THE GLORY OF THE LORD

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"Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. " {Exodus 24:16,17}

In the Old Testament we read of the different ways God revealed Himself to His people. He appeared to Moses in the burning bush, Exodus 3: 1-6. The cloud of His glory also covered the tabernacle in the wilderness. "Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle." {Exodus 40:34,35} It also filled the temple in Jerusalem when it was dedicated unto God. "And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD."{1 Kings 8:10,11}

What happened when Aaron made his first sacrifice in the wilderness as God's high priest? "And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people, and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces." {Leviticus 9:23,24}

Yet, nothing can compare with the greatest place that God's glory has been expressed to man than through His Son---Jesus Christ. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. "{John 1: 14} At the end the "glory of the Lord" is going to be seen by all the world. "When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him. in glory. "{Colossians 3:4} God used these events of the past to draw men to God and His message of His victory over sin and Satan. Will it be glory for you then dear friend? ***