

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #62

What is a Mystery?

Proverbs 25:2 is one of the most unusual Proverbs in the Bible. ***“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.”*** The dictionary defines “mystery” several ways, and in the case of the Bible, it says *“a religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as beyond human understanding.”*

What an amazing statement of universal truth. This verse clearly states that God is glorified by Him hiding information for us to find. Oh yes, I should have told you first that we are the kings and priests of God that He is referring to in this verse. Jesus is called the King of kings and the Lord of lords -(Revelation 19:16). The reference to “kings” is us! I know that bugs the heck out of religious people, but please get over it and see what the Bible says.

Chuck Missler taught this back in 1996, and even though I had a pretty good understanding of the Bible, it struck me that maybe there was much more to learn. It was about the end of the summer of 1996 when I bought a life membership to Sky Angel 1, but it only lasted a decade before its founders folded Sky Angel 1 into a different satellite platform of video programming.

During those ten years, I became glued to the program “Prophecy in the News” with J.R. Church and Gary Stearman. I have been a student of the Bible since my work in “computerizing” the King James Bible at the University of Pittsburgh in 1963 and 1964. I would look forward to Fridays, and the airing of each new program of J.R. and Gary. It’s been eleven years since J.R. Church went home to Glory. During that time we have lost several of the great prophecy scholars. J.R. and Gary did a series on the “Mysteries” of the Bible. Are you aware that the very word mystery thematically yields an incredible message? Each reference relates to the meaning of its Hebrew letter meaning, and there is more. For example the word “Mystery” is found **22X** and the plural “Mysteries” is found **5X**. They correlate and represent the theme of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and the 5 Final Forms of specific Hebrew letters that serve a

grammatical purpose as well. Coincidence? I do not believe so. But, I will come back to this later in Blessed Hope #63. Interesting as that might be, the word “mystery” does not appear in the Old Testament, not even once.

Like digging for gold in the natural world so it is in the spiritual world with the Word of God. People don't usually find many big gold nuggets of truth on the surface of God's Word by just reading the basic surface text. This is where we must ask, how do we find them? We find them by digging deep for them. It involves work and that is a four-letter word to many. Proverbs 25:2 ***“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.”***

Searching involves effort and that is spelled WORK! There is a lot of information that can be found on the surface of reading the Bible, but the really good stuff is always found much deeper within the text. Did you ever notice the world's largest gold producers are finding most of the valuable stuff deep underground using tunnels, blasting, digging and lots of effort. Occasionally they might find a large vein and strike it very rich by digging very deep. Bible study is the exact same thing. I noticed this Scripture in the Old Testament that confirms that God has secrets:

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveal His secret unto His servants the prophets.” -(Amos 3:7).

This verse informs us that God has secrets, but it also says that God will not do anything without first revealing His secrets to His servants, His prophets. That tells me the Old and New Testaments both have the potential of an extraordinary number of hidden secrets of God. Some we have discovered and there are those that we have not yet found.

“Turn you at My reproof: behold I will pour out My spirit unto you, I will make known My words unto you.” -(Proverbs 1:23).

God says in this verse in Proverbs that He will make known His words after He has poured out His Spirit. We can see that the work involves the Holy Spirit. We can also see the clear implication that the meanings of the words must be hidden if God is going to make them known. You see we have had these words recorded for us to read for thousands of years. But yet the implication is that there is still more to know. Many will try to explain this away as having happened back with the apostles. But that event was only the former rain and now is the time of the later rain. Now is when God is again pouring out His Spirit unto men. Now is the time for the harvest. There are so many Scriptures that tell us the same information, here is one from the book of Daniel:

“Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: ²¹And He changed the times and the seasons: He removes kings and sets up kings: he gives wisdom unto the wise and knowledge

to them that know understanding. ²²He reveals the deep and secret things: He knows what is in the darkness and light dwells with Him.” –(Daniel 2:20-22)

You see from these verses that God is the one that holds all wisdom and that He gives it to us so that we can become wise. But verse 22 says the main point of this “Diamond & Nugget”, God reveals the deep and secret things to us. A “Deep” thing is an implied truth that is not easily understood or seen. These are very strong statements of truth and teach us a lot about the Bible. It tells us that everything in the Bible is not shallow and easy to find or understand. It implies that there is an extended effort and a commitment necessary from those who want to find these “deep” secrets. Let’s jump into the New Testament and look at another verse:

“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our glory.” –(1st Corinthians 2:7)

Here we read another verse that declares God has hidden things in the Bible and it even refers to them as mysteries. What is a mystery? A mystery to me would be a complex puzzle, a code, riddle or something that is not plain or obvious. If you could look at it and immediately know what it was, it wouldn’t be a mystery would it? So apparently if you haven’t figured it out, the Bible is written in a style that conceals many things and makes hidden much of the knowledge, understanding and wisdom of God.

“Now to Him that is of power to establish 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.” –(Romans 16:25)

This is another great example of the fact that God hid the revelation of Jesus Christ from the very beginning of our created world. We can observe clearly in this verse that God must reveal this information to us in the form of a revelation given to us in this instance by the writer Paul. If you didn’t know it, there are still Pauls in the world today that God uses. God is revealing things, giving revelation to many within the body of Christ and all you have to do is recognize it when you hear it. Yes, there will be false teachers, prophets and etc. in this world but, the Word of God will always be correct when rightly divided. Judge what people say by the Bible. So we can see so many verses that declare that the Bible contains the mysteries and secrets of God, here is just one more:

“Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, now is made manifest to his saints.” –(Colossians 1:26)

This is a fantastic verse if you are one of God’s saints. For if you are a saint of God then this verse assures that you are potentially destined to know these hidden secrets. The implication is clearly given that they are intended for God’s saints to know and understand. Some will attempt to explain, that was only for them, the early church and

not for us now. I hear it all now too often. But there is no way it is not for us right here and right now. This is what Jesus said about the secret things of God:

“For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest: neither anything hid that shall not be known and come abroad.” -(Luke 8:17)

This is of course a little difficult to see in the King James version of the Bible, but it basically says that there is nothing that was hidden or secret that will not be made known or revealed so that we can see them, understand them and know them. That is a powerful prophecy and the words of God Himself speaking. Has this occurred yet? I really only think we have scratched the surface of this prophecy, but I believe it will be fulfilled before Jesus' return. At a different level, since about the year 2000 we have been seeing evil being exposed. The trend became visible to me in 1999. You of course can believe whatever you like. You might ask how can this be, is it possible that the body of Christ could unify and see the truth? I think it is possible if we allow God to do it. This Scripture in Daniel shows us what God is capable of by just one Old Testament prophet:

“The king answered unto Daniel, and said, of a truth it is that your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets seeing that thou couldst reveal this secret.” -(Daniel 2:47)

So the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar recognized the power of God. By God revealing a bit of information to him the king was convinced that he was the true God. You see God just has to reveal a few key things to get people to see and He knows what those are. I believe that is why we are seeing major changes in attitudes and major changes in the true church of the living God. The theological world ignored much of this understanding because it did not fit into the world of theological criticism.

