

# THE TABERNACLE #10

## THE VAIL

Exodus 26:31-34

**Intro:** The Old Testament is a picture of New Testament Truth - "God's Picture Book"  
Sometimes we have to study and search – like finding a piece in a puzzle

### I. A Picture or Type of Christ's Body.

- A. [Hebrews 10:19 -26](#) - Old Testament Priest – Entered once a year
  - 1. No Israelite was allowed in the Holy of Holies – Result would be death.
- B. Today, we have BOLDNESS to enter THROUGH THE VAIL ([Hebrews 4:16](#))
- C. The Vail in the Tabernacle "Hid the Glory of God"
  - 1. Divine glory of God was hidden during earthly ministry of Christ.
    - a. [John 1:1, 14 & 18](#)
    - b. [Phil 2:6 & 7](#) "Equal with God – Took on the form of a man!"
    - c. [Matthew 17:2](#) - Revealed it to 3 disciples
  - 2. Divine glory of God has never ceased – just hidden!

### II. A Picture of Salvation by Grace – Not by the works of the law!

- A. [Hebrews 9:8-12](#)
- B. Priests most likely tried to repaired the vail
  - 1. Results in "*Galatianism!*" – Trying to put saints back under the law!
    - a. Another Gospel – "Anathema"

### III. The Pattern of the Vail (Vs 31)

- A. The colors of the vail
  - 1. **Blue** – Heaven **Son of God**
    - a. [John 3:13, 31; 8:23; Acts 1:11](#)
  - 2. **Purple** – King **Sovereignty Son of God**
    - a. Line of David ([Luke 1:32](#))
    - b. Born a King ([Matthew 2:2](#))
    - c. Mocked as a King ([Matthew 27:29](#))
    - d. Declared to be King ([Matthew 27:37](#))
    - e. Returning as King ([Revelation 19:16](#))
    - f. Ruling as King ([Luke 1:33](#))
  - 3. **Scarlet** – Blood **Suffering Son of God** [Heb. 9:22](#)
    - a. Pictures the blood of Christ: - [Romans 5:9](#)
  - 4. **White** – Pure **Sinless Son of God** [Rev 19:8](#)
    - a. "...without spot of blemish..." – ([I Peter 1:19](#))
    - b. Picture of saints – symbolizing purity ([Rev 19:7-8](#))

#### B. The Four Gospel Explain these colors

- 1. **Blue** John Speaks of Deity
- 2. **Purple** Matthew Speaks of Jesus as King of King
- 3. **Red** Mark Speaks of the Suffering of Christ
- 4. **White** Luke Speaks of the Virgin Born - sinless and Pure

#### C. Be careful of what you do and how you handle Christ!

- 1. Receive or Reject

D. The Four Pillars (Vs 32) – Support the Vail – Four Gospels Explain Christ

E. The Cherubims (Verse 31)

1. They are to guard the Holiness of God (Isaiah 6:3)
2. First mentioned in Genesis 3:24
  - a. POWERFUL and STRONG creatures

#### IV The Position of the Vail (Verse 33)

A. It is a divider (Vs 33)

1. Divides between sinful man and a Holy God
  - a. Vail was NOT to "admit" access to God
  - b. Vail was to "prevent" access to God
  - c. Said: "STAY OUT – You are not worthy to meet with God"
2. Meant SUDDEN DEATH to any Israelite who entered
  - a. We are not saved "by His life: thus we are unworthy to come "in" to God
  - b. We are saved "by His death" and declared worthy to have access

#### V. The Parting on the Vail - (Matthew 27:50-51)

A. "Torn from **top to bottom**" (60' long – 4" Thick – 15' High)

1. Work of God
  - a. Man would have torn it from bottom to top

B. Picture of Christ's death on the cross

1. Renting of Vail was at the time of Christ's death (3:00 PM – Math 27:45 & 51)
1. ONLY WAY WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO GOD IN PRAYER (Heb. 9:12)
2. Our HIGH PRIEST made "the way" – Hebrews 4:14-16

#### VI. The Plan and The Privilege of Prayer (Hebrews 10:22-25)

1. Exhorted to exercise a "fourfold" commitment to the Lord.

- a. Cleansed - Draw Near (Num. 18:22) – True Heart (Heb. 10:22)
  - (1) Washed with pure water
- b. Testimony to world "Hold fast the profession of faith (Heb. 10:23)
  - (1) The world should never see us wavering in our faith.
- c. Provokes others to love and good works (Heb. 10:24)
  - (1) ALWAYS caring and concerned for the welfare of our fellow Christians
- d. Not to forsake scheduled assembling (Heb. 10:25) **"Leave behind for some other place."**
  - (1) Used twice: Here and Hebrews 13:5!
    - (2) God does not "forsake" us as some Christians "forsake" Him!

