

Between Death and Burial

At His Death, the final words of Jesus from the cross.

John 19:30

30 It is Finished. (Salvation is paid in full)

Luke 23:46

46 Father into thy hands I commit my Spirit, Thou hast ransomed Me, O Lord, God of Truth and He breathed His last.

Matthew 27:51

51 And behold the veil of the temple was torn in two from Top to bottom

Significance of the torn veil to God

- 1** God's first action on earth as a result of His Son's death. The renting of this curtain from top to bottom was a deliberate act by God—no human hand or hands tore this curtain from Top to bottom by and for a divine purpose and according to His plan.

2 The renting of the curtain was both a curse and blessing:

It was a curse to Israel for its rejection of its Messiah-King.

It was a blessing to the world for now God would be worshipped throughout the world in Spirit and truth.

3 It introduced the fact that God the Father was now recognizing **His Son as King-Priest after the order of Melchisedec**

4 God was instituting **a new dispensation** right there in Jerusalem,

right there in Jerusalem,

right there in the Temple!

He first offered the open freedom to worship Him to His people first, right there in Jerusalem but they will reject it, just as they rejected His Son as Messiah-King.

5 This renting of the curtain in the temple, set man free; there was no holy-place on earth for the worship of God.

God was now free and mankind was now free to come to God without a mediator on earth, not an ecclesiastical

priest or Pope or Rabbi and certainly not through some woman named Mary or any other name.

We are now free to come straight to God through our high priest Jesus Christ in the power of His Spirit. Liberty, freedom is what God secured by the tearing down of the veil in the Temple, allowing God to step out to the world.

Significance of the torn veil to Jesus Christ

Think about this, from the position of **JESUS CHRIST**;
This was God's Temple, behind that veil was the dwelling of God.
And Jesus Himself could not go behind that veil.

He was not a priest, He was of the Tribe of Judah, in the line of the King, not of the Priest!

He was not allowed even in the Holy Place much less behind that curtain where God dwelt.

Being God, He has been with God, for all eternity, and now He could not go behind the veil at the presence of God...on earth and this **by God's design.**

From the teaching of the Jews, this Jesus was ***un-anointed*** and ***un-consecrated*** . *He was not a priest and was not allowed to go*

into the Holy Place nor the Holy of Holies...that is...He was not allowed to go behind this veil.

The temple, God's house remained closed to Him.

His **PRIEST HOOD** was not acknowledged by the Jews. But this is no surprise, His **PRIEST HOOD** was not of **the order of Aaron or Levi;**

He is a priest His was a **PRIEST HOOD** of the order of Melchisedec that is correct, Jesus was not a Priest under the inherited order of Levi, but He was a divinely appointed priest under the order of Melchisedec.

As Schilder points out Melchisedec was a priest without **priestly genealogy** and without **inherited priestly authority** 'stands alone in the world by virtue of his own peculiar calling.

Without getting involved in the order of Melchisedec —

- 1** His name means **King of Righteousness** something that would not happen under Levitical Jewish structure. But JESUS CHRIST being under this unique order can and is both King and Priest.
- 2** Historically— Melchisedec Came to Abraham in the wilderness, not offering sacrifices of animals but with *bread and wine* as memorials to the Messiah.
- 3** His Priesthood did not depend on inheritance but on divine appointment

4 He represented a non-Jewish priest hood but a universal **PRIEST HOOD**

5 The Levitical **PRIEST HOOD** pays tribute to the Melchisedec Order, not the other way around. So being a priest under the order of Melchisedec is superior to being a priest under the Levite order.

This is clearly seen in Hebrews 5:4 the **HIGH PRIEST** before God must be Divinely appointed to his office of **HIGH PRIEST**. He must be a man and appointed by God. (verse 1) And this passage will point out that Jesus meets both of these requirements.

Hebrews 5:4

4 And no one takes the honor to himself,

no one who is thinking correctly would take it upon himself to offer sacrifices for sin, unless called by God:

4... but receives it

the grace of God at issue here

4... when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

Aaronic **PRIEST HOOD** is from God! And therefore whoever rises against a **HIGH PRIEST** called by God rises against God Himself.

