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THE TABERNACLE



The Tabernacle, which is our main wilderness attraction, has the key to mankind's salvation locked up in it. Every single bit of the tabernacle was pointing to the great thoughts of good that God has towards his chosen ones. Open your eyes as you read these scriptures to see what God has in store for us.

The tabernacle had a first covering of curtains made with fine linen material, with Cherubim weaved on all over it. For now let us leave the definition of Cherubim as angelic creatures. Over the covering of the linen cloth was another layer of curtain made of goat's hair. Over that covering of Goat hair was another layer of red dyed ram's skin which in turn had a last layer badger's skin over it. We read this in **Exodus 26:1-14**. Why did it have these layers of covering over it?

Exodus 26:1-14 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim the work of the skilful workman shalt thou make them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains shall have one measure. 3 Five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and *the other* five curtains shall be coupled one to another. 4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is outmost in the second coupling. 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the second coupling; the loops shall be opposite one to another. 6 And thou shalt make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to another with the clasps: and the tabernacle shall be one *whole*. 7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make them. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: the eleven curtains shall have one measure. 9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double

over the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. 10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is *outmost in* the second coupling. 11 And thou shalt make fifty clasps of brass, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 And the overhanging part that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13 And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sealskins above. (ASV)

So from the eternal part of the Tabernacle or the outer court, what people could see of the Tabernacle was only the outer covering of thick Badger skin.

VEILED FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

The tabernacle's source of light was from within because it was completely blinded by the thick coverings of goat, ram and badger skin around it. Light from the sun or any other eternal source couldn't penetrate the thick coverings over the Tabernacle. Imagine the brilliance and the beauty of the illumination along with the reflection upon the articles of Gold that were in the tabernacle. When we step by faith into this realm of fellowship and worship we automatically begin to walk in the true light of the Lord. The light from the golden lamp stand and God's Glory that was beyond the veil lightens our paths up.

As we established earlier on, those who by faith remain in the outer court are likened to those in outer darkness. Those in the outer court know Jesus as savior but have no knowledge of Christ within

nor do they have an intimate relationship with Christ. When we move on in God we are brought into the Tabernacle which is a shadow of Christ. By now we must have accepted the blood of the lamp and accepted by the faith the justification that we have in Him. That same faith purifies our consciences as we are baptized into Him in the spirit leaving behind the old man of sin.

NO COMELINESS

Like Christ the tabernacle had no form of earthly or religious splendor that men who look with the carnal eyes would have been attracted to. Isaiah said this while prophesying of the Christ; He said He had no form of beauty or comeliness that we should be attracted to Him. [**Isaiah 53:2-3**]

No wonder He came to the world to which He created but the world did not know Him. In Christ was eternal life and all life originated from Him but it was all locked up in a simple vessel having no splendor of religion or the worldliness, so that people on the outside did not know Him. To those that do recognize Him, He has given power to be sons of God. [**John 1:1-13**]

When we look at the tabernacle with ordinary carnal eyes there is a tendency to see a dull dark covering and easily get distracted from the thing that is within it. As Christians we should learn to see and discern things by the spirit of God.

REVELATION FROM ABOVE

The moment Peter declared that Jesus was the Christ the son of the living God, Jesus said the revelation Peter had, was not revealed by flesh and blood but by God the Father of all spirits who dwelt in a hidden place in the tabernacle. The others disciple who were with Him and had seen the mighty works of Jesus couldn't even guess right because it was not revealed to them. Jesus called Peter blessed

because He had this revelation of Christ. [**Matthew 16:13-19**] It is by the recognition of the Christ hidden behind the Thick unassuming skins that God will build the Church. Many stumble upon this principal still expecting Christ to be revealed in this world in a more glorious carnal outer form according to the imaginations of carnal man, but they will not taste the salvation and glory of God until they begin to recognize the Christ by the spirit.

