

MYSTERIES REVEALED

**God's
Sacred
Secrets
for**



**'..the mystery kept secret
since the world began..' Rom.16:25.**

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...to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Acts 20:27

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Matt. 13:11**

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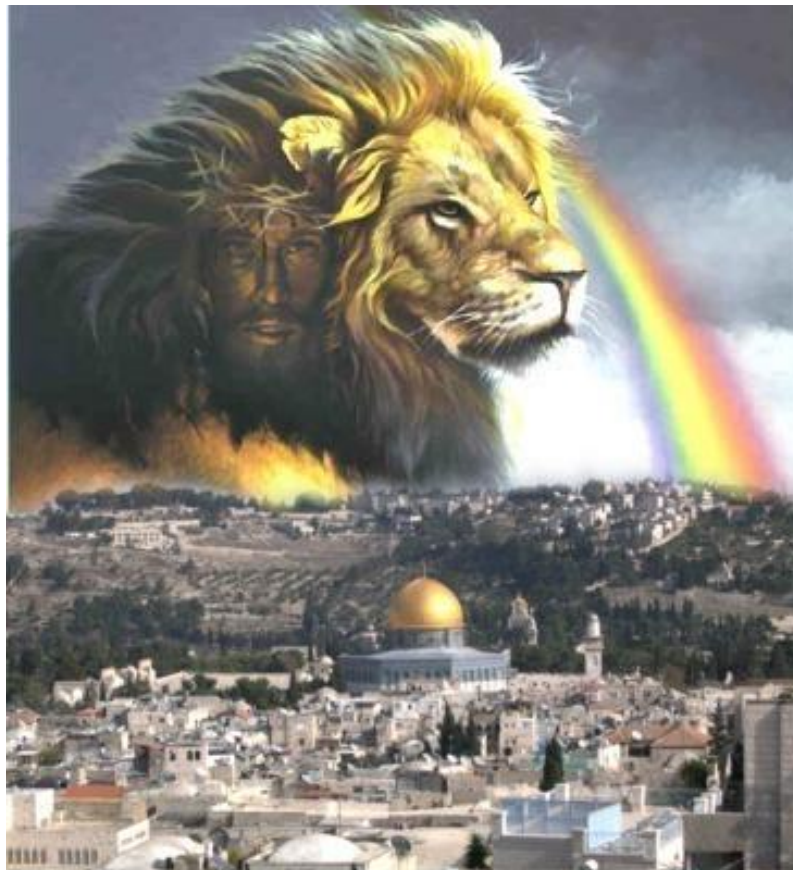
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Session One

The Mysteries Of The Kingdom Of Heaven

“Amazing Revelation”

*“It is given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven”
(Matt. 13:11).*

Introduction

- A. What do we mean by the word “mystery” in the New Testament ?
 - 1. The word ‘mystery’ occurs 28 times in the N.T.
 - 2. The word ‘mystery’ is a transliteration of the Greek word ‘musterion’. It means ‘what is known by the initiated, a secret, secret knowledge.’

- B. Pagan usage in New Testament times
 - 1. The mystery religions and secret societies
 - 2. Secrets and Oaths
 - 3. The initiates

- C. New Testament Meaning and Occurrences
 - 1. Disclosure of New Truths
 - a. ‘Hidden in God.’ (Eph. 3:9)
 - b. ‘Kept secret.’ (Rom. 15:25,26)
 - c. ‘Hidden from ages and generations.’ (Col. 1:26)

 - 2. List of Mysteries in the New Testament.
 - a. Mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. (Matt.13:50)
 - b. Mystery of the temporary blindness of Israel. (Rom 11:25)
 - c. Mystery of the Rapture. (I Thess. 4:13-17; I Cor. 15:51, 52)
 - d. Mystery of the Church. (Eph. 3:1-12; Rom.16:25; Col. 4:3)
 - e. Mystery of the Bride of Christ. (Eph. 5:23-32)
 - f. Mystery of the indwelling Christ. (Col. 1:26, 27)
 - g. Mystery of God. (1 Cor.2:7; Col.2:2, 9)
 - h. The mystery of godliness. (1 Tim. 3:16)
 - i. The mystery of iniquity. (2 Thess. 2:7; Matt. 13: 3)
 - j. The Mystery of the 7 stars. (Rev. 1:20)
 - k. Mystery of Babylon the Great. (Rev. 17:5, 7)



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1. Mystery of faith. (1 Tim. 3:8, 9)

These truths are not revealed in the Old Testament scriptures.