### THREE GREAT AND RICH TRUTHS

#### I. Hebrews 9:23 "in the Heavens .... for us"

A. Three Appearances

1. **Continuous Appearance** – Verse 24 - (Christ's Continuing Work)
  - a. He ever liveth to make intercession for us!
2. **Complete Appearance** – Verse 26 – (Christ's Completed Work)
  - a. He died ONCE (Hebrew 10:10 – ONCE FOR ALL)
3. **Crowning Appearance** – Verse 26 – (Christ's Crowning Work) (Verse 28)
  - One is Past**                      **One is Present**                      **One is Future**

**What A Day That Will Be!**

# BLACK

Black is the symbol of

**Dark – Darkness – Storms – Judgment – Famine – War – No Spiritual Light**

## 1. Pictures: Storms – Trouble – Fear -

*“But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish” (Luke 8:23)*

*“And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away” (Acts 27:20).*

## 2. Pictures: Judgment

*“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (II Peter 2:4).*

*“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day” (Jude 1:6).*

## 3. Pictures: Famine –

*“The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth. Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up” (Jeremiah 14:1-2) - (This was because of famine)*

## 4. Pictures: War –

*“Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine” (Lamentations 5:10).  
(Result of war - See Revelation 6:5)*

## 5. Pictures: No Spiritual Light-

*“Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them” (Micah 3:6).*

*“For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light” (Psalms 36:9).*

## ADDITIONAL APPLICATION OF BLACK AND WHITE

### **Black Is Always the Opposite of White (Purity)**

The “White Linen” portrays purity

*“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints” (Revelation 19:8)*

*“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11)*

### **Darkness Is Always the Opposite of Light**

*“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth” (I John 1:5-7).*

### **Darkness Denotes Mourning & Sorrow**

*“I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation. I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls” (Job 30:28-30).*

### **Darkness Denotes Evil**

*“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).*

### **Darkness Denotes Eternal Punishment**

*“Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever” (Jude 1:13)*

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### **Black and White Mixed Together Make Grey**

The black takes the “purity” out of the white.  
The white makes the black “more acceptable.”

**The Tabernacle, Where God dwelt, contained no black or grey at all.**

It was bright - dignified – pictured Jesus Christ

# BLUE

## What Blue Symbolizes in The Bible Heavenly

**Blue is mentioned 49 times in the Bible**

### 1. Pictures: Heaven and Heavenly Things

*“And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it” (Ezekiel 1:26).*

NOTE: One of the colors of the Sapphire Stone is the color blue. This verse states that the “firmament that was over their heads” – The sky or the heavens” - was that color.

“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven” (John 3:13).

“Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from Heaven to eat” (John 6:31).

“For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world” (John 6:33).

“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38).

The heavens are **ALWAYS blue and bright**. Even when storm clouds gather over our heads, above those storm clouds, the Heavens retain the color of blue. Sooner or later, the clouds will be gone and the sky above will again be a beautiful blue color! Nothing has ever changed the color of the blue sky or the Heavens.

### 2. Pictures: The “Unchanging Character and Attributes of Christ.

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Mal. 3:6).

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrew 13:8).

**THE  
MEANINGS OF VARIOUS  
COLORS  
IN THE BIBLE**

**BLUE**

**PURPLE**

**RED**

**GOLD**

**BLACK**

**WHITE**

**GOLD**  
**Pictures**  
**The Glory of God – Refining of the Saints**

Gold is mentioned 365 times in the Bible – (Once for each day of the year??)

“Gold is the most precious metal known to man. Gold is the emblem of Eternal Deity, which speaks of the Godhead. It is the most precious metal known to man. Nothing will ever alter the value of Gold. It is not affected by exposure to air or water. It will not deteriorate if it is buried 1000 years. Acid will not alter it. Fire will not burn it. These substances only purify it” (British Encyclopedia).

Jesus, in [Revelation 3:18](#), told the “lukewarm” church of Laodicea “...buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich;’ and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.”

This is why Peter, in [I Peter 1:7](#), wrote, “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

## **Conclusion**

Today, we are earnestly waiting for the “appearing of Jesus Christ, and for Him to set up the Kingdom of God on earth. As we wait, there are tasks that each of us should perform daily.