Jesus Christ said no one can come to Him except the Father draws Him. This is what is called predestination from the foundation of the world. A call is going out to the ends of the earth today calling men to come into the Christ (The heavenly Tabernacle) so that they may taste the salvation of the living God. We know for sure that those predestined to hear and receive this message will gladly receive it because they hear the Voice of their Shepherd and they know it. They hear the true shepherd's voice and obediently enter into the stall, which is the tabernacle.

The glorious mystery hidden inside the Tabernacle is something that God reveals to babes. We have to purge ourselves of the old man and be converted into babes so that we can receive the truth from God. We have to throw away our knowledge acquired in this world to obtain the knowledge that comes from Christ. Hidden inside the tabernacle (Christ) is the fullness of the riches in God. No one can discern that which is inside talk less of entering. It has to be revealed to you by the Father. [**Mathew 11:25-27**]

The pride of the wisdom of this world stumbles here and will always stumble. In the days of Jesus, He was born in a manger, He was the son of a carpenter, and He was not schooled according to the standards of the religious order of that day. He was from a remote area called Nazareth, so that no one could have guessed He was the Christ, Savior of the world. The Father gives spiritual insight to those who receive the revelation of the Christ and His kingdom like Babes.

HEAVENLY COMMUNION (CHERIBUMS)

THE LINEN CURTAINS

There was an inner layer of linen curtain that were used over the tabernacle as a covering; they were underneath the thick layers of Badger skin, ram skin and woven goats hair. Those who entered the Tabernacle had a clear view of the Cherubim on the ceiling. Being underneath the layers of skin, means that they were hidden from the sight of those without. [**EXODUS 26:1-**] The linen curtains had three colors blue, red, purple and had images of cherubim woven on them.

Cherubim are angelic creatures with wings or they can be likened to heavenly beings higher than the mortal Adam-like man, they are mentioned a couple of times in the Bible right from the book of Genesis.

Those who enter into the tabernacle are completely surrounded by these Cherubim weaved on the linen curtains. This talks about being surrounded by heavenly hosts who are angels. The moment we step into this place by faith we are automatically surrounded by that which is heavenly, we move from the fleshly carnal realm or the seen realm into the realm of the spirit by faith and begin a new fellowship in Christ. Our walk, conversation and fellowship is in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, this is a fellowship that involves perfected spirits or angels in the same camp of the redeemed with us [**Philippians 3:20**].

Paul said the intention of the gospel is to gather in one all things in heaven and on earth in Christ. Meaning we all are gathered together with the glorious clouds of God's witnesses who are in actuality likened to Cherubim in their glorified states. [**Ephesians 1:9-11**]

Entering by faith into the tabernacle brings us into union with all brethren; this means brethren both in the flesh and brethren out of the flesh. When I say brethren out of the flesh I am talking about saints and other perfected beings that have left

their flesh bodies and transited into the spiritual realm. This union is a universal fellowship of spirits that are and being perfected by God the Father. [**Hebrews 12:22-24**]

Paul by the wisdom of God says we have come to Zion, He doesn't say we will go to Zion. He say's in **Hebrews 12:22-24** that we have come to the general assembly which is also the gathering He spoke about in **Ephesians 1: 9-11**.

This fellowship in the tabernacle brings about perfection and glorification of God's chosen ones. No wonder Jesus said you will see angels ascending and descending on the son of man, what He is simply saying is that a spiritual connection is made by this spiritual union. The connection leads to the very heart of God and a flow of His Goodness and knowledge is shared by all in this body.

This fellowship in the heavens is the only fellowship that can heal mankind. This is the fellowship that the leaders should be leading their flocks into. No amount of carnal laws of morality, both in the realms of religion or in the realms of man's system, no matter how morally sound they may look, will ever make a man perfect and whole. The only solution is in the eternal fellowship in Christ and when we get to this place we get to understand that our fellowship is with the Father and the son because all in this realm are Christ the son.