D. The Kingdom of God – The Kingdom of Heaven

There are two basic Kingdom realms

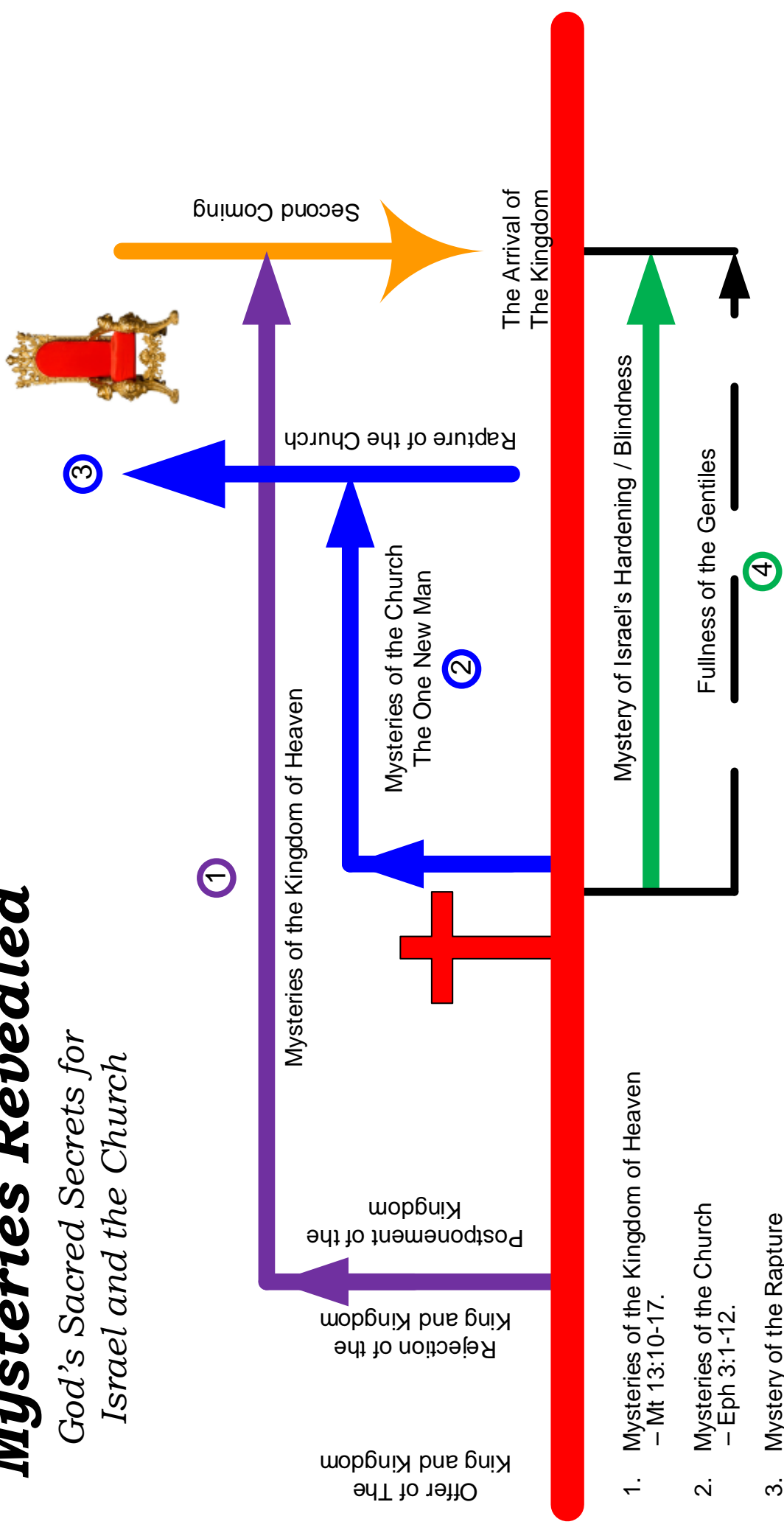
1. The Eternal, Universal, Spiritual Kingdom. (Ps. 103:19)
2. The Theocratic/Mediatorial Kingdom Programme on earth – Adam God’s vice-regent. Dominion truths maintained through the promised seed and the covenant nation Israel. (Gen. 1: 28,29; Num. 24;18; 2 Sam. 7:14-16)
3. The terms Kingdom of God/Heaven are interchangeable e.g. (Matt. 5:3 cf. Lk. 6:20).
4. Our special privileges
 - a. “To you it is given to know...” (Matt. 13:11)
 - b. “Now to His saints” (Col. 1:26)
 - c. “To make all men see” (Eph. 3:9)
 - d. “Has been made manifest” (Rom. 15:26)

