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And the sun was darkened, and the **veil**
of the **temple** was **rent** in the midst [**Luke 23:45**].
When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said,
It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost [**John 19:30**].

Old Testament

The Word "Veil" is in the Old Testament ¹"33" Times, The Same Age of Jesus when He was crucified and resurrected.

JESUS IS THE VEIL FOR HIS BRIDE

For she [Rebekah/church] had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant [Holy Spirit] had said, It is my master [Isaac/Jesus]: therefore she took a VEIL, and covered herself [**Gen 24:65.33**]

Regarding the veil Keil-Delitzsch state:

The cloak-like veil of Arabia which covered the whole body.

The word "veil" is the "33rd" word in verse 65 above. Also, the veil that Rebekah cover's herself with is a gift from Isaac, as a part of her dowry, and given to her by his servant, Eliezer. This is a "type" of our resurrection body.

And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and **raiment**, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things [**Gen 24:53**].

Verse 53. *Jewels of silver, and jewels of gold*] The word *keley*, which we here translate *jewels* signifies properly *vessels* or *instruments*; and those presented by Eliezer might have been of various kinds. What he had given before, ver. 22, was in token of *respect*, what he gave now appears to have been in the way of a *dowry* (Clarke. Vol. 1).

¹ Numbers and their spiritual significance:

JESUS IS THE VEIL THAT WAS HANGED

And thou shalt hang up the VEIL under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the VEIL the ark of the testimony: and the VEIL shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy **[Exod 26:33]**.

Jesus was hanged on the cross at age thirty-three, the number of the verse!

In Basic Bible English the first six words in verse 33 read like this:

And you will hang the veil. Also, the word "veil" appears three times for the Trinity.

New Testament

THE VEIL WAS RENT

And, behold, the VEIL of the temple was RENT in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; **[Mat 27:51.4]**.

And the VEIL of the temple was RENT in twain from the top to the bottom **[Mark 15:38.3]**.

And the sun was darkened, and the VEIL of the temple was RENT in the midst **[Luke 23:45.8]**.

Note: The word "Veil" is in the New Testament "11" times. The words "Veil" and "Rent" appearing together are in the New Testament "3" times.

3 x 11 = 33 Here again we have the number 33.

The veil separating the people from the Holy of Holies and ultimately from God, was torn in two from the top to the bottom. Jesus as the veil was also torn in two as our sacrificial offering for sin. We are not separated from God anymore because He has freely given us His Son, and now we may enter into the heavenly places.

MOSES' VEIL

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: [2 Cor 3:13.8].

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 [2 Cor 3:14.13].

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the VEIL is upon their heart [2 Cor 3:15.11].

Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the VEIL shall be taken away [2 Cor 3:16.10].

Clarke writes on verse 16:

When it shall turn to the Lord] When the Israelitish *nation* shall turn to the Lord *Jesus*, the veil shall be taken away; the true light shall shine; and they shall see all things clearly.

There is an evident allusion here to the case of Moses, mentioned Exod. xxxiv. 34. When he *came from* the Lord, and spoke to the Israelites, he put the veil over his face; but when he *returned* to speak with the Lord, then he *took off the veil*. So, when the Israelitish nation shall *return* to speak with and *pray* to the *Lord Jesus*, the veil of darkness and ignorance shall be taken away from their hearts; but *never before* that time. The words seem to imply: 1. That there will be a conversion of the Jews to Christianity; and, 2. That this *conversion* will be *en masse*; that a time will come when the *whole nation* of the Jews, in every place, shall turn to Christ; and then the Gentiles and Jews make one fold, under one Shepherd and Bishop of all souls.

WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY, OF HIS FLESH, AND OF HIS BONES

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. HE that LOVETH HIS WIFE loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the LORD THE CHURCH: For we are members of HIS BODY, OF HIS FLESH, AND OF HIS BONES. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning CHRIST AND THE CHURCH [**Eph 5:28-32**].

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure [**1 John 3:1-3**].

JESUS IS THE VEIL

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the VEIL; [**Heb 6:19.22**].

And after the second VEIL, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; [**Heb 9:3.5**].

By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the VEIL, that is to say, HIS FLESH [**Heb 10:20.15**].

Compare Gen 24:65 and Heb 10:20

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus gave us a glimpse into what the resurrection body would look like at the Mount of Transfiguration.

Jesus was visibly glorified in the presence of three select disciples. The name is derived from the Latin term used to translate the Gr. *metamorphoo*, meaning "to change into another form." The accounts portray the transformation as outwardly visible and consisting in an actual physical change in the body of Jesus: "the fashion of his countenance was altered" (Luke 9:29), "his face did shine as the sun" (Matt. 17:2), while "his garments became glistening, exceeding white" (Mark 9:3), having a dazzling supernatural whiteness. **The glory was not caused by the falling of a heavenly light upon Him from without but by the flashing forth of the radiant splendor within. He had passed into a higher state of existence, His body assuming properties of the resurrection body.** [emphasis added.] (Zondervan)

On the other hand Wuest says regarding Satan:

. . . in the Great Tribulation period, Satan appears in Jerusalem in a visible appearance. The earth inhabitants worship him and the Wild Beast. Satan appears as an angel of light, covering himself with a light covering which is assumed from the outside and which does not come from nor represent what he is at heart. Paul says of him (II Cor. 11:14), "Satan masquerades as an angel of light." The verb is *metaschematizo*, "to change one's outward appearance by assuming one put on from the outside, an appearance that does not come from nor represent one's inner nature. . . .

SUMMARY OF THE VEIL

Jesus was the first resurrection, He is the only one in heaven right now with a resurrection body. At the rapture of the church, we will receive the body of Jesus and we

will be one with Him, body, mind and spirit. If Rebekah was already in possession of her veil before the wedding, then so are we! Remember, Eliezer had already given Rebekah her veil as a gift before he took her on her journey to meet Isaac, Gen 24:53. The instant we are born again, our resurrection body hides in our heart waiting for that day when He will call us home at the rapture of the church, eternally changing our mortal bodies.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell IN YOU, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth IN YOU [**Rom 8:11**].

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US** [**Rom 8:18**].

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--**to the praise of his glory. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

[Ephesians 1:13-17 NIV]

Jesus is so good! The most beautiful thing about the Veil is it shows the nature of God in part, and how willing He is to give us a most wonderful gift that we will have for all of eternity, the Lord Jesus Christ and our resurrection bodies. By our marriage to the Lord

Jesus Christ we will become one flesh, together forever, at the rapture of the church. His glory will be our glory, His brightness will be our brightness!

1/ Numbers and their spiritual significance:
3 Resurrection, divine completeness and perfection
30 Blood of Christ - Redemption
33 Promise

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