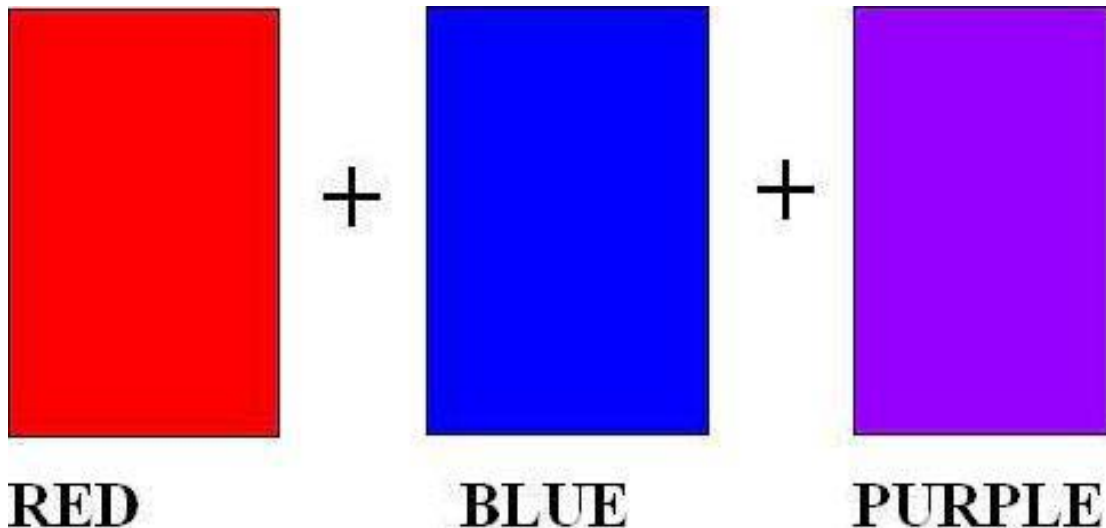
UNION OF THE EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY (BLUE, RED, PURPLE LINEN CURTAINS)

To confirm this fellowship in Christ of the earthly and heavenly God in His manifold wisdom used the colors blue, red and purple for the linen curtains of the tabernacle.

Where Red represent for the earthly carnal man, it can in the same vein represent flesh and blood flesh and blood. By the spirit we clearly see that red is seen in the Blood of the flesh of men.

Blue stands for the heavenly or something that is spiritual, we see this in by the color of the physical heavens.

When red and blue are mixed together we get purple which is that union of the heavenly and earthly.



Spiritually speaking purple represents royalty and kingly splendor. This is exactly what happens when there is a union between the earthly and heavenly. Throughout the Bible, Purple is always associated with kings and men of Honor. Those who mocked Jesus before His crucifixion gave Him a purple robe and a crown of thorns. They did this because He told them He was king of the Jews. This shows that even in the tradition of the Romans of old Purple was a symbol of royalty.

In [**Easter 8:15**] Mordecai was honored with a purple robe, the kings of the Medians [**Judges 8:26**] were also known for wearing purple robes. Make a research through History and find out what purple means in relation to royalty.

When we find ourselves in the tabernacle of God we reveal the splendor of royalty to the whole world. The glory and fullness of God's power can only be revealed through people who have this fellowship in the heavens going for them.

