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The **T**heme: **The Curtain is Rent**berita-bethel-ung.com

The **T**ext: *He saw heaven being torn open* Mk. 1:10, NIV

 *Behold, the veil of the temple was* ***rent*** *in twain from the top to the bottom.* Mt. 27:51

The **T**hots:

1. **The Curtains of Heaven Rent**
2. **God Created the Heavens.** Gen. 1:1, NIV

 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

1. **God Stretched out the Heavens like a Curtain.** Psa. 104:2

 *Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.*

1. **God Rent the Curtains of the Heavens.** Mk. 1:10
2. The Translat**ion**:
	1. *He* (Jesus) *saw the heavens opened.* KJV
	2. He (Jesus) *saw the heavens torn apart.* NRSV
3. The Definit**ion**:

*Opened* = Gk. *schizo* = to split or sever (lit. or fig.):--break, divide, open, rend, make a rent.

1. The Act**ion**
	1. God **rent** the curtains of Heaven open. Mk. 1:10, NIV

*He* (Jesus) *saw heaven being torn open*

* 1. God then **commended** His Son to commence His mission on earth. Mk. 1:11

*Thou art My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

* 1. His Son would be **sent** to the cross to die for lost mankind. Rom. 5:8

 *God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

1. **The Curtains of the Temple Rent**
	* 1. **God Commanded the Curtain in the Tabernacle to be made.** Exo. 26:31, NIV

*Make a curtain* (veil) *of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it.*

1. The Curtain would bar the way into the Holiest of All where God’s presence was. Heb. 9:8

 *Signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest*

1. Only the High Priest was allowed in one day a year with a blood sacrifice. Heb. 9:7

*But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood.*

* + 1. **God Rent the Curtain in the Temple from top to bottom.**
			1. When *Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost, i.e.….* Mk.15:37
1. When Jesus (had) said, ***It is finished*.** Jn. 19:30
2. *When Jesus had cried…* ***Father, into thy hands I commend My spirit.*** Lk. 23:46
	* + 1. Then *the veil of the temple was rent* (Gk. schizo) *in twain from the top to the bottom.* Mk. 15:38

*Cf. the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.* Mt. 27:51, NIV

[Note: the curtain being torn from top to bottom would indicate it to be the work of God.]

* + - 1. Thus, *a new and living way… hath* (been) *consecrated for us through the veil* Heb. 10:20

 *that is to say, his flesh;*

1. *Having now a High Priest over the house of God;* Heb. 10:21
2. *(*And*) Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus* 10:19, 22

*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,*

*having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

**To Remember our Lord and to Worship Him**

**Con.:**

The *Curtains of Heaven* were **rent** in two for God to **I**dentify His **S**on at the **C**ommencement of His Ministry.

The *Curtain of the Temple* was **rent** in two by God to **I**ndicate the **S**uccessful **C**onclusion of His Son’s Ministry.

*The veil is rent, lo! Jesus stands Before the throne of grace;*

*And clouds of incense from His hands Fill all that glorious place.*

*“It is finished!” Here our souls can rest, His work can never fail;*

*By Him, our Sacrifice and Priest, We enter through the veil.*

*Within the holiest of all, Cleansed by His precious blood,*

 *Before Thy throne Thy children fall, And worship Thee, our God.* Deck

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 800**

1. Because the Curtain (Veil) was rent, we now have a New and Living Way into the Holy of Holies, consecrated for us by the precious blood of Christ, right into the presence of God where He sits on His throne to receive us.

**Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)**
*19  Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20  by* ***a new and living way*** *which He consecrated for us, through the veil,*

*that is, His flesh,
21  and having a High Priest over the house of God,
22****let us*** *draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and* ***our bodies washed with pure water****.
23****Let us*** *hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,*

*for He who promised is faithful.
24  And* ***let us*** *consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25  not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,*

*but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

At this time, when we are face-to-face as it were with the pandemic Covid\_19,

 whatever fears we may have…

**Let Us make use of this *New and Living Way***, as part of the New Normal,

and approach the throne of God seeking His Person, Presence and Power

 to deal with the Problems we face from day to day,

**Let us *Wash our Bodies with Pure Water,*** i.e. with the pure Word of God –

To Read it, Ruminate it, Appropriate it and to Apply it in our living;

**Let Us wash our hands and feet** as we seek to minister to Him and His people,

 as the priests of old did before they entered the Holy Place of the Tabernacle

 to minister to God – **Exodus 30:18-21**
*18  Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal… 19  For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:
20  When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: 21  So they shall wash their hands and their feet,*

 *that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.*

In the meantime, **Let us Stay Clean and Stay Safe** **to keep others Safe**

 until when and if we have opportunities to *assemble ourselves together*

 *as we see the day approaching*!

So Stay Home, Stay Clean and Stay Safe. Worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

 Are you reading His Word and Worshipping Him during the MCO period? **REFLECT**.

1. Note the references to the rent veil and how each gospel writer described the event to give us an insight of the **M**essage it was to deliver:

Matt. 27:51} - *And, behold,* ***the veil of the temple was rent***

Mt. 15:38} *in twain from the top to the bottom –*

* It was a **M**iracle, *s*uggesting that it was an act of God.

 Luke 23:45 - *And the sun was darkened, and* the veil of the temple was rent *in the midst.*

It was at the **M**oment when Jesus cried out, “*It is finished*” (Jn. 19:30)

 and “*Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus,*

 *He gave up the ghost.”*  (Lk. 23:46)

* The Lord had accomplished His **M**ission on earth! **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

*The Rent* ***V****eil is the* ***V****erification of the Lord’s* ***V****ictory over* ***S****atan and* ***S****in!*