

SWORD MINISTRIES (Ephesians 6:17)

THE TABERNACLE CURTAINS AND COVERINGS EXODUS 26:1-14

we will begin to examine the curtains and coverings which go on top of the framework. Let's outline God's Word:

(vv1-6) *'10 curtains of fine twined linen'*

- Directly over the framework, it also made the ceiling
- 10 curtains of fine twisted linen, blue, purple, scarlet, with embroidered cherubim

(vv7-13) *'11 goats' hair curtains'*

- 11 curtains placed on top of the linen curtains

(v14) *'a covering...of rams' skins dyed red'*

- Laid on top of the goats' hair curtains

(v14) *'a covering...of badgers' skins'*

- Other versions read dolphin or porpoise skins, and hides of sea cows
- This was the final covering that would have been seen by all standing outside the Tabernacle
- The first 2 layers were curtains; the final 2 layers were called coverings

EXODUS 26:1 *'Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen...'* Ten is the number of law, order, government. Examples: the 10 Commandments; 10 toes on the image of world powers in DANIEL 2; 10 horns on the beast in Daniel's vision of end time government in DANIEL 7.

The *'10 curtains'* point to Jesus as the One who covers God's Divine Law. MATTHEW 5:17,18 *'Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.'* ROMANS 3:19-26; 10:1-4 *'For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.'* Inside the Ark of the Covenant was the 10 Commandments; covering the Ark was the blood-sprinkled Mercy Seat; covering the entire Tabernacle are the 10 linen curtains. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, pay the penalty of our sins in full; Jesus did it all!

(v1) *'...with ten curtains of fine twined [twisted] linen'* fine linen is one of the clearest symbols in the Bible; it speaks of righteousness. The *'fine linen'* speaks chiefly of Jesus Christ, Who personally is our righteousness (ROMANS 3:22; 10:4).

ISAIAH 64:4-6 *'But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...'* Notice carefully that is our righteous acts (not our sins) which are filthy before an infinitely Holy God. Why? The Bible tells us we are *'unclean'*; the Hebrew word is *tâmê'* {taw-may'}; foul in a religious sense:—defiled, infamous, polluted(-tion), unclean.

ISAIAH 61:10,11 *'I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath*

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covered me with the robe of righteousness...' this fine linen also speaks of the saints' righteousness, which is not a self-righteousness, but rather faith-righteousness, only by believing on Jesus for salvation (JEREMIAH 23:5,6; ISAIAH 45:24,25; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21; PHILIPPIANS 3:9).

MATTHEW 22 The Parable of the Marriage Feast (vv1-7) Jesus is speaking to Israel here, which as a nation would reject Him as their Messiah. Some 38 years after Jesus told this parable, Jerusalem would indeed be burned down by the Roman Army in 70 AD (vv8-10) the invitation now goes out to all, and this time there is not an empty seat in the house (v11) many times the wedding garments were supplied by the king (vv12-14) this is a picture of one's only way to come to the wedding, it is only by Christ's righteousness being given to him (ROMANS 3:10,19,20).

REVELATION 19:6-9 this is a description of the still future Marriage Supper of the Lamb: *'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.'* As you come to understand the Word of God in its entirety, the truth of the saints' righteousness is that it is *'granted' [given]* to us. Our righteous acts are but *'filthy rags'* (ISAIAH 64:6). We need to have Jesus' righteousness given or imputed unto us by receiving His forgiveness and ask Him to pardon our sins by His blood. ROMANS 8:1-5; 4:1-8; 5:1-11 Praise Jesus! He is our *'fine linen!'* It is not our performance which saves us, but rather His righteousness being *'given'* to us.

EXODUS 26:1 *'Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.'*

'Blue' is the color of Heaven; Jesus is the Lord from Heaven 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-47; JOHN 1:1-18 *'And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.'* Because Jesus fulfilled the Law for us, we have received of His fullness. NUMBERS 15:37-41 blue represents obedience unto God, not man.

'Purple' is the color of royalty, kingship, and riches. JUDGES 8:22-26; MARK 15:15-20 Jesus is the King of Kings, and as God, His riches are untraceable, past finding out, infinite. EPHESIANS 3:8; COLOSSIANS 1:12-19 purple in the Tabernacle speaks to us of Christ's Kingship and His infinite riches. Amazingly, we too will share in His rule. REVELATION 1:4-6; 2:26-29; 21:1-7. What a future we have in Christ!

The Tabernacle's fine linen curtains speak of Christ's righteousness and yours in Him; the blue reminds us Jesus is the Lord from Heaven; and purple that He is the King of Kings! You will share in His rule forever! We will continue with scarlet in our next study.

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