The Mysteries of The Kingdom of Heaven – Matthew 12 and 13

- I. The Offer Of The Messianic Kingdom Of Heaven To Israel In The Book Of Matthew.
- II. The Rejection Of The Messianic Kingdom Of Heaven.
- III. The Postponement Of The Messianic Kingdom Of Heaven.
- IV. The Arrival Of The Messianic Kingdom Of Heaven.

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God's Sacred Secrets for
Israel and the Church



Offer of The
King and Kingdom

Rejection of the
King and Kingdom

Postponement of the
Kingdom

Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven

Mysteries of the Church
The One New Man

Rapture of the Church

The Arrival of
The Kingdom

1. Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven
- Mt 13:10-17.
2. Mysteries of the Church
- Eph 3:1-12.
3. Mystery of the Rapture
- 1 Thes 4:13-18 ; 1 Cor 15: 51-58.
4. Mystery of Israel's Hardening / Blindness
- Rom 11:25-27.

“... It has been given to you to know the mysteries...” Matt: 13:11; Eph 3:9



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Introduction

A. Matthew's theme or argument – the King and His Kingdom.

1. Arrival - Matt. 1
2. Announcement – Matt. 2-4
3. Proclamation – Matt. 5-7
4. Authentication – Matt. 8 & 9
5. Opposition/Rejection – Matt. 10 & 11
6. Explanation – Matt. 12 & 13
7. Preparation – Cross – Church – Matt. 14-22
8. Prophetic – Matt. 24 & 25
9. Vindication – Matt. 26-28.

B. What happens next? The response to the ministry of John the Baptist, Jesus, and the Twelve Apostles of the Messianic Kingdom has been negative.

C. Jesus now deals with this new situation and the offer of the Messianic kingdom being rejected.

D. Hidden truth will now be revealed and a new method of communication will be used, surprising the disciples.

E. These new truths are called “the mysteries” or secrets about the Kingdom of heaven offered. It will now be postponed ‘till the end of the age’ (Matt. 13:40, 43 c.f. Lk. 19:11-27)

F. The interim period will now be explained in these special parables.

“A mystery in scripture is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed. This chapter shows clearly for the first time that there will be an interval between Christ's first and second advents (vv.17, 35; cp. 1 Pet. 1:10-12) (*Scofield Study Bible p. 1146*).