So what have we seen? That the Bible contains mysteries, secrets, riddles and puzzles that God is starting to reveal to us in these end times. If you start looking for them, and expecting them to happen, God will make sure that they do happen. But since there are so many false teachings going around, here is what the Bible recommends for us to do:

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” -(Acts 17:11)

We should follow this example of the early church. Be open to hear and learn, but search God's Word every day to see if they are really true. Don't simply buy into anything I say or anything anyone else says just because they said ***“Thus saith the Lord”*** or I have a revelation from God. I tend to recoil when I hear that someone had a revelation from God. Too many ignorant people have done that and burned or died in a compound when their leader suddenly said it was time for them all to die. God can and will show us if what is being taught is true or not in His word if we stop and ask and

listen to His leading. If God doesn't bear witness within your own spirit that it's right, reject it and run far away very fast. Just remember that God still expects us all to search and work for it and to see what His word says. God will reward them that diligently, meticulously, conscientiously, thoroughly seek Him. It will be up to you, what you learn in these last days, more than it will be up to God.

There are over 2,000 prophecies contained in the Scriptures, and over 500 are left to be fulfilled within the timeline of the Book of Revelation. We are told in Revelation 1:1 that God will bless us if we read, hear, and take to heart what is written within the book. There must be a crucial reason why God tells us to read and understand what He has told us! All the events, once started, will happen in rapid succession:

A careful analysis of the original Greek wording at the beginning of Revelation tells us that all the events within the book will come to pass very quickly once they have started. This means that all the remaining 500+ prophecies contained throughout all the Scriptures will be fulfilled quickly, similar to the rapid sequence of an automatic weapon.

Reading most English translations, most of us are familiar with the phrase "**must shortly come to pass**" -(Revelation 1:1) and also "**for the time is at hand**" - (Revelation 1:3). These phrases would seem to imply "in English" that all the events about to be revealed would transpire shortly after they were penned. Since all Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit and since over 1,900 years have passed since the writing, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit could not mean our "English" meaning of "closeness in time" so let's go back to the original Greek text to determine intended meaning.

1. What does "**must shortly come to pass**" -(Revelation 1:1) mean? The Greek word used for "shortly" (*en tachei*) is used in three passages where this exact phrase is used to describe events that will not occur for a long way off -(Luke 18:8; Romans 16:20; Revelation 22:6) and does not mean that they will happen in the immediate future.

If we look at the Old Testament for similar phrases (as all Scripture is inspired by the same Holy Spirit) we see that Isaiah writes around 700 B.C. about the future destruction of Babylon which occurred after 539 B.C. -(Isaiah 13:22); and also he talks about how the Assyrian invasion of Israel "**will come with speed swiftly**" -(Isaiah 5:26) which we know that event didn't happen for several hundred years; however, when it started, it proceeded very rapidly. The primary meaning for *en tachei* would then pertain to events that happen "in quick succession" or "swiftly" or "rapidly". As a side note, even within our English language, we see lexicons that use the root word *en tachei*, which have the same meaning. For example, the word tachycardia (*tachy* = rapidly, and *kardia* = the heart) means that a heart is beating "rapidly" -(i.e., does not refer to a heart that will start to beat "soon"). From that root word we get our word tachometer.

What does "**for the time is at hand**" -(Revelation 1:3) mean? The Greek phrase *kairos engys* used in this passage refers to "the right time", "the appointed time", or "the

opportune time". Galatians 4:4 also uses that phrase stating, "***But when the fullness of the time (kairos) has come, God sent forth His Son***". Jesus was sent at the right time when it was ordained that He should come and not one moment before. The events of Revelation likewise will occur at their appointed time.

These verses together -(Revelation 1:1-3) therefore tell us that there is an appointed time when these events are to start, and when they do, they will occur in rapid succession. We see this same language again repeated at the end of Revelation - (Revelation 22:6-7), which refers to the entire book of Revelation and has the same meaning.

When do these events start? That's our huge question. They are imminent! The Feast of Trumpets symbolizes the Rapture – the last great harvest. The Feast of Trumpets, also known as Rosh Hashanah (The Jewish New Year) begins at sun-down on Monday, September 6, and ends at nightfall on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. This is less than three months away, but a few are suggesting that we be watching June 25, 2021. I'm not picky on this but Rosh Hashanah has a dozen themes linked to it:

- **Rosh HaShanah** – ‘Head of the year’ / Tishrei 1 is the first day of the Jewish new year in their civil calendar. It is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve.
- **Yom Teruah** – ‘Day of Awakening Blast’ / Jewish belief is that the resurrection of the dead will occur on the feast of Trumpets.
- **The Last Trumpet** – On this day, there are 100 trumpet blasts. The final, long, and most significant trumpet blast is called ‘the last trump’.
- **Yom Zikaron** – ‘Day of Remembrance’ / A day on which the chosen people remember God, and God remembers them.
- **Yom Hadin** – ‘Day of Judgment’ / God opens the books on that day and judges the righteous and the wicked according to what they had done.
- **Yom Hamelech** – the Day of the Coronation of the King.
- **The time of Jacob's trouble** – There shall be great tribulation in Israel such as never was since there was a nation.
- **Yom Hakeseh** – The Hidden Day / It was ‘hidden’ because they didn't know the exact day it would begin due to the fact that it is the only feast that starts on a new moon. Thus it was a two day feast because they didn't want to celebrate it on the wrong day. Concerning Rosh HaShanah, the Jews would typically say “*Of that day and hour no one knows.*”
- **The Opening of the Gates of Heaven** / The Gate of Heaven is opened on Rosh Hashanah so the righteous nation may enter.
- **The Wedding of Messiah** / The blowing of the heavenly trumpet is a call for the entire, true, bride of God to assemble together.

These are Hebrew “idioms” or “idiomatic” expressions that all coalesce on the Feast of Trumpets. As specific as they are, we could be out of here in a week. June 25th, remains a “high watch” date for the Rapture. I will explain why at the end of this article so remain upbeat throughout all of what we are seeing and experiencing in the world!

We know that the events that Revelation talks about, once started, will happen in rapid succession. God has provided us what events will occur, and their sequence and even says that He will bless us if we read, hear, and take them to heart. I, for one, wish for this blessing so I study with all diligence.

We know that the first event is the opening of the 1st seal, where it is generally understood that this represents the spirit of the antichrist who conquers and overcomes. When Jesus was asked about the sequence of the end-time events, He described this same sequence of the opening of the seals but gave us more information about the opening of the 1st seal and said for us to make sure that no one deceives us -(Matthew 24:4). In the last few years, we see Christians leaving following Christ in droves. Based on polls of those that say they are Christians, conservatively over 85% of them admit that they do not follow Christ and instead do primarily whatever they choose. Doesn't it sound like they are being deceived and are being conquered and overcome as they stopped following Christ?

