

## **TWO WRAPPINGS - AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS MEDITATION - HEATHER MCEWAN 9.12.18**

Jesus was wrapped and laid down two times - once each at the book-ends of His physical time earthside.

They wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.  
They wrapped Him in linen cloths and laid him in a tomb.

Others came to find Him those same two times.

The shepherds found Him wrapped and laying in the manger.  
The women did not find Him wrapped and lying in the tomb.

The shepherds worshipped the new born King.  
The women worshipped the newly risen Saviour.

Leaving the heavenly Holy of Holies He came through the curtain dividing heaven and earth, taking up the body prepared for Him.

He came to intercede on our behalf.

He came to be the Light of the World.

He came to be the Bread of Life.

He is the water.

He is the final sacrifice.

He is the way... the door...

Through which we may enter.

And come to the cross.

And be washed and made clean.

And enter into fellowship with Him.

Where we can have the Light of Life, the Bread of Life and access through the curtain, His body, now torn, to the very throne of God.

He came down so we could enter in.

He was born to die so we could put off the old, and on the new.

Symmetry.

Artistry.

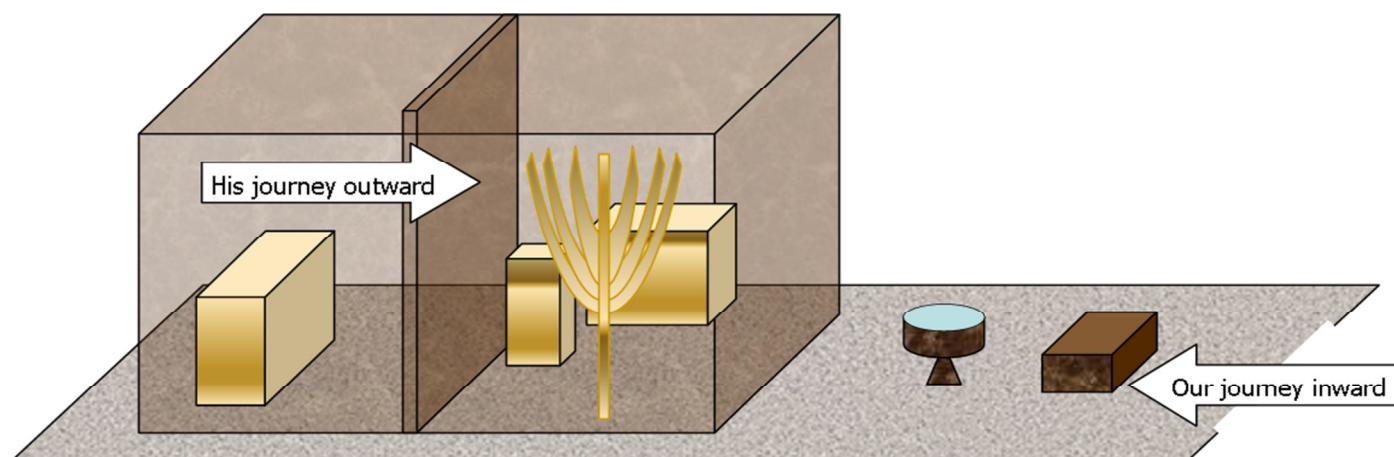
God of Heaven - God with us.

Immanuel.

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## TWO WRAPPINGS - AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS MEDITATION WITH REFERENCES & GRAPHIC



Jesus was wrapped and laid down two times - once each at the book-ends of His physical time earthside.

They wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. Luke 2:6

They wrapped Him in linen cloths and laid him in a tomb. Luke 23:50

Others came to find Him those same two times.

The shepherds found Him wrapped and laying in the manger. Luke 2:11

The women did not find Him wrapped and lying in the tomb. John 20:3

The shepherds were amazed to see the new born King. Luke 2:16-20

The women were amazed to see the newly risen Saviour. John 20:13-17

His journey outward:

Leaving the heavenly **Holy of Holies/Throne Room/Mercy Seat**) He came through the **curtain** dividing heaven and earth (Isa 40:22/Psalm 104:2) taking up the body prepared for Him (Heb 10:5,19).

He came to intercede on our behalf. (**Alter of Incense**. Heb 7:23-25)

He came to be the Light of the World. (**Menorah/lampstand**. John 8:12)

He came to be the Bread of Life. (**Table of Shewbread/Bread of Presence**. John 6:32-70)

He is the water. (**Laver**. John 1:1-2 & Eph 5:26 & John 4:14)

He is the final sacrifice. (**Sacrificial Alter**. Heb 7:27)

He is the way... the door... (**The Gate**. John 14:6)

Our journey inward:

Through which we may enter. (**The Gate**. John 14:6)

And come to the cross. (**Sacrificial Alter**. Heb 7:27)

And be washed and made clean. (**Laver**/. John 1:1-2 & Eph 5:26 & John 4:14)

And enter into fellowship with Him. (**Table of Shewbread/Bread of Presence**. John 6:32-70)

Where we can have the Light of Life, (**Menorah/lampstand**. John 8:12) the Bread of Life (**Table of Shewbread/Bread of Presence**. John 6:32-70), where our worship is holy (**Alter of Incense**. Phil 4:18) and access through the **Curtain**, His Body, now torn, to the very Throne of God. (**Holy of Holies/Mercy Sea**. Heb 10:12-14)

He came down so we could enter in. (John 6:38)

He was born to die so we could put off the old, and on the new. (Heb 8:6)

Symmetry. Artistry. God of Heaven - God with us. (Matt 1:23) Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

<p><b>LUKE 2:6</b> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <b>7</b> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She <b>wrapped</b> him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.</p>	<p><b>LUKE 23:50</b> Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, <b>51</b> who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. <b>52</b> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. <b>53</b> Then he took it down, <b>wrapped</b> it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid</p>	
<p><b>LUKE 2:11</b> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <b>12</b> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby <b>wrapped</b> in cloths and lying in a manger."</p>	<p><b>JOHN 20:3</b> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <b>4</b> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <b>5</b> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <b>6</b> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <b>7</b> as well as the cloth that had been <b>wrapped</b> around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.</p>	
<p><b>HEB 10:5</b> Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me..."</p>	<p><b>HEB 10:19</b> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <b>20</b> by a new and living way opened for us through the <b>curtain</b>, that is, his body..."</p>	
<p><b>LUKE 2:16</b> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <b>17</b> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <b>18</b> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <b>19</b> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <b>20</b> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 20:13</b> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"      "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <b>14</b> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.</p> <p><b>15</b> He asked her, "<b>Woman</b>, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"      Thinking he was the <b>garden</b>er, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."</p> <p><b>16</b> Jesus said to her, "<b>Mary.</b>"      She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").</p> <p><b>17</b> Jesus said, "<b>Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'</b>" "</p>	
<p><b>ISA 40:22</b> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;</p> <p>PS 104:2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:</p>		