“The Mysteries of the Kingdom of the Heavens. It is extremely important that one notes that the new revelation concerns the kingdom of the heavens. The same kingdom is in view in Matthew 13 as the one which was proclaimed as being at hand in Matthew 3:2; 4:17, and 10:7. In chapter thirteen the King is giving additional information concerning the kingdom of heaven, information which has never before been revealed. He is instructing His disciples regarding a hitherto unrevealed period of time prior to the establishment of the kingdom. This new age would not be the promised kingdom, nor would it be, strictly speaking, a kingdom in the so-called ‘mystery form.’ Thus the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens relate to the span in which the millennial kingdom is being postponed.” *Behold Your King – Studies in Matthew, Stanley Toussaint p.171.*

I. The Offer of the Messianic Kingdom

A. What kingdom is ‘at hand’ in Matthew 3 & 4?

“The Biblical term ‘at hand’ or ‘near’ is never a positive affirmation that the person or thing said to be at hand will immediately appear, but only that the person or thing has the quality of



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immanency. When Christ appeared to the Jewish people, the next thing, in the order of revelation as they understood it, should have been the setting up of the Davidic kingdom. Yet God had predicted the rejection and crucifixion of the King (Ps. 22; Isa. 53).

The long period of...the world-wide preaching of the Cross, and the out-calling of the Church was as yet locked up in the secret counsels of God Eph.3:3-12)."

New Schofields Study Bible p. 1127.

"Both John and our LORD began by proclaiming, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand': yet neither explained what that kingdom was. Why? Because their hearers knew, without need of explanation, that it meant the Messianic kingdom long-promised throughout the O.T. prophets. What is foretold is a visible kingdom, with Messiah reigning on the throne of David, over a reunited Israel and the Gentile nations, in world- empire." *J. Sidlow Baxter*"

"If the kingdom announced as 'at hand' by the Lord, had been exclusively a 'spiritual kingdom', or as some have defined it, 'the rule of God in the heart,'

Such an announcement would have no special significance whatever to Israel, for such a rule of God had ALWAYS been recognized among the people of God. Compare the psalmists affirmation concerning the righteous, 'The Law of His God is in his HEART' Ps. 37:31." (emphasis in the original). *The Greatness of the Kingdom, Alva.J. McClain. p. 303.*

B. The Offer – (Matt 3:1,2; 4:17; 10:5-7)

II. The Rejection of the Messianic Kingdom Matthew 11 and 12

- A. Increasing opposition to Jesus and His offer. (Matt 11: 20-24)
- B. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 12:31, 32)
- C. The request for a sign. (Matt. 12: 38-41) 'judgment and condemnation on this generation.'

III. The Postponement Of The Messianic Kingdom Matthew 13

The New Message Of The King – Explanation – Postponement.

- A. The Parables Spoken To the Multitudes – (Matt. 13:1-35)
- B. The Parables Spoken To the Disciples – (Matt. 36- 53)

A. The Parables Spoken To the Multitudes. (Matt. 13: 1-35)

1. The Setting. (13:1, 2)
2. The Introduction. (13: 3-23)
 - a. The Parable of the sower. (13:3-9)
 - b. The Purpose of the parables. (13:10-17)
 - c. The Parable of the sower explained. (13:18-23)



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3. Three Parables of the kingdom.(Matt. 13:24-33)
 - a. The parable of the wheat and the darnel. (Matt. 13:24-30)
 - b. The parable of the mustard seed. (Matt. 13:31-32)
 - c. The parable of the leaven and the meal. (Matt. 13:34, 35)
4. The fulfilment of the prophecy. (13:36-53)

B. The Parables Spoken To the Disciples. (Matt. 13:36-53)

1. The explanation of the parable of the wheat and the darnel. (Matt. 13:36-43)
2. Three parables of the kingdom. (Matt. 13:44-50)
 - a. The parable of the hidden treasure. (Matt. 13:44)
 - b. The parable of the pearl of great price. (Matt. 13:45, 46)
 - c. The parable of the dragnet. (Matt. 13: 47-50)
3. Conclusion. The parable of the householder. (Matt. 13: 51-53)

C. The Rejection of the King at Nazareth. Matt.13:53-58.

1. Rejected by His own in His home village. Matt. 13:53-58.

IV. The Arrival of the Messianic Kingdom Matthew 13

- A. ‘at the end of the age’ (Matt. 13:39, 40, 43)
- B. ‘immediately after those days’ i.e. the great tribulation. (Matt. 24: 13) ‘Enter into the kingdom’ Matt. 25: 31, 34)





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Session Two

The Mysteries Of The Church-The One New Man “Amazing Grace”

*‘..Revealed To You His Saints... ‘The Stewardship Of This Grace’ ...
(Col. 1: 25, 26)*

Introduction

Many are the wonderful truths and doctrines revealed in this church age of grace. Below are some of those truths relating to the building of the Church, the Body of Christ and related truths. The One New Man revelation was revolutionary.

