **all EQUAL** at the foot of the cross. We **ALL** must be **BORN AGAIN**--the **SAME SALVATION** for **all** who call upon the Name of the Lord. Jesus carries us in **the GOVERNMENT** of **HIS KINGDOM** upon **HIS SANCTIFIED SHOULDERS!** That sure takes a load off my mind! I'm not the one trying to "carry" my salvation! **HE IS** and I am persuaded

"that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

Know that while we were under judgment, as represented by the High Priest's **BREASTPLATE OF JUDGMENT**, God designed the Breastplate to show us that **we**, though deserving judgment, are **LOVED** by **Him** and are His **UNIQUE PRECIOUS STONES**. Each stone was **different** and each was **engraved** with one of the names of the 12 tribes. The **foursquare BREASTPLATE** was worn upon the High Priest's **Heart**.

"And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the **BREASTPLATE OF JUDGMENT** upon his **HEART**, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the **LORD** continually." (Exodus 28:29)

It was the **HEART of GOD** that drove Him to Calvary for you and for me. He took that judgment upon Himself because **HIS HEART could not allow His creation to remain condemned and separated from HIM!** Be assured that when our True and Eternal High Priest, Jesus Christ, entered Heaven's Most Holy Place, i.e., the very Throne of God, and in consummation of His work at the cross, **YOUR NAME** was in one of those rows of three on His **Breastplate of Judgment**, carefully placed in a **PRECIOUS STONE** so that you may know how **precious you are to Him!**

According to the New Testament, because Jesus wore the **BREASTPLATE OF JUDGMENT to Calvary** for us, **we now have the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!** (Ephesians 6:14) **HALLELUJAH!!!** I will swap **JUDGMENT** for **RIGHTEOUSNESS** any day of the week!

It becomes clear, then, that Satan, in his futile attempt to keep humanity condemned and in bondage, **GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED** the **POWER** of the **LOVE OF GOD!** It is the unfathomable **LOVE** of **GOD** that could **NOT** fail in redemption and it is **His LOVE** that undergirds us every day! He didn't fail us in Gethsemane and He surely will **NOT fail us now!** **WE ARE BLESSED!** We are **SAFE** in Him!