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Rending the Veil

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Through the Word of Yahuwah and prayer, the fire of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) has just shown me a KEY component to waging a tactical spiritual warfare strike against the enemy. We know many intercessors are feeling a bit overwhelmed right now, but everyone should remember that Yahuwah is greater than all of these crises and none of them surprise HIM. HE is ready and wants His seasoned warriors on the front lines battling with anointed spiritual weapons!

II Corinthians 3:12-18 tells of the veiling of Moses' face, saying:

- 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:*
- 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*
- 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.*
- 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.*
- 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.*
- 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*
- 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

There are several layers of metaphor here which need to be understood to fully appreciate the passage and its meaning. Of course, Paul is referring to the passage in **Exodus 34**. Moses has been up on the mountain with Yahuwah for an extended period, 40 days and nights. He is getting the second set of tablets of the Torah (the first having been broken by Moses earlier at the time of the golden calf). He has stood in the cloud of glory and heard Yahuwah proclaim the thirteen attributes of divine mercy (**Ex. 34:9-10**). It was what we all have in mind when we talk about a "mountaintop experience." This all leads us to the verses that concern us, beginning in vs. 29:

- 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*
- 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.*
- 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.*
- 32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai.*
- 33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.*
- 34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.*
- 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*

Moses had been so long before the face of Yahuwah that his face glowed with the radiance of divine love and grace! But at first, Moses did not know this. When he came down off the mountain, even his brother Aaron was terrified of the manifestation of the divine power of Yahuwah. Aaron and the children of Israel were afraid to come close to him, so he put a veil over his face.

The passage makes it clear that from that time on, Moses would wear the veil whenever he came out from the Holy Place (before the veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place). He did this to keep from alarming the Israelites.

Israel had a bit of *history* of being afraid of manifestations of divine power. Earlier, when the direct voice of the Almighty thundered down from Mt. Sinai, bestowing the Ten Commandments, they were terrified and stood afar off:

And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. – Ex. 20:19

Now there is certainly nothing wrong with having fear of the Almighty. That is a very good thing to have. In fact, it is one of the seven-fold Spirits of Yahuwah (**Is. 11:2**). In fact, I believe it is a virtue that many of us have lost sight of in this day of “fast food religion.” But like any good attribute, it can be carried to extremes.

This is part of what Paul is talking about. In his epistle, he is using the narrative in Exodus 34 as a type for what has happened to Israel. The majority of the Jews had not received the gospel message, although a sizeable minority had accepted Yahushua.

Paul brings up the veil that Moses wore, but he also blends that image with the image of the veil in temple. Of course, that veil was torn from top to bottom the moment Yahushua died on Calvary (**Matt. 27:51**). This is because His death provided us a “*new and living way*” into the Most Holy Place (**Heb. 10:20**). The idea being conveyed here is that the “vail” of Moses is still over the eyes of many, many Israelite people.

[Before we go further, please remember that all Israelites are not Jews. Jews are just a couple of the Israelite tribes (Judah and Benjamin) blended together. The OTHER ten tribes, the northern kingdom, are known as Israel, Ephraim or Joseph. They were mostly dispersed among the nations centuries before Messiah came. But they are still Israel. It is just that most of them do not know their own heritage anymore. This is a bigger discussion to be discussed in a later article, Yah willing!]

As mentioned before, this “vail” often takes the form of excessive religiosity. Both the Jews and the Israelites tend toward one of two extremes, either they are extremely devout OR they are lax and secular. We are all familiar with the super-devout Hasidic Jews in their dark coats and fedoras. They have an excessive fear and devotion, because most of them do not know Yahushua.

Harder to spot are the secularized Jews (who unfortunately mostly run the nation of Israel). Paradoxically, in the US, many of these folks are in the entertainment and media industry and are very left wing, radical and fight against everything the Bible stands for. They are using DENIAL as their “vail.”

The same could be said of Israelites (who do not know their own heritage), many of who have actually been *raised* either Catholics or Protestants. They are either very devout or serious about their faith, or

else they are “Cafeteria Catholics” or Protestants that pick and choose what to believe. Many are utterly uninvolved with spiritual matters and live as if there were no heaven or hell.

But here is the point that the Spirit impressed upon me!

We need to be praying to tear down that veil. As Mary and I were praying and worshipping last night, I felt the anointing to pray in our own lives for this, as we are both ethnically of Jewish background. Although we have both been saved for decades, we felt as though the Almighty wanted us to press in further and ask that any further “layers” of veils in our lives be torn down by His power as well.