1st Thessalonians 5:1-3 gives us the most important key to know when the final sequence of events will start. We are told, ***"Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the LORD will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety", destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."***

This COVID pandemic has caused worldwide havoc. It has disrupted the manufacturing and distribution chains. It cast a large percentage of the world's population into financial difficulty. It seems logical to assume that this event, happening on a worldwide scale, would assist in triggering the opening of seal 2 (war), seal 3 (famine), and seal 4 (disease). John tells us directly that 25% of the world's population will die from these three events: that's almost 2 billion people! A war between the U.S. and China is a high probability in the short range ahead! China's top generals have stated they have been preparing for this war.

The most important part of that passage is the phrase ***"Peace and safety"***. Have you heard that phrase battered about in the last year since COVID started? The United Nations, through their World Health Organization agency, has been saying the phrase "Peace and security" repeatedly and intensely over the last year! This is technically the identical phrase that we are being warned about in 1st Thessalonians 5:1-3.

Shortly after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (on April 18, 2020), H.E. Antonio Guterres, the UN General Secretary, gave a worldwide address where he stated that we would *"rebuild a fairer world as united global citizens and united nations"*. Using the phrase "peace and security", they do not hesitate to tell us that their true intent is to "rebuild the world". We are warned in the Scriptures that when we hear this phrase then "sudden destruction will come". Have the Revelation events started?

How do we receive His blessings and follow Him?

The New Testament provides God's plan of salvation and how we should live our lives to serve Him, and if we do, we will become His adopted children and live in Heaven with Him eternally. Over the centuries, definitions of individual words have been slowly changing, and the original meanings of each of the 5,624 Greek root words used in the New Testament have come to light.

In this Blessed Hope we are primarily interested in dealing with the "mystery" of the Rapture. Time permitting I will address other incredible insights that have been hidden within the pages of the New Testament.

The Greek word for "mystery" is "**mustērion**". The plural is "**mustēria**" or "**mustēriōn**."

μυστήριον *mustērion* noun

Secret, secret teaching, mystery, anything hidden or unrevealed.

Cognate:

μυέω *mueō*

Septuagint:

ܠܐܘܪܐܝܢ (A7611), Mystery ([Daniel 2:19f](#).,28ff.,47—Aramaic).

Grammatical Forms:

1. **μυστήριον** *mustērion* nom/acc sing neu
2. **μυστηρίου** *mustēriou* gen sing neu
3. **μυστηρίῳ** *mustēriō* dat sing neu
4. **μυστηρίων** *mustēriōn* gen pl neu
5. **μυστήρια** *mustēria* nom/acc pl neu

Concordance:

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| 5 | Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries | Matt 13:11 |
| 1 | Unto you it is given to know the mystery | Mark 4:11 |
| 5 | Unto you it is given to know the mysteries | Luke 8:10 |
| 1 | that ye should be ignorant of this mystery , | Rom 11:25 |
| 2 | according to the revelation of the mystery , | Rom 16:25 |
| 3 | But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery , | 1 Co 2:7 |
| 4 | and stewards of the mysteries of God. | 1 Co 4:1 |
| 5 | and understand all mysteries , and all knowledge; | 1 Co 13:2 |
| 5 | howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries . | 1 Co 14:2 |
| 1 | I show you a mystery ; We shall not all sleep, | 1 Co 15:51 |

1	made known unto us the mystery of his will,	Eph 1:9
1	that by revelation he made known ... the mystery ;	Eph 3:3
3	understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ	Eph 3:4
2	all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery ,	Eph 3:9
1	This is a great mystery :	Eph 5:32
1	to make known the mystery of the gospel,	Eph 6:19
1	Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages	Col 1:26
2	the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles;	Col 1:27
2	to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God,	Col 2:2
1	to speak the mystery of Christ,	Col 4:3
1	For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:	2 Th 2:7
1	the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.	1 Tm 3:9
1	great is the mystery of godliness:	1 Tm 3:16
1	The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest	Rev 1:20
1	the mystery of God should be finished,	Rev 10:7
1	MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,	Rev 17:5
1	I will tell thee the mystery of the woman,	Rev 17:7

Word Studies:

Classical Greek

The precise origin of *mustērion* is disputed, but it suggests that a silence is to be kept (e.g., a “secret rite,” *Liddell-Scott*). Fenkerath suggests that *mustērion* is from the verb *muō*, “to close, be shut” (“Secret,” *Colin Brown*, 3:501). Bornkamm, however, thinks its etymology is uncertain (*mustērion*, *Kittel*, 4:803).

The term is especially significant in the religious sphere in antiquity. There were “mystery cults” (from around the Seventh Century B.C. to the Fourth Century A.D.) which were typified by their secrecy; hence the term *mystery*. Basic features of the mysteries included this guarding of secrets; an initiation process, a view that the participants share—through a ritual act—in the life of the god; and a promise of cosmic salvation (*ibid.*, 4:803-808).

These mystery cults gradually infiltrated philosophical circles with terminology, concepts, and speculation (e.g., Plato). Magic, too, shows indications of mystery influence. Furthermore, “mysteries” were those “secrets” that are disclosed to the Gnostic practitioner. Such knowledge came to be linked to redemption and to the power to escape the world (*ibid.*, 4:811-813).

Septuagint Usage

The Septuagint presents a curious use of *mustērion*. Here we encounter, on the one hand, evidence that *mustērion* is especially a Hellenistic concept and relatively foreign to the Hebrew Scriptures. The majority of the documents reading *mustērion* are the non-canonical intertestamental writings that do not have Hebrew behind them. On the other hand, the evidence is plain that *mustērion* is potentially a concept recognized as early as Daniel as is reflected in the Aramaic word *rāz* (e.g., [Daniel 2:18,19,27,30,47](#)). *Rāz*, “secret, mystery,” describes the mystery revealed to Daniel as the interpreter of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. Both the Septuagint version and Theodotion’s version read *rāz* as *mustērion*. The extent to which these translations are imposing Hellenistic ideas is obviously debatable.

The important factor is that in Daniel we have evidence of the transition *mustērion* makes from the notion of “secret” to “revealed secret.” Bornkamm remarks concerning this connection: “In Daniel *mustērion* takes on for the first time a sense which is important for the further development of the word, namely, that of an eschatological mystery, a concealed intimation of divinely ordained future events whose disclosure and interpretation is reserved for God alone...and for those inspired by His Spirit” (ibid., 4:814f.).