Hebrews 5:5

5 *So also* (as with Aaron also with **JESUS CHRIST**)

Hebrews 5:5

5... *Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest,*

This is very important **JESUS CHRIST** did not gain His **PRIEST HOOD** by revolution but by grace! He did not charge into the Temple, in hostility enter the Holy place and rip the curtain that He might enter the Holy of Holies...No, He submitted to Plan of God If He were to be **HIGH PRIEST** then it would have to be by appointment from God the Father (verse 4)

Hebrews 5:5

5... *but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";*

Why is this stated Here? He is talking about **PRIEST HOOD**. And seemingly all of a sudden starts talking about Sonship...why? God, choosing Jesus to be appointed His **HIGH PRIEST** was no accident God appointed this Jesus, His **HIGH PRIEST** because **Jesus was His Son**. That Jesus is His Son and that He is also appointed **HIGH PRIEST** –these two are inseparably united.

As the Greek scholar Wuest points out "...UNFINISHED SENTENCE: "

Hebrews 5:5

5... *So also*

the Messiah did not glorify Himself, becoming a HIGH PRIEST but the One who *said to him*

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5...

or simply:

You are My Son, today I have begotten you and appointed you HIGH PRIEST.

In Hebrews 5:6 God the Father appointment of **JESUS CHRIST** as **HIGH PRIEST** is **eternal**, He is the eternal **HIGH PRIEST**—there will never be a priest appointed above Him.

Hebrews 5:6

6 *just as He says also in another passage, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC.”*

Ok, once again read this **as a Jew**—this Jesus, not born in the tribe of Levi, nor did He appoint Himself as **HIGH PRIEST** but God, to whom we must all (Jew-**and**-Gentile) bow, has now appointed this Jesus as **HIGH PRIEST** under a **different and superior** order **PRIEST HOOD Different** from the Levitical or Aaronic **PRIEST HOOD** and a **PRIEST HOOD superior** to the Levitical **PRIEST HOOD**. This is going to take a lot of adjustment for Jews.

But I must point out, that this difficulty is because they have not been taught the truth about the Temple, about the Messiah. Therefore, they have to make some adjustments about truth--and therefore, **JESUS CHRIST** said, in His Temple discourse—

John 8:31

31 you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free!

Free of bondage to sin, but also freedom from bondage to Law, to rituals. Freedom from one building, one place on earth.

Now look down at 5:10

Hebrews 5:10

10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchisedec.

First note the word *designate* here is one of those beautiful words of a decision by God! **JESUS CHRIST** was saluted, designated, recognized by God—as **His HIGH PRIEST** and as we have already noted God designated **JESUS CHRIST** as **HIGH PRIEST** for two important reasons:

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| 1 | He was...is...the Son of God |
| 2 | Because of His completed work on the cross. |

Hebrews 6:17

17 *In the same way*

This is very interesting;

KJ—*wherein* the Jews were **doubting God**—with the renting of the curtain and change in dispensations—so they are doubting the **Word of God** throughout the Old Testament;

And since to the Jew—indeed to all men, an *oath* has convincing power, God now gives His word in the form of an oath *In*

this way God removes all doubt

God, desiring KJ **willing** but the Greek means a **desire** that comes from reasoning not from emotions. This Greek word means to desire something with respect to something else. The promise **and** the oath are related not just to Abraham and his heirs but to the Son of God...the divinely appointed **HIGH PRIEST**, Jesus the Christ.

Hebrews 6:17

27 *even more to show to the heirs of the promise*

pay special attention to the definite article the Promise

What promise?

Look at verses

Hebrews 6:13

13 *For when God made the promise to Abraham,
since He could swear by no one greater, He swore
by Himself,*

Hebrews 6:14

14 saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."

This is something that Jew and Christian must understand, that the promise made to Abraham was fulfilled in the exaltation of His Son, Jesus Christ, to **HIGH PRIEST**....to be King-Priest forever!

Hebrews 6:17

17 In the same way God desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise

Now that we know what Promise, we know who are the heirs. Jews... yes of course, but remember:

Galatians 3:29

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

And in verse 12 of this chapter it declares that it is *by **faith*** that you inherit the promises.

17... In the same way God desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise

The **Promise** He made to Abraham—Abrahamic Covenant—To Abraham and to all his *heirs*—that is all the Jews: all those who believe in this Jesus.

