

AND THE HEAVENS OPENED

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GLORY GLORY GLORY!



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Yeshua also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Mark 14:62

The heavens declare the glory of G-d, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

*Who has ascended to heaven and come down?
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name?
Surely you know!
Proverbs 30:4*

It is the power of Yahweh that keeps the world going and every time the word Heaven is mentioned in the scriptures we know that Yahweh's hand is at work.

Throughout the scriptures it is noticeable how Yahweh has the entire world and universe in His control. Genesis starts of illustrating Yahweh's creation as He created the heavens and the earth. Note that the creation of the expanse was called heavens. After the entire creation Yahweh separated the entire expanse from the earth. Every created in its place for Yahweh's purpose. After all creation Yahweh created the days and times to regulate the entire system of day and night. On the seventh day He blessed the entire creation and made it holy. The seventh day became the Holy day of Yahweh's rest and this was the very first Sabbath day blessed.

Acts 7:49-50 "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?"

There is no doubt in our minds that the Hashem we serve are awesome, glorious and wonderful G-d, our heavenly father and creator of all things. There is no other before Him. He is the Alfa and Omega, the great I AM.

Israel in the wilderness was blessed when they followed Hashem's literal cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. Exodus 33:7-9 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. The cloud taught them to follow the Yahweh's commands. At the His command they made camp, and at His command they broke camp. The same instant obedience to the Yahweh's direction is likewise required of us.

By following Yahweh's "cloud" will keep us from following our purely human desires and promptings and remain within His blessings for us. Remaining under His cloud will illuminate our pathway with a unquestioning obedience to His commands. There is no doubt by keeping His commandments we will receive His leading and guidance which will shield us from our enemies Yahweh's abiding faithfulness to you, of His promise never to leave or forsake you.

We too can be under great blessings by "following the cloud" and keeping the commandments of Yahweh's while being in His presence, purposes, and guidance. Yahweh went "ahead of them in a pillar of cloud." When the cloud of Yahweh was moving, it meant that He was moving.

Looking up to heaven into the blue and white skies reminds us also of being totally under the covering of Yahweh. The sky reminds us of the four pillars of earth and the colours the same we find in the covering of the Tallit.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my G-d, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. Psalm 91:1-4

How awesome is it to see the sunrise and sunset each day. How glorious to see the grain of each harvest shining through the glimpse of the sunrays. After all these years, a great sunrise still takes my emotional breath away. It's truly nature's palette reminding us who the true artist is. Sunrises and sunsets are daily reminders that Yahweh is omnipotent. His promises are true and can be trusted. When you look into the morning sky and see a bright orange ball, suspended in space how can you doubt that Yahweh is present. The same is true at sunset. The sky bursts forth with a myriad of colors that are calming, passionate, reassuring, intriguing, and inspiring, that color the world with these characteristics of Yahweh. A sunset is G-d's signature on the day that He created and held in His hand just for you.

Just as the heavens are set in beautiful rays of sunrise and sunsets, we experience His Glory at night looking at millions of stars covering the expanse knowingly that Hashem is watching over us.

It was foretold in the scriptures of a very special star. [Numbers 24:17](#) *I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.*

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. [Matthew 2:7-12](#)

At the time of Yeshua's birth there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night when an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising Yahweh and saying, "Glory to G-d in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" [Luke 2:8-14](#)

One of the marvelous mysteries of Yahweh is the existence of passage way leading to the heavenly realms. The heavenly realms are the Holiest place of Holy. It is described in many chapters of the scriptures as the Kingdom of G-d. Yeshua described it on the cross as "paradise"

He drove out the man, and at the east of the Garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. [Genesis 3:24](#)

Let us open our minds and pay attention to the following verses:

He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. [Ephesians 4:10](#)

And Yeshua said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." [Mark 14:62](#)

Yeshua said: - *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.* [Matthew 5:17-20](#)

G-d is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." [John 4:24](#)

Yeshua said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given

me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." John 6:35-40

Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20

"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, (as found in the Sermon on the Mt) that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:12-14

"Then (at the return of Yeshua) shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish... and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door (or gate) was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man come."

Matthew 25:1-13 *For the kingdom of heaven is going to separate the wise from the foolish, or those that were ready and watching for his return, from those that were not.*

Matthew 24:48-51 *For not everyone that says Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven; (enter in with him to the marriage) but he that actually did what he asked us to do.*

Yahweh loves us and He desires to have a close relationship with us but sin separates us from Him, on this earth have sinned and have fallen short of His glory.

For Hashem sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believes in Him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." Acts 7:56

The Final Judgment *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Matthew 25:31*

His coming is glorious!

The presentation by Yeshua to his Father Hashem at His death demonstrated how He will gather the elect together in one and reconciled them with G-d. Each will be presented to be Holy, unblamable, and unreprouvable in His sight. Now in heaven, where Yeshua makes intercession for us; and at the last day he will deliver the whole number complete and perfect. When they are brought before Him in raiment they will be clothed and justified by His righteousness, find them all fair and without blemish as they have been, washed in His blood, and sanctified by His Spirit.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from G-d, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:2

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Revelation 22:17

What a glorious day it will be when we see the heavens open and see Yeshua appearing on the clouds with martyrdom of angels in skies announcing "The King is coming, the King is coming". The sounds of the shofars and the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from G-d. With the elect waiting upon Him all dressed in white, washed by the blood of the Lamb.

*Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53*