Thus we can see how mystery takes on a quality of the “divine.” This, in turn, becomes a characteristic feature of apocalyptic literature (from *apokaluptō* [596], “*I reveal*,” cf. the Apocalypse, i.e., the Book of Revelation). In this type of literature divine secrets of the future are revealed. In his Revelation John is the apocalyptic seer who reveals the secrets of the future. Thus these “secrets” are now “revealed secrets.” We see the distinctive, then, that in the Biblical sense a mystery is not some unexplainable puzzle; rather, the “mystery” has now been openly revealed and can be potentially known by all.

New Testament Usage

Of the 27 uses of “*mustērion*” in the New Testament, 20 are attributed to Paul. Of the remaining seven, three occur in the Synoptic Gospels in parallel texts -(Matthew 13:11; Mark 4:11; Luke 8:10); the other four appear in Revelation -(1:20; 10:7; 17:5,7).

Jesus disclosed the secrets of the kingdom of God to those who came to Him in faith. The reception of such insight is firmly tied to repentance -(Mark 4:11ff.). Unwilling ears will not hear the Kingdom’s secrets, and covered eyes will not see -(Matthew 13:11-15), because the message of the Kingdom is a summons to repent and believe. It demands perseverance in the face of adversity -(Mark 4:17; Luke 8:15).

The greatest divine secret of all time is the now-revealed mystery of Christ who has come to redeem the world through His death on the cross -(1st Corinthians 2:1,2; cf. verses 9,10). Also essential to this larger mystery is the radical revelation that this salvation is offered to the Jews and Gentiles on the same basis, which “*has been made known*” in the preaching -(e.g., Ephesians 2:1f.; 3:3,4ff., especially verse 6). Paul regarded this revelation of the universal scope of God’s redemption as his purpose

-(Ephesians 6:19; cf. Colossians 1:26,27; 4:3). Thus he could call himself the “**apostle of the Gentiles**” -(Romans 11:13).

The “mystery of the faith” and the “mystery of godliness” -(1st Timothy 3:9,16) are also linked to the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. Note that following the statement “**great is the mystery of godliness**” we have the famous Christ-hymn that summarizes the gospel story of Jesus.

The idea that “mysteries” are now “revelations” is also represented in the Book of Revelation. John explained the “mystery” of the seven lampstands -(Revelation 1:20). The mystery of God which is “completed” refers to the eschatological program already heralded by the prophets which is destined to reach its fulfillment -(Revelation 10:7).

Resource Tools:

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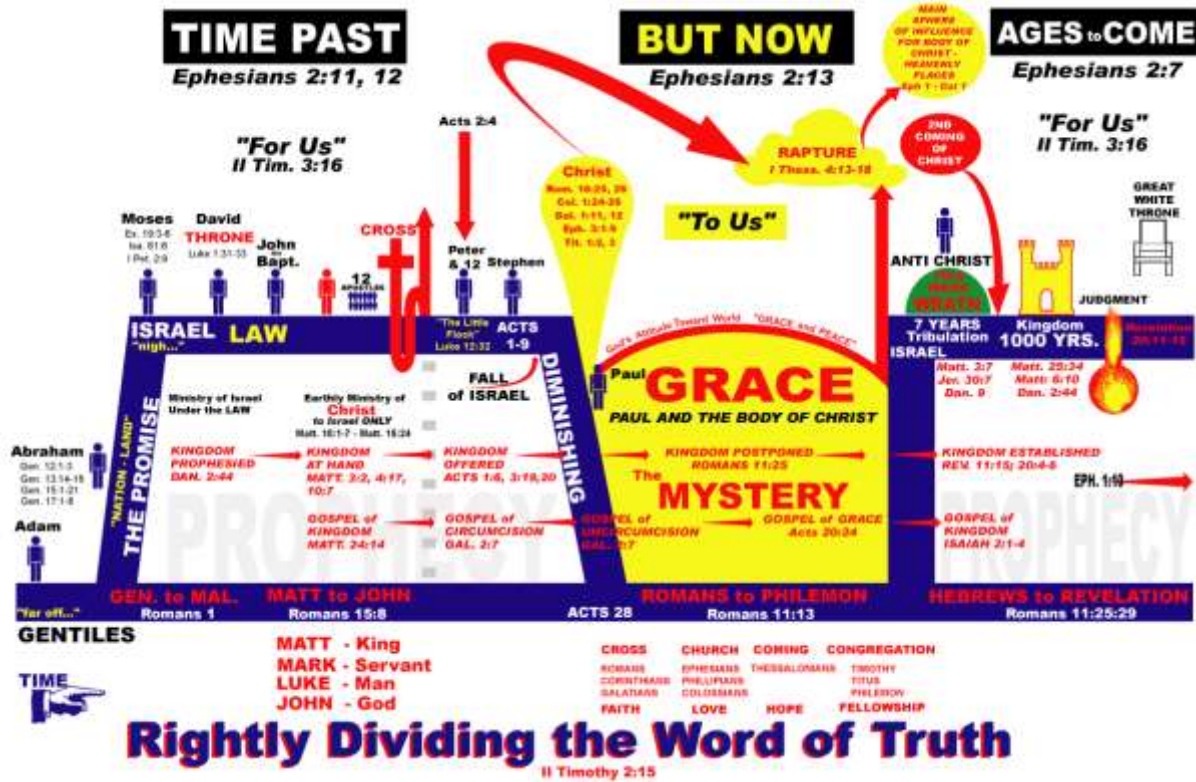
Colin Brown 3:501-5

There are five Greek words that are associated with the Rapture of the church.

- **Phaneroo** (*epiphaneia*) -(Titus 2:13) emphasizes the appearance or manifestation of Jesus Christ -(Colossians 3:4; 1st John 2:28; Hebrews 9:28).
- **Episunagogue** emphasizes gathering together of the deceased and living Church Age Believers -(2nd Thessalonians 2:1).
- **Parousia** emphasizes the arrival or coming of the Lord. It links the Rapture with the Second Coming -(1st Thessalonians 4:15; 5:23; 1st John 2:28; 2nd Thessalonians 2:1; 1st Corinthians 15:23).
- **Erchomai** emphasizes the Coming of Lord in the same manner as His leaving the earth -(Acts 1:10-11).
- **Harpazo** emphasizes being “caught up”. The Latin word Rapture (*rapare*) is derived from this Greek word -(1st Thessalonians 4:17).

We live in a mystery dispensation where the operation of God on the Earth is significantly different than it was during the dispensation of His prophetic purpose to Israel. There are reasons that Israel’s prophecies concerning the coming judgment and Earthly kingdom will not be fulfilled during this dispensation. I will deal with that in the next Blessed Hope for specific reasons I do not want to stray from our focus on the idea of the “mystery” genre of the New Testament.