17... In the same way God desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose

the Jews were accusing God of changing His covets that He gave to Israel. People this is so important as to the **Faithfulness of God**. Today, it is not the Jews who are accusing God but it is the heretical teaching of **Replacement theology**.—where God has changed His mind about the Covenant to the Jews and replaced Israel with the Church. If God is unfaithful to Israel, what makes you think He will be faithful to you to give you and when you die? Our God is **Immutable!** and that is a very essence of God. It is important to the Jews and it is important to Christians; it is important to Satan the adversary of God.

17... the unchangeableness (having made a promise He will keep it) of His purpose,

His purpose from the beginning has been centered on the person of **JESUS CHRIST** and **He will not change from that purpose**. It is not centered on the Jews and it is not centered on Christians. His unchangeable purpose is His Son, **JESUS CHRIST**. The Unchangeableness of God is to be considered in a multitude of doctrines: like saving someone based on their righteousness, not

because they have believed in **JESUS CHRIST** and received HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

17... In the same way God desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose — interposed with an oath, guaranteed with an oath.

The person's character is publically put behind that oath. With a promise we look carefully at the words, but with an oath we look carefully at the person who made it. God has given both as promise and an oath.

God pledges this from His own Character—He does not go back on His Word and He does not lie (we know about lying in politics today) He pledges based on His own character if He does not keep it...then **He is no longer qualified to be God** From this you can see why Satan, and the world are doing all they can to stop God from keeping His Word...wipe out all the Jews and if they can wipe out all Jews from the earth then God cannot keep His Word to the Jews, and God ceases being God.

Hebrews 6:18

18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take

hold of the hope set before us.

(What a beautiful verse to both Jew and Christian)

so that by two unchangeable things

see that word **things** How pitiful a translation!

This is a translation of the Greek word **PRAGMA** which comes from the Greek verb **PRASSO** which means: to do, to practice, accomplish, to perform;

18... So that by two unchangeable accomplished facts

So this is much more than a **thing**—it is AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT!

What are these two unchangeable accomplished facts?

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| 1 | The act of God in making a promise to Abraham And |
| 2 | The act of God in making an oath! To all Jews and these are not in contradiction with OA, and they are immutable—backed by the immutable character of God. |

*18... So that by two unchangeable accomplished facts
in which it is impossible for God to lie (in which) we
who have taken refuge Refuge*

From what?

Ok, get ready for this is the great issue of every human being...

Jew or Gentile, regardless of time period you live in history.

From judgment look back at Hebrews 6:2

Hebrews 6:2

2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

This is something important to every Jew and Gentile. Remember what the Holy Spirit convicts of: John 16:8

John 16:8

8 “And He, Holy Spirit when He comes, will convict the world Jews and Gentiles concerning sin singular— refusal to believe in Jesus as the Christ and righteousness and judgment;

So that by two unchangeable accomplished facts in which it is impossible for God to lie (in which) we who have taken refuge from Judgment—related to where we will spend eternity. would have strong encouragement

KJ *consolation* but the compound Greek word means to encourage, + *strong* this word added to encouragement means

Wuest *God's promise and God's oath is a strong army or fortress against doubt or discouragement* the promise God made to Abraham and the oath He makes to all Jews should keep these Jews from doubting God and what He is doing in regards to Israel during the Church Age

Hebrews 6:18

18 to hold the hope set before us

Let's see if I can help you understand this verse:

The one fleeing or taking refuge –is seeking refuge from sin!

Their Temple is gone,

Their altar is gone,

The Holy of Holies is gone

so in their mind God has abandoned them—gone back on His Word;

How are they now to seek atonement for their sins?

How are they to seek Salvation?

Their current condition of bewilderment comes from the fact that they were not taught the truth that they should have learned from the **temple**; the **teachers**, the **PRIEST HOOD** have them believing that forgiveness of sins and Salvation, etc., were in the rituals themselves, not what they taught, so therefore when

Messiah came they rejected Him as their Savior King... Due to the failure of their priest and due to their failure to learn –This is why the Temple is being destroyed – taken away from them...**And** this does not mean God has lied to them, nor does it mean God has abandoned them **God fulfilled His promise to Abraham in sending the True Messiah—Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.** So here, they are to flee for refuge from sin to The **HIGH PRIEST—JESUS CHRIST** who is appointed by God higher than **the PRIEST HOOD** of Levi --their only hope is to turn to **the HIGH PRIEST** Jesus the Christ.