- I. Doctrinal Foundations.
- II. Historical Developments.
- III. Current Challenges.

I. Doctrinal Foundation

The N.T. Epistles. Especially Ephesians Chapters 2 and 3.

- A. The Revelation of the Mystery of the One New Man. Once hidden now revealed. (Eph. 3: 1-4, 9)
- B. Brought near to the Covenants and the Commonwealth of Israel by the blood of Christ. (Eph. 2: 11-13)
- C. Jew and Gentile made into one new entity. (Eph. 2:11-16)
- D. Torah walls tumble. (Eph. 2:14,15)
- E. Racial, economic, and gender barriers broken down. (Col.3:10,11; Eph. 2:17, 18; Gal. 3: 28)
- F. The Agents
 1. Gospel preaching Acts. 10: 42-46)
 2. The Baptizing work of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 12:13.

II. Historical Developments

The Book of Acts.



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Forming the One New Man – Historical and Transitional Issues in the Book of Acts.

- A. The Hellenist Issue. (Acts 6:1)

- B. The Samaritan Issue. (Acts. 8:12-17)
 - 1. The racial/religious issue – ‘the Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.’ (John 4:9)

- C. The Gentile Issue. Acts 10 & 11. Jews, Gentiles.
 - 1. Peter said ‘No’ – God said ‘Yes’ (Acts 10:13-15)
 - 2. Revelation to Peter (Acts 10:28)

- D. The Age-transitional issue. (Acts. 19:1-7)
 - 1. John’s Baptism/ Jesus Baptism.

- E. The Factional issue. (1 Cor. 3:3,4)

III. Current Challenges

- A. Sectarianism. (Lk. 9:49,50)

- B. Christ- honouring reception of fellow believers. (Rom. 14:1-5)

- C. Keeping the Unity of the Spirit.(Eph. 4:1-3)

- D. The Dangers of Ecumenism. Not organizational unity, but organic (body-life) unity. (Jude v. 3)

- E. The Prayer of Paul ‘the eyes of your understanding being enlightened..’ (Eph. 1:17,18)

The Revolution of the Revelation of the ‘One New Man’



Session Three

The Mysteries of the Rapture of the Church / Bema Seat Of Christ

“Amazing Rapture”

Introduction

Those who believed in resurrection in the Old Testament

- Abraham – Hebrews 11:17-19

- Job - Job 19:25-27

Those who believed it in the New Testament

- Martha - John 11:23-24

There is no mention of the Church or The Rapture in the Old Testament.

The Rapture was a Mystery until revealed by Paul.

Where he learned about The Rapture - Galatians 1:11-12

Where Does the Word Rapture Come From

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Caught up = Greek word harpazo

Greek word harpazo = Latin word rapturo

English word = Rapture



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Meaning = To snatch up or seize and carry away.

Participants in the Rapture

- Christ
- The Archangel
- The Dead in Christ
- Living Believers
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The only people involved in the Rapture are those of the Church Age.

Why Is the Rapture Necessary

We need a new body because our home from here on is in heaven in the presence of God.

1 Corinthians 15:50

The Mystery of the Rapture

- Not all will die
- But both living and dead in Christ will receive a new body.
- It will be incorruptible.
- It will be like Christ's resurrected body.

1 Corinthians 15:50 – 53 / 1 John 3:2 / Philippians 3: 20-21

The Bema Seat of Christ

The Bema Seat in History. A raised platform for orations / arguing points of law.



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But was in the context of Paul in 2 Corinthians a place of rewards.

Paul's Expectation - 2 Corinthians 5:9 – 10 / Romans 14:12

Striving For the Prize - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Athletes ran for the honour of their Gods.

