

THE MYSTERIES



1 MYSTERY
THE INCARNATION

1 TIM 3:16
26 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

JOHN 1:14
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word was made 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.



2 MYSTERY
THE DIVINE INDWELLING

COL 1:26-27
26 From the exceeding which both have hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints. 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

GAL 2:20
20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ dwells in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

THE GENTILE
THE JEW

4 MYSTERY

THE 7 CHURCHES CORRESPOND WITH THE 7 PARABLES OF MATTHEW 13

- EPHESUS
- SMYRNA
- PERGAMOS
- THYATIRA
- SARDIS
- PHILADELPHIA
- LAODICEA

THE 7 STARS AND CANDLES

30 The mystery of the seven stars which is not named to any right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which these angels are the seven churches.

REV 1:12-20

3 MYSTERY

THE UNION OF JEWS AND GENTILES IN THE CHURCH THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

5 MYSTERY

MATT 13:1-52

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given.

3 THE MUSTARD SEED

2 THE WHEAT AND TARES

1 THE SOWER

4 THE LEAVEN

5 THE HID TREASURE

6 THE PEARL

7 THE DRAG NET

SEE THE AUTHOR'S CHART ON THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN PARABLES

CHRISTENDOM



6 MYSTERY
THE TRANSLATION OF THE SAINTS

1 COR 15:51
51 Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 THESS 4:16-17
16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

THE RAPTURE
THE CHURCH CAUGHT OUT



7 MYSTERY
ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS

ROM 11:25
25 For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.



8 MYSTERY
MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

2 THESS 2:1-7
1 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 2 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 3 Even he, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.



9 MYSTERY
BABYLON THE GREAT

REV 17:1-5
2 He carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF ALL WHOREDOMS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.



10 MYSTERY
THE CHURCH - THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

REV 21:9-10
9 Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.



11 MYSTERY
THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

ACTS 3:19-21
19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets, since the world began.

1 COR 15:24-28
24 Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the Kingdom of God to the Father, after he hath destroyed all principality and power. 25 For he must reign, until he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he that hath conquered all things, shall himself also be subject unto him that hath conquered him.

THE NEW HEAVENS

THE NEW EARTH

THE SON OF MAN

DAN 7:13-14
13-14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like the Son of Man, and he came to the Ancient of Days, and was set on the right side of the throne, and the dominion of the Son of Man was given him.

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Writing to the Corinthians Paul says- "Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of **the-'Mysteries of God'**." 1Cor. 4:1.

In Rom. 16:25, Rom. 16:26, Paul speaks of what he calls "My Gospel, " which he calls the "Revelation of the Mystery, " which was kept "Secret" since the world began, but now is made "manifest." It was the "revelation" that was promised to Paul at his conversion (Acts 26:16-18), and which comprises the "Mysteries of God."

The "Mysteries" are eleven in number, eight of which were revealed to Paul. Of the remaining three, one was revealed by Christ, and two were revealed to the Apostle John.

A "Mystery" in the New Testament sense is not something that cannot be understood, but is some plan or purpose of God that has been known to Him from the beginning, but which He has withheld from the knowledge of men until the time came for Him to reveal it. Let us examine these "Mysteries" in the order in which they are fulfilled.

I. The Mystery of the "Incarnation."

"Without controversy great is the '**Mystery of Godliness**'; God was **manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1Tim. 3:16.

It is no mystery that God should reveal Himself by speaking from the Heavens, as on Mt. Sinai, but that He should take on the "Human Form" and "tabernacle" among us that was a great mystery. This He did in the person of Christ. John 1:1-3. So Jesus could say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." John 14:9.

II. The Mystery of the "Divine Indwelling."

In Col. 1:26-28, Paul speaks of another "Mystery" which had been hid from "Ages" and from "Generations, " but was then made manifest to the saints. He calls it the Mystery of "**Christ in You.**" This is a great mystery because it is the mystery of the "**New Birth.**" A mystery that brought from Nicodemus the exclamation- "How can a man be born when he is old? " John 3:4. The New Birth is wonderful, but it is a wonderful fact. It is the union of the Divine Nature and ours. So that just as Jesus became one with us by His taking our human nature, so we become one with Him by taking on the Divine Nature. The mystery of this union is, that it is a union of "identity." We are just as much a part of Christ as the members of the body are a part of the body. 1 Cor. 12:12. It is for Christ to live in us. Gal. 2:20.