Let us face it, all of us – in our walk with Yahushua – are growing in knowledge and understanding (hopefully). But we all have an enormous ways to go. We carry baggage; emotional, spiritual, physical and generational, with us on our pilgrimage in this life. As we grow in Him and begin to give Him these burdens, veils come off – like layers on an onion. Like an onion, sometimes when the veils come off there are tears!

The larger issue is that we are in a crisis point right now in the Middle East, in Europe and in America. It is both political and economic. The situation between Iran and Israel teeters on the brink of nuclear meltdown. *Millions* of people are lost and without Yahuwah – both Jewish and Israelite as well as others. We NEED to pray that the veil would be torn off *their* eyes as well. All of the secularism AND the false religiosity needs to fall away from them, like scales from their eyes, just as what happened to Paul (**Acts 9:18**) – who was also excessively religious!

There are probably millions of Israelites in Europe and America who need to have the veil torn from their eyes. Even many Islamic people originally came from an Israelite background (remember, though Islam began in Arabia, it spread by conquest all over North Africa and eastern Europe and swallowed up many Israelite people). Imagine if even a **third** of them came to saving faith – REAL saving faith in Messiah! It would transform Europe and the USA. It would transform the Middle East.

You may say, “That could not happen.” Oh really? How **BIG** a Deity do you serve?? How much do you believe in the power of prayer?

Do you realize that during the Great Awakenings (1730-1800’s) the move of the Spirit was so great that you could barely find anyone in many communities to evangelize? The area of upstate New York where Joseph Smith’s family lived (yes, THAT Joseph Smith) was called the “Burned Over District” because so many revivals had gone through that hardly anyone was left unsaved (except the Smiths)!

Prayer is more powerful than a thermonuclear warhead. People have NO IDEA how powerful their prayers really are – or they would pray more!

If enough Believers get serious and get on their knees and pray that the VEIL come down, that a hallowed detonation would spiritually carpet bomb the enemy! Pray that lukewarm Believers get on fire, and that devoutly religious (but unsaved) people get their eyes opened to see the glory and power of the resurrected Yahushua to save them from their religion to serve the Almighty!

Imagine in America, if just the several million Jews that reside here FOUND YAHUSHUA! Imagine if all the tens of millions of lukewarm Protestants caught the true fire of repentance and righteousness! What if tens of millions of Catholics got genuinely saved and thirsty for Biblical truth? It would change the face of the USA. Yahuwah can certainly do it! But **prayer** is the kindling to light the fire!

You say, “Brother, that is too much.” NOT FOR THE ALMIGHTY! That kind of stinking thinking is why we have been wallowing in religious mediocrity in this land for more than a century!

Pray for the veil to be lifted off Israel – both the political state and the population. I have heard rumors of great things brewing in the land of Israel. Many devout Jews are accepting Yahushua as Messiah. But the heat needs to be turned up. The mostly secular Jews that run the government need to repent and come to the Cross!

Remember, 2000 years ago, 3,000 Israelites from all over the world got saved in ONE DAY (**Acts 2:41**)! Israelites from all over the world (**Acts 2:8-11**) came to Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot! Note that the scripture says that even Israelites from Arabia were there (vs. 11)!

At that time, there were only a couple dozen solid disciples, and they got 3,000 folks saved in a day! There are supposedly tens of millions of followers of Yahushua in America alone, to say nothing of millions of faithful in Africa, in China, Australia and in Latin America. If say, twenty could get 3,000 saved, how many could fifty million people evangelize by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Right now, the Jewish world is getting ready for **Rosh Hashanah** (Biblical Name is Yom Terurah, or Feast of Trumpets), followed by the **High Holy Days** (eight days of Aw and Yom Kippor) and then **Sukkot** (Feast of Tabernacles). Many WILL be traveling to Israel for these festivals of Yahuwah. Why can't the Holy Spirit repeat what happened before? Do not limit the Creator by putting Him in a box! As the saying goes, if your problems seem too big, it is because your “God” is too small.

**Too long we've let hell's henchmen run over us.
It's time to take off the spiritual gloves and get deadly serious about prayer!
There is no more time for games!**

Pray for the VEIL to come down, individually and corporately. Open the door and unleash the Holy Spirit! Remember, the Body of Messiah is supposed to smash down the gates of hell (Matt. 16:18b). We did it back in the book of Acts! Why can't we do it now? Yahushua is the same, yesterday, today and forever (**Heb. 13:8**)!