The Promised Crowns

- Crown of Life - James 1:2,3,12
- Crown of Righteousness - 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- Crown of Glory - 1 Peter 5:2-4
- Crown of rejoicing - 1 Thessalonians 2:19-10

The Promise of Rewards

Revelation 22:12

AMAZING LOVE

AMAZING GRACE

AMAZING RAPTURE

AMAZING FUTURE

“Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.”

Revelation 21:9-11



Session Four

The Mysteries Of Hardening And Salvation Israel

“Amazing Race”

Romans Chapter 11

Introduction

“25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of *this mystery*, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved as it is written. ‘*The Deliverer* will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.’” NKJV (emphasis added).

- A. Israel’s Past. The Divine Election. Romans Chapter 9.
- B. Israel’s Present. The Divine Hardening/Rejection. Romans Chapter 10.
- C. Israel’s Future. Divine Restoration/Salvation. Romans Chapter 11.

A. Israel’s Past. The Divine Election Of Israel Chapter 9

- 1. Israel chosen by Almighty God. (Amos. 3:1; Rom. 11:28)
- 2. The Divine Priority – ‘to the Jew first’ Rom. 1:17; 2:9,10)

B. Israel’s Present. The Divine Hardening/Rejection Chapter 10

C. Israel’s Future. Divine Restoration And Salvation Chapter 11

‘THIS MYSTERY’ (Rom.11:5) ‘THIS DELIVERER’ (Rom. 11:26)

- 1. ‘THIS MYSTERY’ Rom. 11:25.
 - a. IMPORTANCE. The Apostle’s desire for New Covenant understanding. (v. 25).
 - b. PRIDE. The Sacred Secret is to counteract Gentile pride and superiority- ‘they were broken off to make way for me!’ (v.19).



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- c. EARLY DEVELOPMENTS. This truth should have been a deterrent for the Early Church to turn away from developing what became known as Replacement Theology in the Second Century A.D.
 - d. PARTIAL AND TEMPORAL. This blindness/hardening secret is partial and temporary for the nation of Israel. (v. 25).
 - e. BLINDNESS. What is this blindness? O.T. Preparation Isa.6:?
N.T. Confirmation John 6: Acts ?
 - 1. GENTILE BLESSINGS. Coming Gentile blessing through Israel was no secret to the O.T. Prophets. (Isa. 2:1-4.) All these prophecies are Messianic kingdom prophecies to be fulfilled after the arrival of the Day of the Lord in judgment, the glorious arrival of the Messiah and the establishment of His kingdom world-wide.
 - f. PROBLEMS. Problems arose for the early Church. What are we going to do with these many new Gentile converts? Bring them under the Law of Moses like the proselytes? (Acts 15:5,19-22)
 - g. SOLUTION. The calling of the First Church Council and the solution. (Acts 15)
 - 1. Peter's testimony – 'we could not withstand God' - Do not place them under the yoke of the Law of Moses, they were accepted the same way we have been accepted by faith in Jesus Christ. (Acts. 15:10,11)
 - h. The circular and solution. (Acts 15:28-30)
 - i. RADICAL REVELATION. The sacred secret now being revealed in N.T. times is that while blindness in part is happening to Israel, concurrently God is doing a new thing – the gathering in of Gentiles – and making a new body of believers- the One New Man (Eph. 3:??) with an indwelling Christ (Eph. 1:26,27)
- 2. 'This Deliverer' The Messiah Of Israel. (Rom. 11:26.)**
- a. Israel's Restoration Prophesied.
"And so all Israel will be saved" (v.26).
 - 1. The Coming Deliverer and the new Covenant (vv.26, 27).



Some Take-Home Truths

1. Our Privileges

➤ Our Calling In Grace

‘the riches of His grace’ (Eph. 1:7;2:8)

2. Our Responsibilities

➤ Our Walk In The Church And World

‘walk worthy of your calling’ (Eph. 4:1)

➤ Our Witness

‘preparation of the Gospel’ (Eph. 6:15)

➤ Our Prayers

‘my prayer for Israel’ (Rom. 9:1)