This Salvation is made possible by this **HIGH PRIEST** Jesus, entering Holy of Holies in Heaven

Hebrews 6:19

19 This hope we have an anchor of the soul
how beautiful, how precious!

This hope confidence of **ETERNAL LIFE** *we* Jew and Gentile alike *have as an anchor of the soul,* PRINCIPLE: the hope, the confidence, the assurance of **ETERNAL LIFE** and is an anchor to the soul of everyone who believes in Jesus as Savior throughout his life, no matter all that happens on his life's journey.

Our hope is a **Person**

1 Timothy 1:1

1 ...of Christ Jesus who is our hope! Our only hope...Jew or Gentile.

Now pay attention to this:

back in verse 18

Hebrews 6:18

18 we have taken refuge is an Aorist Active Participle.

This is very important in two ways:

1 first the action of the Aorist Participle precedes the action of the main verb: *we have an anchor* **before you can have this anchor in your soul you have to take refuge in Jesus Christ.**

2 *we have taken refuge* is an Aorist tense, which means we take this refuge *once* **And**—*only once*—faith in Jesus Christ.

And *we have an anchor* is in the present tense—this means we always have this anchor, continually. We take refuge in **JESUS CHRIST once**—faith in Him as our Savior, and from then on throughout all eternity **we have this anchor in our souls.**

Hebrews 6:19

19 a hope both sure and steadfast

two descriptive adjectives describing this anchor in our souls...you

have to know this truth, and believe this truth no matter what happens in your life or in history and when you do this...this anchor of Eternal Security is *sure and steadfast*

19... ~~sure~~-cannot be thrown down, will not totter!

19... *Steadfast* this is an anchor upon which you can now build...you can build your life on this anchor, you can build your doctrine on this anchor—

This is why it is so important to know the gospel – clearly

AND TRUTHFULLY

...those who are not sure of their Salvation.

AND CALVINIST

...do not have a gospel upon which they can build – Their gospel is a shaky anchor!

But if we understand that **JESUS CHRIST** our **HIGH PRIEST** went into the heavenly Holy of Holies and secured our Salvation we have a solid anchor that will not totter in life and upon which we can build our lives...

Please remember our anchor is in **JESUS CHRIST** –never fails, our anchor is not in our **keeping our Salvation keeping ourselves +Righteousness** People who believe that Salvation is determined by the way they live always have shaky anchor especially when their own Inherited Sin Nature (ISN) gets it's desires over the Holy

Spirit---their anchor is not strong enough, stable enough to withstand sins or failures in life.

Oh, people it is so important to correctly understand the gospel of **JESUS CHRIST**; understand and believe that Jesus is your **HIGH PRIEST** who enters the Holy of Holies for you, and you cannot lose your Salvation.

See, the Jews had their anchor in a building made with hands, and therefore their anchor was as shaky as the material world, They had their anchor in rituals – **HIGH PRIEST** entering the Holy of Holies and they failed to see what this was teaching them about **the** God appointed **HIGH PRIEST** of **JESUS CHRIST**...

19... and one which enters within the veil,

Not the veil in the earthly temple made with hands that was destroyed in A.D. 70, but in the temple in heaven, of which the earthly temple was taken from--the earthly temple is patterned after the heavenly temple

Hebrews 6:20

*20 where Jesus has entered behind the veil in heaven as a forerunner for us, now each and everyone of us can now enter behind the veil into **the** very presence of His Father, our God.*

The Greek word for *forerunner* Refers to those men who were sent in to explore and make reconnaissance before the advance army followed. It is used here of Jesus Christ who went into the heavenly Holy of Holies before us and now all who believe in Him can enter the heavenly Holy of Holies.

20... having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchisedec.

20... Forerunner: this is the only time this word is used in the NEW TESTAMENT and it introduces an entirely new idea. This had no part in the Levitical priesthood.

The Levitical **HIGH PRIEST**, once a year entered behind the veil into the Holy of Holies. But he did not enter as a forerunner to whom Jews would follow but only as a representative of **the** people of Israel. In fact, no one was permitted to go behind that veil.

But with Jesus Christ as our **HIGH PRIEST** we can freely follow Him into the very presence of God. Not based on our purity but based totally on our **HIGH PRIEST**. Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:19

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both

sure (to stand no matter what happens in our lives)

and steadfast (upon which we can build our lives)

and one which enters within the veil,

Jesus Christ the anchor of our souls...