1. We should confess our sins daily to stay in fellowship with God. ([I John 1:9](#)).
2. We should do all that we do “...for the glory of God” ([I Corinthians 10:31](#)).
3. We should daily “die to self” ([I Corinthians 15:31](#))
4. We should “present our bodies” - “acceptable to Him” – “not conformed to this world” ([Romans 12:1-21](#))

We should do these, because:

1. We have had our sins forgiven; (**red** speaks of the blood).
2. We have been declared righteous because He died for us; (**white** speaks of righteousness).
3. We are now the children Of the King of Heaven; (**blue** for heaven’s reign over us).
4. We are daily being refined by trials to become more like Him (**gold** or **yellow** for fire).
5. We will, at His appearing, rule with Christ as kings and priests (**purple** for royalty).

**WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!**

# PURPLE

This Color is the Symbol of  
Royalty - Majesty – Wealth – Prosperity – Luxury

## Purple is mentioned 50 times in the Bible

Purple is very rare in nature and the expense of creating the dye gave it a great deal of prestige. It was the most expensive of all the dyes known to the ancient Israelites. It was the color of choice for those of noble or royal birth. Roman Emperors wore clothing colored purple. Even today, many Catholic Bishops wear robes of purple in their service.

### 1. Pictures: Royalty – Majesty – High Officials

*“And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks” (Judges 8:26).*

*“And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad” (Ester 8:15).*

### 2. Pictures: Wealth – Prosperity – Luxury

- A. The color, purple, is mentioned 28 times in the book of Exodus
- B. It is mentioned 7 times in [Exodus chapter 39!](#)

*“She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple” (Proverbs 31:22).*

*“King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon. He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem” (Song of Solomon 3:9-10).*

### 3. Pictures: Purple was an important part of the Tabernacle and of Solomon’s Temple

- A. The color purple was part of the curtain at the entrance to the Tabernacle ([Exodus 26:1](#))
- B. It was an integral part of the vail leading into the Holy Place ([Exodus 26:36](#))
- C. It was part of the “inner vail” at the entrance of the Holy of Holies ([Exodus 26:31](#))
- D. It was an important part of the garments of the Priest ([Exodus 28:6](#))



## RED

Often times the word “scarlet” is used in place of “Red.”  
RED IS THE SYMBOL OF THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

### Red is mentioned 53 times in the Bible

The absolute Gospel is seen throughout the Bible in the color of red because of the Lamb of God’s blood shed for sinners. Red is the scarlet thread which is woven throughout the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. Rahab, who lived within the walls of Jericho was saved because of a red cord which was let down so that the Israelite army would spare her life. The lamb’s blood applied to the doors of the Israelites on the first Passover saved them by the “sprinkled blood, so that the Destroyer of the first born might not touch them” (Hebrews 11:28). This is the meaning of “the Passover.” The shed blood of Jesus is that which cleanses us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9, II Corinthians 5:21) and even at Calvary where “they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him” (Matthew 27:28).

The color red (Scarlet) is mentioned 24 times in the Book of Exodus. In Exodus it is fully explained in great detail where God gave Moses full instructions for building the Tabernacle. This is where Old Testament sacrifices were made.

### 1. PICTURES OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS BLOOD.

*“And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat” (Leviticus 16:14-15)*

*“And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD” (Exodus 30:10).*

*“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:11-14)*

### 2. PICTURES SIN

*“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18).*

### 3. PICTURES MAN (HUMANITY)

The name "Adam" is literally a Hebrew Word. It is not a "translation from Hebrew to English." Adam was made from "dirt or earth." God called both the man and woman, "Adam." The meaning of the word, Adam," is: "...to show blood, flush or turn rosy:--be dyed red or ruddy." (Strong's Concordance). The color "red" speaks of the birth of Esau, who was a man of the earth!

*"And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau."* ([Genesis 25:25](#))

# WHITE

Always Symbolizes Righteousness

The Color white is mentioned 75 Times in the Bible. It is the color most frequently mentioned in the Bible.

## 1. Pictures: Righteousness

Daniel 7:9

Matthew 17:2, Mark 9:3, Luke 9:29

Revelation 1:12-14; 6:11: 19:8 and 20:11

A Prophecy of Christ

On the Mount of Transfiguration

## 2. Pictures: Purity

Daniel 11:35; 12:10

Psalms 51:7

Isaiah 1:18

Revelation 3:18; 7:9, 13-14

## 3. Pictures: Holiness

Mark 16:5

John 20 :12

Acts 1:10

Revelation 4:4; 19:14

## 5. Pictures: Joy

Ecclesiastes 9:8

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## White is used by “false prophets” who “pretend” to be righteous!

In Revelation 6:2, one of the four beasts is “pretending” to be righteous. The text proves that he is “pretending” to bring peace, but the verses, 3-6, which follow verse 2, clearly declare that it was a “false peace.”