III. The Mystery of the "Union of Jews and Gentiles in One Body Called the Church."

In his letter to the saints at Ephesus (Eph. 3:1-3), Paul says, that God by revelation made known to him the "Mystery, " which in other Ages had not been made known unto the sons of men, "That the Gentiles should be 'Fellow Heirs, ' and of the 'Same Body, ' and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel."

It is almost impossible to overestimate the bitter "Race Hatred" which existed in Christ's day between Jew and Gentile. It was a lofty "middle wall or partition" between them. The Jews looked upon the Gentiles as "dogs, " and the Gentiles despised the Jews. It was worse than the caste spirit of India. It was therefore to them a revelation that God was going in this Dispensation to take some Jews and some Gentiles and form of them a "New Body" called the Church. In Christ all race and class distinctions disappear, and it is only in the Church that such a "Holy Brotherhood" can be found as the world is seeking.

IV. The Mystery of the "Seven Stars" and the "Seven Candlesticks."

To the Apostle John was revealed the Mystery of the "Seven Stars, " and the "Seven Candlesticks." Rev. 1:12-14. He was told that the "Seven Stars" stood for the Angels or Messengers of the Seven Churches that were in Asia Minor, and the Seven Candlesticks stood for the Seven Churches themselves. The Mystery of these Candlesticks lay in the fact that the Seven Churches mentioned were representative Churches, whose history was typical of the history of the Christian Church for the past 1900 years, and the Mystery could not be understood until the present time, or until the correspondence between the character of those Churches and Church history should be revealed. For a full discussion of this see the Chapter on "The Seven Churches."

V. The Mystery of the "Kingdom of Heaven."

When the Jews rejected Christ, and thus prevented the setting up of the Kingdom, the Kingdom took on another form the "Mystery Form." To show the character of this "Mystery Form" of the Kingdom, Jesus resorted to parables. These parables are 12 in number and are found in Matthew's Gospel only. For a full description of them see the Chapter on "The Kingdom, " part two, "The Kingdom In Mystery."

VI. The Mystery of the "Translation of the Living Saints."

In 1Cor. 15:51-53, Paul says-"Behold, I show you a '**Mystery**'; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all **be changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump."

This is the greatest of all mysteries, because it reveals something that reason never dreamed of. According to reason the common lot of man is to die, but to be taken off this earth and translated to heaven without dying was never thought of until revealed to Paul. For a full description of this Mystery see the Chapter on "The Church."

VII. The Mystery of "Israel's Blindness."

Writing to the Romans (Rom. 11:25) Paul says-

"I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of **This Mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that **Blindness in Part** is happened to Israel, until, the 'Fulness of the Gentiles' be come in."

This is not so much spiritual blindness as **Judicial** blindness caused by their rejection of Christ. This blindness is national and not individual, for we must not forget that the bulk of believers in the Apostles' day were Jews, and quite a few Jews have embraced Christianity since. The revelation of this Mystery to Paul was to account for what otherwise would remain a Mystery, the survival of the Jewish people as a race while scattered among the nations. See the Chapter on "The Jews."

VIII. The Mystery of "Iniquity."

In 2Thes. 2:1-3, Paul, speaking of the "Man of Sin" or Antichrist, calls his teaching and claims the "**Mystery of Iniquity**," which was already at work in Paul's day. The "Mystery of Godliness" is **God** manifest in the **flesh**, and the "Mystery of Iniquity" is **Satan** manifest in the **flesh**. This Mystery is fully explained in the Chapter on "The Antichrist."

IX. The Mystery of "Babylon the Great."

This Mystery is revealed in the seventeenth chapter of the Book of Revelation and is fully described in the Chapter on "Babylon the Great."

X. The Mystery of the Church As the "Bride of Christ."

This was revealed to Paul, and is disclosed in Eph. 5:22-24, under the figure of the relation of man and wife. "This is a '**Great Mystery**'; but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." The first Adam had a bride, Eve; and the second, or Last Adam must have a Bride, the Church. This is a "Great Mystery" because it explains why there should be a "Parenthetical Dispensation" between the First and Second Comings of Christ, in which, by grace, a chosen people should be "called out" to form the Church the Bride of Christ. This is fully described in the Chapter on "The Church."

XI. The Mystery of the "Restoration of All Things."

This is spoken of by Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (Eph. 1:9-10), as the "**Mystery of His Will**," and reveals how that in the "Dispensation of the Fullness of Times," it is God's purpose to undo all that sin has done, and restore "All Things" as they were before the "Rebellion of Satan" and the "Fall of Man." How this is to be done is described in the Chapter on the "Renovation of the Earth."