As many Bible teachers have said, to resolve the confusion of the “signs of the times” we must understand first the “times of the signs”. It is not until the time of this mystery dispensation is complete that the time of prophetic signs and fulfillment will continue according to God’s word. It is known as the Age of the Church or the Age of Grace. The clarity of Dispensationalism resolves many of the issues that have dogged the institutional church for centuries, and it virtually dissipates non-issues that have divided the Christian community. Thus **“Rightfully Dividing the Word of Truth”** becomes the anvil for dividing time throughout God’s Grand Scheme of 7,000 years for man.

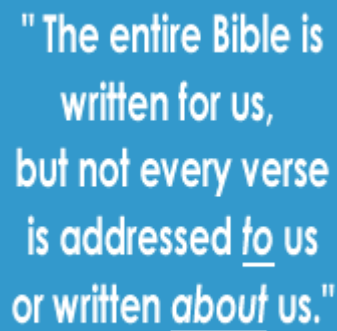


Dispensations - The Ages God Used to Lead Man Through History



Dr. Doug Stauffer published his book *'One Book Rightly Divided'* back in 1999 and updated it with his Prophetic Edition, in 2018. It is my personal opinion that you cannot fully understand and appreciate the Bible's structure without the aid of this book. At almost 850 pages, you can rest assured it is fully documented with over 6,700 Bible references.

I have several books in my personal library that focus on this concept of "Rightly Dividing the Word of God", and most are very good reference works; however, I prefer Dr. Doug Stauffer's volume.



"The entire Bible is
written for us,
but not every verse
is addressed to us
or written about us."

Many Christians struggle with believing the concept that God would intentionally hide important information from us. How could a loving God ever keep us from easily finding that which He desires us to learn and know? If you've ever panned for gold in Colorado or California you will have already discovered how difficult it was to find anything of significant value on the surface. In the past eighteen months I was fully aware of what the world and humanity was being put through by the dark forces of Lucifer. The Bible reveals the big picture and specific key points from which a believer could trust as compass points or markers where we are in the approach to the Tribulation period.

When you consider the Proverbs 25:2 passage, you can see that God placed "diamonds and nuggets" for our discovery and sharing which has been unveiled the past couple years.

My voice may not count for much in the world as it exists, however, being a physically disabled pastor, the Internet has enabled me to conduct a Bible-based ministry in which I could still make use of my education, training, skills, experience, and could be used to help focus those seeking truth in a world of great deception. Mystery frames our thinking in the Blessed Hope. It needed to be if you study and rightfully divide the Word of God!

Imagine a world without the Holy Scriptures! It would be a world without truth. Everyone would worship not God but creation, which, in reality, is worshiping the devil. Without the truth of Scripture, no one would be saved by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The greatest, most priceless thing in the whole world is the Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments. If we are born again, our delight will be in the Scriptures. I receive the greatest pleasure when I am reading and meditating on Scripture.

In this world, the Holy Scripture is God's gift to His people; it is our most priceless treasure. That is why, in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the first chapter is not "Of God" or "Of Creation," but "Of the Holy Scripture." The Westminster Confession did this because without the Holy Scriptures, we cannot have any knowledge of the true and living God or of creation.

The Westminster Confession of Faith is a Reformed confession of faith. It was drawn up after Martin Luther and other reformers had went on to their heavenly reward by the 1646 Westminster Assembly as part of the Westminster Standards to be a confession of the Church of England, it became and remains the " subordinate standard " of doctrine in the Church of Scotland and has been influential within Presbyterian churches worldwide. When I was a seminary student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1970, a UPUSA institution, it was taught to all students regardless of one's particular denomination affiliation. My professor was the well-know Reformed scholar John H. Gerstner, Professor of Church History. He went to be with the Lord in 1996, and many of his teachings are still available as You Tube videos.

So drawing from the Westminster Confession of Faith position on Scripture, we can see the importance of Scripture that came out of the Reformation in a way you and I can appreciate in how they shaped our theological thinking then and now. We want to briefly mention seven characteristics of Scripture. As we do so, may the Holy Spirit give us minds to understand and do what the Word is telling us.

Inerrancy of Scripture

The first characteristic of Scripture is inerrancy. There is no error in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Scripture has no errors, only truth. God is truth and one thing He cannot do is lie. Paul says, "**Let God be true and all men liars**" - (Romans 3:4). There is no exception; all men are liars because sin still dwells in us. Even believers can exaggerate and lie. The devil is a liar and the father of all lies. When we lie, we are like the devil.

Scripture does not affirm anything contrary to fact. The Holy Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, always speak truth about everything. Some people say Scripture is true only relating to salvation; that is not true. Scripture speaks about salvation and about everything else, including creation. We cannot have true understanding about the world around us until we come to the Scripture.

Through the science of textual criticism, also called lower criticism, we can establish about ninety-nine percent of the original words of the Bible from the ancient copies available to us. We do not have the original documents, the autographs, or so we think. But from the ancient copies available to us, through textual criticism we can establish

correctly most of the original words. The one percent that we cannot establish without question does not affect any doctrine we believe. Through computer analysis even this is validated in the Bible's numerical "DNA", gematria and its Heptadic Design Feature.

Clarity of Scripture

The second characteristic is the clarity of Scripture, also called perspicuity. A \$5 word which simply means an ordinary man can read it with basic understanding. The Roman Catholic Institution used to prohibit the laity from reading the Bible because they said the laity could not understand it. Only the pope and the priests were permitted to read the Scriptures. The laity was forbidden to read or have a Bible.

But the truth is that the message of Scripture is understood by all who read it in humility and reliance on the Holy Spirit. Paul says, ***"But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."*** -(1st Corinthians 2:10). He also says, ***"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*** -(1st Corinthians 2:13-14).

The reason people do not want to believe in Jesus is that they are not born again. They are not the elect. Therefore, everything in the Bible is foolishness to them. They cannot understand the things of God because they are to be spiritually discerned. The Holy Spirit must cause them to be born again and dwell in them. It may in fact be suggested that Satan may know Scripture but lacks Holy Spirit understanding of it. That may seem to be a strange but a profound statement, and yet for most of forty-five years that has been my general belief.

It is true that God speaks to all human beings in the Scripture and, in one sense, they understand. But only the elect understand the Scripture in a saving way. The non-elect understand the Scripture in a sense but they suppress its truth continually and damn themselves in the process. All who hear the Word and do not believe are damning themselves. The moment they die, they will go to hell. You may have never thought of it that way but may I suggest you not doubt it.

We do not know when we will get sick or die. Arrogant people think that they can believe when only it is convenient. But we are not sovereign and we are not God. God alone determines when we are born and when we die.

You can say prayers in your mind but doubt in your heart. At times God will answer such prayers as He did when Peter was in prison, scheduled for execution. The believers in Jerusalem were powerless to free him, so they prayed. When God released Peter, their reaction revealed the doubt in their hearts. They argued that Peter could not possibly be free, even as he stood outside knocking on the door!

