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The  
**Shechinah  
Glory of God**

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## The Shechinah Glory of God.

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- **Revelation 21:9-11:** Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,<sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

The words, 'having, the glory of God,' refers to the Shechinah glory of God, which carries the idea of dwelling, settling, and resting in a particular place. It denotes the dwelling or settling of the divine presence of God. The word itself does not occur in the Bible, but is from rabbinic literature used later by Jews to designate the visible symbol of God's presence in the tabernacle, and afterwards in Solomon's temple.

When the LORD led Israel out of Egypt, he went before them "in a pillar of cloud." This was the symbol of His presence with His people. The following verses are references to this pillar of cloud during the wilderness wanderings:

- **Exodus 14:20:** Between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel there was the cloud and the darkness, and it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.
- **Exodus 40:34-38:** The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.<sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.<sup>36</sup> Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out.<sup>37</sup> But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up.<sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.
- **Leviticus 9:23:** Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out, they blessed the people, and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.
- **Numbers 14:10:** All the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.
- **Numbers 16:19:** Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.
- **Numbers 16:42:** When the congregation had assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they turned toward the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

It is possible that after Israel's entrance into Canaan, this glory-cloud settled in the tabernacle upon the ark of the covenant in the Most Holy Place. However, though this is possible, there is no special reference to it until the consecration of the temple by Solomon, when the glory of the LORD filled the whole house with God's glory, so that the priests could not stand to minister

- **1 Kings 8:10-13:** When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD,<sup>11</sup> so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.<sup>12</sup> Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.<sup>13</sup> I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

The Shechinah glory of God most likely remained in Solomon's temple in the Most Holy Place as the symbol of God's presence for as long as this first temple stood, and afterwards disappeared.

The apostle Paul wrote:

- **2 Corinthians 3:7:** Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, (was to be done away with in KJV).

The glory in focus here is the glory of the Law. After Moses had finished speaking with the LORD on Mount Sinai, he put a veil over his face and whenever he went into the tabernacle before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out to tell the people what the LORD had commanded. The people of Israel would see the face of Moses, and that the skin of his face was shining, so Moses would put a veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

- **Exodus 34:32-35:** Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**PONDER FOR A MOMENT:** the glory in focus here is the glory of the Law, which, we are told, is to be done away with, (was to be done away with in KJV) (2 Cor. 3:7). This glory resulted in Moses' face shining so brightly that the people of Israel could not look upon his face, imagine, if the glory of the Law was so illustrious, how much more gloriously the resurrected redeemed will shine, when they enjoy the presence of God in a far more magnificent manner?

**SNAPSHOT:** imagine for a moment, the emotions of the high priest as he entered the tabernacle, and after solemnly walking through the Holy Place past the table of shewbread, the seven branched candlestick and alter of incense, to the vail, and reached out his hand, and placed it on the heavy curtain, ready to enter the Most Holy Place where the divine manifested presence of God rested above the mercy seat upon the ark. It is almost certain, his emotions would have been mixed with holy awe, fear and overwhelming excitement, and the beating of his heart would have rapidly increased, as he drew nearer, and caught the first gleam of the manifested light of the Shekinah glory of God.

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