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## **MIRACLES DURING THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST**

The tearing of the veil symbolized that the way to God was open. God ripped the veil-putting end to the Jewish ritualism. Christ has finished the Work of salvation on the cross and had conquered the power of sin.

The veil was a barrier between God and man not a contact point. It excluded the ministering priests from entering the Holy of Holies. The ripped veil has several messages:

It is the end of symbolism –Christ was the perfect fulfillment of the shadows and rituals of the Laws. It envisaged the end of sin- it was torn at the very moment Christ has put away sin by His perfect sacrifice [Hebrews 9:26]. It was the end of *της Λεωιτικαλ* priesthood and animal sacrifices. It was the end of separation from the presence of God –the Way to God is now open [Hebrews 10:19].

The great earthquake of Golgotha signified that the demands of the Laws had been met and its curse has been abolished.

The selected OT saints who rose from the grave. They were resuscitated after many years in the grave to live for sometime and to die again. Some mistranslated it as resurrection. The tombs were opened but the resuscitated OT saints did not enter Jerusalem until Jesus rose from the grave. This shows the reality that Christ has authority over the gates of Hades and death. It assures our future resurrection and reality of the truth of the Scripture.

The great darkness before Christ died for the sins of the human race the area of the Golgotha was covered with 3 hours of total darkness –during the three hours of His spiritual death [Matthew 27:45].

Luke 23:44 (KJV) says that there was darkness all over the earth but NASB put it correctly by saying that the darkness was only in the area of Golgotha.

Psalm 22:1-2 suggests a period of light and a period of darkness-the darkness is the judgment that He endured when He became curse on our behalf [Galatians 3:13]. The miracles at the crucifixion were the witnesses. The veil, the earthquake, the darkness and the resuscitated OT saints.