Is it possible to be a “person of prayer” and yet not have faith? Is it possible to fool yourself into believing that because you ask God for help, you have faith in His ability to meet your needs? Is your faith so weak that you are surprised when God answers your prayer? As a child of God, you ought to expect God to answer your prayers. Do you ask God to do something without adjusting your life to what you are praying? If you are praying for revival, how are you preparing for its coming? In my first student pastorate the church would have a two-week revival in the fall. We would pray for the revival and the guest evangelist the entire month before the revival took place. Not many churches hold revivals today as best I can determine. If you are praying for forgiveness, are you still living with guilt? If you have asked God to provide for your needs, do you remain worried and anxious?

Ask God to increase your faith and then begin living a life that reflects absolute trust in Him. Out of His grace, God may choose to respond to your requests despite your lack of faith, but you will miss the joy of praying in faith.

When Paul went to Philippi, he started speaking to some women gathered at the riverside. ***“And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.”*** -(Acts 16:14). Without the Lord opening our hearts, which is regeneration, we cannot understand the gospel in a saving way because the mind of man is by nature at enmity against God. Professor John Murray said the essence of all sin is enmity, hatred toward the God who gave us existence and sustained throughout life and provided us with everything we need. But the unbeliever hates this God. It gives them fits of rage. We are seeing this in real time as the world is moving under the power of Satan as never seen by western man previously. Paul writes, ***“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”*** -(Romans 8:6–8).

St. Augustine said that salvation is by grace from beginning to end. If you are not saved, it is your problem, your sin, your hostility, your enmity. And if you are saved, it is by grace, God’s grace.

Necessity of Scripture

The third characteristic is necessity. Without the Holy Scriptures, we can have no saving relationship with the living and true God. We cannot have any true knowledge of God, knowledge of salvation, and knowledge of the world around us without the Scripture. We would be lost forever.

If you are not a Christian, I beseech you and command you to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that you may be saved. You are not doing Him a favor, He is doing you one if you repent and believe. Your repentance is by grace, your prayer is by grace,

your faith is by grace, and your salvation is by grace. Every breath you take is by His Grace!

If you are saved, you will hear and do the will of God as you read the Holy Scriptures. So we read, **“And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”** - (2nd Timothy 3:15). How necessary are the Scriptures? Paul writes, **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. . . ‘For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”** -(Romans 10:9, 13).

But then Paul asks, **“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?”** This is reasoning by the apostle Paul in a series of questions. **“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”** -(Romans 10:14–15). This demonstrates the necessity of the Word. We must hear the Word, believe the Word, call upon the name of the Lord, and be saved. But where do we get the Word? We do not have it unless God commissions and calls and sends a man who preaches it to us, and we hear and believe and are saved. That is the necessity of the Word of God.

In John 6, when many disciples left him, Jesus asked Peter, **“Why don’t you go also? Come on, go ahead. Everyone else is going away from Me.”** We read, **“Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”** -(John 6:68). No one else has it. Everyone else lies. Kings and presidents and chief justices all lie. At the present time the media is complicit with the liars from all the different institutions in on this hoax of the virus. Even the institutional church is lying to get people to take a Vaxx that is part of a Genocidal plan to “Depopulate” the world.

I find it absolutely demonic that church leaders would ask us to commit suicide by taking an untested an unproven procedure such as the Vaxx from which more than fifty thousand have already died and millions will soon die from taking the Vaxx. The former VP and chief scientist for Pfizer, Michael Yeadon has flat out said it is a genocidal plan to reduce the world’s population. Who would know better than a former VP and chief scientist of the company making the poison kill shots? Other formidable physicians, virologists, and researchers have said the same thing is at work. This past week leaders of the United Methodist Church said that **“we have to encourage the church to be vaxxed.”** Covid vaccines are designed for “Depopulation! The denomination is asking its own members to commit suicide. How true are Paul’s words: **“Let God be true and all men liars.”** It has been tragic to see news media videos of teams of health workers accompanied by a priest or a Protestant pastor going door-to-door in the large urban areas to coerce residents to be Vaxxed! I saw this on local TV news for Pittsburgh, PA and Cleveland, OH. Dr. Peter McCullough, a renowned Internist,

Cardiologist, Epidemiologist, and Professor at Baylor University in Waco, TX revealed that whistle blowers reported that the CDC is hiding death records of 50,000 people who were fully Vaxxed and have since died.

We need every word that is given to us in the canon of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, Jesus said, ***“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*** -(Matthew 4:4).

What are the words of Scripture? They are not myths; they are truth from the mouth of God. Moses said: ***“For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.”*** -(Deuteronomy 32:47). And they are our life. Jesus said, ***“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*** -(John 6:63).

Sufficiency of Scripture

The fourth characteristic is the sufficiency of Scripture, which we read about in the Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 1, article 6. In the Holy Scripture, we have all the words of God that we need to live for God’s glory and for our eternal happiness. We are not to add to or subtract from it. John writes, ***“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”*** -(Rev. 22:18–19). John is quoting Deuteronomy 4:2 and 12:32.

We must study the whole counsel of Scripture, not just part, and interpret it correctly; we must preach it and live it, all by continuous dependence on the Holy Spirit. Paul writes, ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*** -(2nd Timothy 2:15). This is the number one error in the church, the failure to “Rightfully Divide the Word!”

The whole counsel of God is to be found in the Scriptures, expressly or implicitly. It is written to thinking people who can reason. For instance, the Scripture says that adultery is sin. Lust is adultery, Jesus said; therefore, we say that lust is also sin. Everything is in the Bible that we need expressly or implicitly.

Power of Scripture

The fifth aspect of Scripture is its power (*dunamis*). There is mighty power in the Word of God. Consider the following scriptures:

•Genesis 1:1: ***“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”***

•John 1:3: ***“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”***

•Hebrews 11:3: ***“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*** This is ex nihilo creation.

•Psalm 36:6: ***“Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.”*** That is how we speak; with All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. breathed out.

•Romans 1:16: ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”***

•2nd Timothy 3:15-16: ***“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”***

Totality of Scripture

The sixth point is the totality of Scripture. It is speaking about comprehensiveness. All Scripture is relevant to all of life. We read, ***“And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.”*** - (Deuteronomy. 8:3). All Scripture is God-breathed (***“pasa graphê theoupneustos”***). So we believe in total Scriptura, as well as sola Scriptura (the whole Scripture and Scripture alone).

The hyper-grace movement and antinomianism, as well as legalism and every other form of deviant corruption of Christianity are the result of the denial of total Scriptura. Proponents of these movements like the prosperity gospel will pick a verse out of context and make a doctrine out of it. This is where systematic theology is important. We must study a subject based on the whole of Scripture.

Scripture is relevant to all of life. Paul said, ***“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*** -(Acts 20:27). Elsewhere he wrote, ***“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”*** -(1st Corinthians 10:31), based on God’s word. He also said, ***“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”*** -(Colossians 3:17, 23).

