

## HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY?

What is it? It's the revelation of the mystery for the Gentiles, because Israel failed under their law program to bring God's light to the Gentiles, and is according to Paul's "my gospel." It was hid in God from before the foundation of the world (**Romans 16:25-26**).

*"25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to **my gospel**, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, **according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began**, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:"*

If God would have made known this secret in "time past," Satan would not have crucified the Lord of Glory (**I Corinthians 2:7-8**). It was always Satan's plan to defeat God's plans, but Satan helped bring about his own demise through the accomplishment of Christ's cross (**Colossians 2:15**). This is all made known to us by the revelation of God's mystery program.

God made the heaven and the earth in the beginning for his glory. It was perfect, but we know how Satan sinned and caused rebellion in heaven with the angels, and then his evil plan in the garden with Adam, thus causing Adam to bring sin into the world. Therefore God had a plan through Israel and their law program to restore man and the earth, and now a secret plan revealed from God to restore the heavenly places back unto God the creator of all things. God wants us to know all his plans and make US a part of his plans, but we have to read the book he has given. This is how we become established.

So the Lord returned from heaven after his ascension (Acts 9), and revealed unto Paul a new message concerning how God was going to NOW save the Gentiles, not through Israel's priesthood, but through his grace. After Israel crucified their Messiah and Christ, and the subsequent stoning of Stephen, the Lord set Israel aside temporarily and saved Saul/Paul by his grace. NOW instead of God pouring out his wrath on his enemies, he ushered in the "dispensation of the grace of God," and made Paul the apostle of his grace for all nations. In the "but now" time there is no difference among nations, no favored nation, but we only learn this through the "revelation of the mystery." In "time past" there was a difference. Today God is forming the Church, the body of Christ, which concerns US. But God is not through with Israel. After the rapture of Christ's Church whereby we will enter into heaven, prophecy will resume on the earth. We learn this through the revelation of the mystery as given to the apostle Paul (Romans chapters 9, 10, 11 cp. Acts 1:6-7).

What God spoke by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began, this was no secret. It was made known and was according to prophecy. God tells us to study and "rightly divide" the scriptures. **II Timothy 2:15: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

God made Paul the apostle of the Gentiles and gave him an office (Romans 11:13). So if we are going to be approved according to Paul's "my gospel" and "the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery," then it would behoove us to learn what Paul tells us by commandment from the risen Lord. Paul says: "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*" (**I Corinthians 11:1**). Paul also says before God, "*I lie not,*" at least three times. See Romans 9:1; II Corinthians 11:31; Galatians 1:20.

We find the writings of the apostle Paul in our bibles from Romans to Philemon written specifically to the Church, the body of Christ. In Ephesians chapter 2, the apostle Paul gives us a key to help us understand our Bible. Ephesians 2:11-12 speaks about "time past" time; Ephesians 2:13 tells us about the "but now" time; and Ephesians 2:6-7 tells us about the "ages to come" time. All the other books of the bible are according to prophecy and no mystery. These books concern Israel and how God is forming a people for the kingdom of heaven on the earth. All the Bible is profitable for us but all the Bible is not addressed to the Church, the body of Christ. We must "rightly divide" God's Word of truth. The Apostle Paul's writings concern US and our position of ruling and reigning with Christ in the heavenly places. God's plan is to remove Satan from the position he NOW occupies as the prince and the power of the air in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:2), thus giving these places to his Church for whom he died.

**Ephesians 3: 1** *For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,*

**2** *If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:*

**3** *How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,*

**4** *Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)*

**5** *Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;*

**6** *That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:*

**7** *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.*

*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift (II Corinthians 9:15).* Thanks for your attention to the reading of these clear verses of scripture.

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