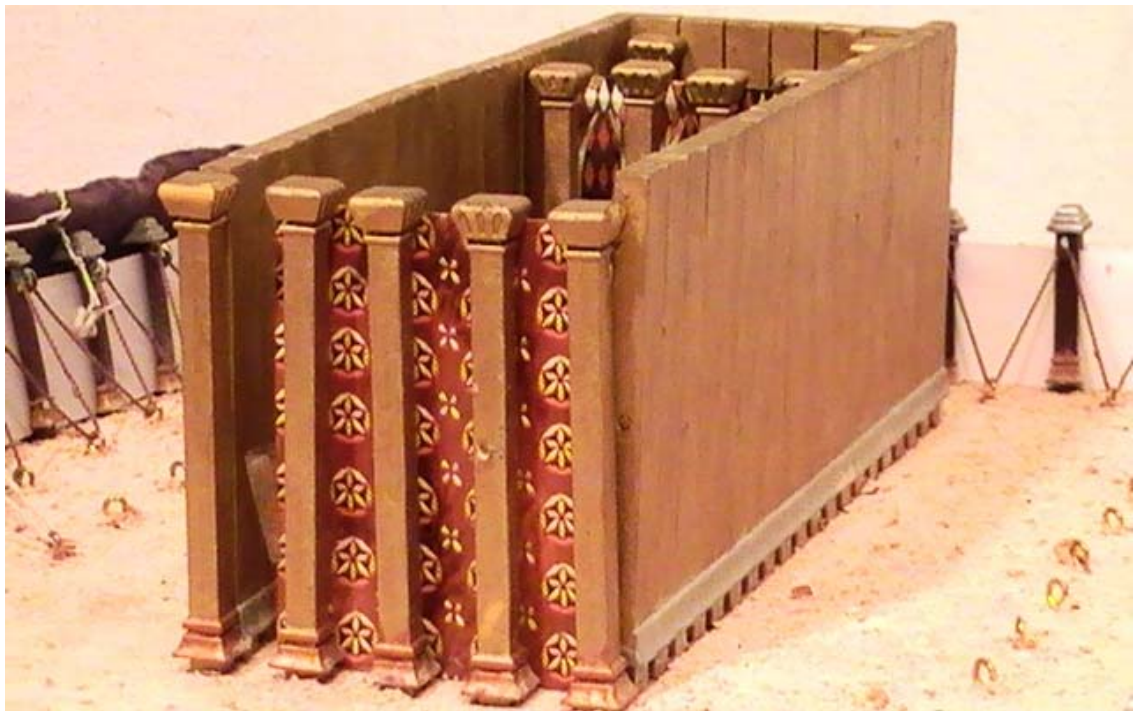
To reveal the royalty and majesty of God's kingdom is something that comes by intimate fellowship in love with the Father. We do not

have to work out anything for ourselves; it comes naturally when we unite with our creator.

DIVINE AND ETERNAL

THE TABERNACLE BOARDS OVERLAID WITH GOLD

The standing framework of the tabernacle was made with wooden boards overlaid with gold. These boards were neatly joined together using gold rings and wooden poles overlaid with pure gold. This meant that the walls of the Tabernacle were coated with pure gold. [EXODUS 26:15-30]



The Tabernacle and all its contents were made of pure gold outwardly; every single inch of the Tabernacle Framework and its objects inwardly were of Gold. Gold in the natural realm is one of the most precious metals because of its resistance and durability.

Metals rust, Colors fade away, elements in this earthly realm including concepts, kingdoms and men fade away. Gold is the only

known metal that endures that test of time, so also is God and His Tabernacle (Christ). Gold is also the only known object that passes through fire and retains its state. Fire in the spiritual sense is truth from God's presence so that the only things that remain eternally are those things united with the truth of God. Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of God and anything rooted in the word will remain eternally. God in His infinite wisdom uses Gold in the Tabernacle to show that His house is eternal in the Heavens and will never pass away. As all that we see in this world pass away those of us grounded in the word by doing His will never taste of death because they live eternally in God [**1 John 2:16-17**].

1 John 2:15-17

16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The Tabernacle of Moses used in the wilderness is no more but there is the real Tabernacle in the Heavens that never fades in glory. The world and the peoples in it will perish, but the Lord's kingdom and His eternal purposes endure forever. [**Psalms 102:26-28**]

Psalms 102:26-28

26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. 27 But You are the same, And Your years will have no end. 28 The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You."

So when we see gold streets and gold objects in the book of revelation we should have an idea of what God is talking about. He used gold to describe the eternal qualities of His kingdom.

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

TABERNACLE DOOR



At the entrance of the tabernacle there were five pillars overlaid with gold having bronze sockets at their bases. [EXODUS 26:36-37] This is actually the ministry of Christ that ushers people into Christ. It is the five fold ministry that shows people the way to life in Christ. The bronze sockets (or bases) signify the judgmental power that is endowed on the ministers within this ministry.