Jesus told his disciples, ***“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*** -(Matt. 28:18–20). Total Scripture for the whole of life.

Authority of Scripture

The last characteristic is authority. God’s Word has absolute supreme authority in all matters. When the president of the United States speaks, there is authority but it is not supreme authority. God alone has absolute and supreme authority. When we hear His word, we should fear and tremble and run to do it in great humility.

God’s word has absolute, supreme authority because God Himself is speaking in the Word. It is not just a pastor speaking, not just a father speaking, not just a mother speaking, but God himself is speaking to us. To disobey the Word of God coming to us through these agents is to disobey God Himself. All the words in Scripture are God’s words.

The following phrases are used to denote the Word of God coming to us:

- ***“It is written,”*** Jesus said. The Greek word *isgegraptai* (it stands written). God’s Word has authority now and forever because it comes from mouth of God himself.
- ***“Scripture says.”***
- ***“Thus saith the Lord.”***
- ***“God spoke through prophets.”***
- ***“All Scripture is God-breathed,”*** (meaning all Scripture is God-authored.)

God himself speaks to us largely through His Word, as Jesus Himself validated. In Matthew 19:4–5, Jesus said, ***“And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?”*** He was citing Genesis 2:24: ***“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”*** But notice, it does not say, “The Creator said,” in Genesis 2:24. But Jesus said, ***“The Creator said.”***

All Scripture, including Paul’s writings, are God-breathed. In response to those who did not want to listen to Paul because they thought they were prophets, Paul wrote, ***“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.”*** -(1st Corinthians 14:37–38). Paul also instructed Titus to rebuke people so that they ***“Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.”*** -(Titus 1:14). The Bible is full of

the commands of God. Because God commands, Paul was telling Timothy that he, a man of God, should also command because he was representing God himself.

Jesus said, ***“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:”*** (John 10:27). I pray that we will all look upon Scripture, all of Scripture, and Scripture alone, as the very word of God, for us. Wherever we are reading in the Bible, God is speaking to us so that we, as God’s people, may hear and do what He says, and be blessed.

As we come to a closing point here, my intent has been to establish the very Scriptural grounds, a foundation for which we can be confident that God’s use of the word “mystery” or “mysteries” is there for a specific Divine purpose. It was revealing something not known or not part of the Old Covenant. I have presented evidence from a variety of perspectives in this series intended as encouragement to the believer in the turbulent times we live in.

The “mystery” of the Rapture is centered in 1st Corinthians 15:51-52; 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; and John 14:1-3. The one single purpose of the Rapture is to take the Church from earth to heaven.

I am sure most of those waiting for the Rapture event itself are only interested in when or how soon it will occur. From my vantage point, analysis of events in the world, and particularly with Israel, it is extremely close. If you have attended musical events, there is always a crescendo that builds as the performance nears its climax! We are witnessing this in ways that you might not recognize. In football, it is the “two-minute” warning, in baseball it is the “seventh inning stretch”. In birth pangs, it is the frequency and intensity before that new arrival appears into the world. In a concert, the crescendo is the musical notation on sheet music when the conductor calls for the instruments to become louder and louder just before the concert performance ends.

Birth pangs, in terms of Bible Prophecy, speaks to certain convulsive geopolitical, geophysical, astrophysical and world-wide socio-economic events and issues scheduled to occur in the time leading up to Jesus Christ’s Second Advent. Take a step back from your daily world and listen to the birth pangs, they are there if you just pause and listen to the nonsense of the “Build Back Better” movement! Or that there are more than two genders, or that man will improve on what God created!

Everything seems to be upside down in the world today! Isaiah 5:20 says: ***“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”*** That is not by accident either. Isaiah 5:20 is prophetically pointing to the present dark world of “reversal”. Its roots are deep but linked to one Alexander Crowley. But before I explain this, most Christians act and behave as if Lucifer’s world does not exist, and that is a huge mistake. Sadly, few church leaders recognize the spiritual war being played out in the heavens and also on earth simultaneously. In this war, you are both the victim and the

prize and it is a time for what Paul referred to in Ephesians 6 as ***“Putting on the whole armor of God!”***

Although the “mystery” of the Rapture has been revealed to us by the Apostle Paul, we are at a critical juncture where Isaiah 5:20 threatens the believer by the collapse of society. Reprobate perversion of moral distinctions brings the fourth woe. The people have become so depraved that sin seems normal to them, and those who are good are considered evil. They have turned things around so that their whole attitude is like confusing bitter and sweet or light and darkness. Bitter and sweet may be compared to personal morality; light and darkness to public morality. Theirs is like the attitude of the world today with respect to alcohol, drugs, abortion and sexual perversion.

Conceited people, probably rulers and politicians, receive the fifth woe. They put self and their own wisdom on the throne and imagine they know better than God or His inspired prophet. Drunken, corrupt judges deserve the sixth woe. Leaders who should be heroes on the battlefield could only boast of how much wine they could hold and how they excelled in mixing the wine with spices, aromatic herbs (and probably drugs) in order to get a more powerful stimulation (or “buzz,” in modern terminology). Indulgence is exalted.

Bribery has become a way of life to the judges, and is the source of their great riches. But the innocent poor who are not able to give them a bribe cannot get justice from them. We are very much between two worlds, actually somewhat akin to the 90’s TV series “Twin Peaks”. The rule of law has virtually evaporated! The seeds of anarchy are everywhere and they were sewed by our government institutions.

Edward Alexander Aleister Crowley was born in 1875 and died in 1947. He is considered the nineteenth and twentieth century chief archetype of divination, which includes communication with the dead. He was a top Satanist.

Stories about him are legion. His sexual and psychological exploits and experiments through divination almost become legendary. He made his home near the shores of Lock Ness, Scotland. The home was actually a castle, known as Boleskine House.

Crowley was known as "the Beast 666." He was depraved and served as mentor to many, then as now. The Tarot owes to him the deep involvement many have with it now in the twenty-first century. He spent much of his life studying, defining, and enhancing the modern practice of ancient Tarot. Some who use tarot for fortune telling believe that the cards have esoteric links to ancient Egypt, and the Kabbalah.

Aleister Crowley belonged to the ancient pagan society known as "The Order of The Golden Dawn," and bears the highest title of "Magus" from the ancient Persian Magi. This title is earned through ascension techniques, which, when one arrives at them through various pagan rituals, he has achieved the highest order the occult Brotherhood has to offer.

Crowley died in 1947 and had his followers burn his body to ashes as they read a poem he composed, "Hymn to Pan." Pan is a mythical, musical god of sex of the fields in Greek mythology. Pan was part human and part beast. His legs were those of a goat. His feet were cloven hoofs. Yet, his upper body was that of a man.

Aliester Crowley was a master occultist. In his castle, deep below the earth's surface, were secret chambers where satanic sacrifices were held. His ashes are also buried there now. A secret passage way from castle to subterranean compartments leads to his horror chambers and burial plot.