Whosoever seeks to enter into life must accept the testimony of God and His kingdom from this ministry. Jesus is still here today working the same works He did many years ago. He is doing all this through His Chosen vessels in this hour. The chosen vessels form part of the body of Christ. If you see these vessels you see Jesus Christ. Remember that the flesh Jesus is no more, He is present in spirit form. [John 10:9-10]

When Jesus Christ appeared to John on the Island of Patamos, He appeared in a glorified form (REVELATIONS 1:10-17). Christ is spirit and appeared in that form only to show the very attributes of Christ. I am saying this so that no one should think that Jesus exists in that form. I will not go into all the aspects of that appearance,

but I just want us to focus on the feet of Jesus Christ in the transfigured state.

Revelations 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

His feet were like fine brass that burned in a furnace and His voice was like the voice of many waters. This is the many member body of Christ being revealed here. Today they are scattered all over the world and in the heavens but you can not see them unless the Lord reveals them to you. They are the ones standing at the door ushering people into the Temple or tabernacle of God. The bronze feet burning as a furnace talk about the judgmental power these ones in Christ possess. They have the ability to purify any vessel that approaches the temple of God. They burn off the dross and garbage by the power in the ministry that they possess. They are there for the perfecting of the saints in Christ.

IN CHRIST

If you study Paul's letters closely you will notice that He uses the word IN CHRIST scores of times. He was talking of a new reality, a new way of life in God. In Christ means that we are hid in Him and our old selves are no more. The Lord now sees the Son and no more sees that old man we processed in the days of ignorance.

Entering the tabernacle means entering into Christ and hiding in Christ. Entering into Christ means living a new life in Christ Jesus. We do this by denying ourselves to take up this new identity. Those on the outside behold you no more because you are hid in Him.

When we start off this walk by faith, the Lord nourishes us, instructs us and leads us into maturity and perfection. Hidden in

Christ are mysteries and abundant riches in Glory. We will discover as we grow that God actually created us perfect in the beginning when all things were good. We will discover that we are inseparable from God's love even though we all once felt nothing but condemnation towards ourselves. Up till now this has been a mystery because we lost that true identity in the fall.

In Christ we are nourished in the knowledge of Him from whom all blessings flow. Knowing Him aright is life, feeling His loving-kindness is an experience greater than all the world can offer us. In Christ He lifts us from glory to glory and withholds no good thing from us.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places

Every Son moving up with God will feel and behold the manifestation of God in this new realm. This is the aspect of God's house that remains forever. The outer court or the flesh realm is a realm for temporary things, those things that fade away. Those who enter the tabernacle and abide there will never be moved, they abide in the love and favor eternally.

The tabernacle is a new spiritual dimension where we walk by faith and not by sight. Our paths are lightened up by the light of God's word, not by vain imaginations of the earthly carnal man who stumble in darkness.

Paul once wrote that **I might know Him, that I might be found in Him** and that I might partake of the power of the resurrection.

Philippians 3:8-11

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which

is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

What He was trying to put across to us? He was saying He had left all the vanities without, the vanities of this carnal world of appearances, so that he can partake of the unspeakable glory of God inside God's eternal Tabernacle in the Heavens. Paul had a revelation of the glory of Christ in the Heavens. He like Peter received this revelation of the glory of God in Christ that is hidden from people lost in this world. He suffered loss of all that He once counted gain in this world for the gain of the hidden things of God in Christ. This should be the kind of mind everyone moving into glory should have.

We should constantly press on into God's presence and glory. Like the Psalmist would pray that God should lead Him into His truth and hide Him from the vanities of this world so also should our prayers be. We discover as we enter that a whole new world is opened to us. This carnal physical world is less than 0.0000000000000001% of the entirety of God's creation. As long as we have our being and existence fixed on this physical world we are limited and can not see the glory and the beauty God.