One of Crowley's chief requirements was that his followers learn and put into practice the Occult Law of Reversal. In the many various and sundry classes he instructed in his home in the occult, he invariably instructed his multitude of excited students in this major law of Satan.

Those who seek fame, power, spell-casting abilities, demons at their beck and call, and to recognize the godhead within, as well as to know the past, present, and future, he extolled to his apt students, must consistently, with intensity, practice talking (reverse speech), walking, thinking, and playing phonograph records, backwards. This is a form of divination, and we are warned against this practice in the Holy Bible.

The Two Most Important Laws of Satanism

The first law, the "Law of Reversal," is the crux of Satanism! Consider the following:

- The Black Mass: The entire Roman Catholic liturgy of the Mass is performed backwards, or in reverse. Everything is read backwards, or in reversed speech. The Cross in the Black Mass is hung upside down (reverse) over the Satanic altar.
- The Anti-Christ: This signals the reverse or direct opposite of Jesus Christ.
- Heaven is the reversal of Hell. Heaven is up. Hell is down.
- God is Light. The Devil is Dark.

The second law, "Self-Awareness":

This sounds modern or New Age, but in effect comes from ancient Babylon. The teachings basically are: All is one. Man is a divine being within. Life's purpose is to realize the divine within. Other terms used to describe this are Nirvana, the atonement or at-one-ment, God-consciousness, the satori, and the samadhi. You will find this a lot on internet web sites.

This state of Gnosis (knowledge), or Self-Realization of who you are can be finally attained, though Yoga meditation or the like, only by turning within. Then, you self-realize that all life and all about you is Maya, or Self-Illusion. When this is achieved, you now recognize you are God! Many churches offer Yoga meditation for their members. Once viewed by Christians as a pagan import from the East, yoga has now become acceptable mainstream in the church through "Christ-centered yoga classes" designed

to help improve spirituality and experience “the presence of God”. But yoga’s mysticism is incompatible with historic Biblical Christianity!

Anton Szandor La Vey

- The Godhead Within: Anton Szandor La Vey, founder of the First Church of Satan in San Francisco, California, and author of a satanic bible, incorporates many of Aleister Crowley's formulas for divination and more. His pupils report that when you recognize your individual potential, through recognizing self-awareness by turning within then, you have achieved "godhead." Then you are a creator.

La Vey's students say, this is the core of Satanism!

And what does the Bible say about reverse speech, talking backwards, ect... in order to divine (divination) the future... Clearly, God said to avoid those things. In Deuteronomy 18:9-14, we are advised by God to stay away from those things and the people who practice them. **"You're not to have anything to do with them,"** He warns. Or, **"I will turn My Face from you"** -(Leviticus 20:6).

We are cautioned by God when He spoke through His prophet, Isaiah, that He is God in Isaiah 42:5. ... and that we are to bring our desires, ...our wants, ... our petitions to Him and none other, otherwise, the reverse will turn us away from depending upon God and He will Chastise us for it -(see Psalm 5:2; 6:9, 55:1; Philippians 4:6). The Holy Word has never instructed us to create what we want with our minds, thoughts, or words. Yet this is a teaching of the Jesuits and Catholicism, it's known as "contemplative prayer", When Pope Francis was installed following his election, a Satanic Mass was held in the basement of St. Peter's Basilica on March 19, 2013. Pope Francis was not the first pope to worship Lucifer.

From 1958 until 1964, Jesuit priest Malachi Martin served in Rome where he was a close associate of, and carried out many sensitive missions for the renowned Jesuit Cardinal Augustin Bea and the pope. Released afterwards from his vows of poverty and obedience at his own request (but still a priest), he ultimately moved to New York and became a best-selling writer of fiction and non-fiction. His books reveal many dark details of the Satanic Vatican.

Martin had first made reference to a diabolic rite held in Rome in his 1990 non-fiction best-seller about geopolitics and the Vatican, *'The Keys of This Blood'*, in which he wrote: *"Most frighteningly for [Pope] John Paul [II], he had come up against the irremovable presence of a malign strength in his own Vatican and in certain bishops' chanceries. It was what knowledgeable Churchmen called the 'superforce.' Rumors, always difficult to verify, tied its installation to the beginning of Pope Paul VI's reign in 1963. Indeed Paul had alluded somberly to 'the smoke of Satan which has entered the Sanctuary'. . . an oblique reference to an enthronement ceremony by Satanists in the Vatican. Besides, the incidence of Satanic pedophilia—rites and practices— was already documented among certain bishops and priests as widely dispersed as Turin, in*

Italy, and South Carolina, in the United States. The cultic acts of Satanic pedophilia are considered by professionals to be the culmination of the Fallen Archangel's rites." (p. 632)"

The mystery of these allegations have largely gone unnoticed, possibly because he was so crafty in his descriptions that he might even have been referring to the coronation of Pope Paul VI. But he revealed much more about this alleged ritual in one of his last works, *'Windswept House: A Vatican Novel'* (1996). In this story, he vividly described a ceremony called "The Enthronement of the Fallen Archangel Lucifer" supposedly held in St. Paul's Chapel in the Vatican, but linked with concurrent satanic rites here in the U.S., on June 29, 1963, barely a week after the election of Paul VI. In the novel, before he dies, a pope leaves a secret account of the situation on his desk for the next occupant of the throne of Peter, a thinly-disguised reference to John Paul II.

According to the Jesuit publication *'The New American'*, Martin confirmed that the ceremony did indeed occur as he had described. *"Oh yes, it is true; very much so,"* the magazine reported he said. *"But the only way I could put that down into print is in novelistic form."*

Martin's accusation of a satanic ritual at the Vatican was also confirmed by John Loeffler, host of the 'Steel on Steel' radio show. Mr. Loeffler personally asked Fr. Malachi Martin (who had been a regular guest on his show) about the reported dedication to Satan within the Vatican:



The hand sign above is just as common among the Illuminati, the Freemasons, the Jesuits, and their victims as the Eye of Horus.

"You know Malachi confirmed - the first part of his book, *'Windswept House'* - he confirmed the dedication of the Vatican to Satan in a secret ceremony that occurred unknown even to the Pope at that time, that he managed to pick up. And I did ask him, *'Was this true? Did it happen?'* And he [Fr. Martin] said, ***'yes, it did.'***" - John Loeffler

Giorgio Bergoglio, who calls himself Pope Francis, was Archbishop of Buenos Aires from 1998 to 2013 and President of the Argentine Bishops' Conference from 2005 to 2011, and he did nothing, absolutely nothing, to fight sexual abuse.

Why? Because he was in on it. The Jesuit child rapist was just too clever to get caught. But we can catch him in his lies. Survivors report rape by priests even less in Argentina because scum like Bergoglio ran the show. Nonetheless, despite the efforts of cover-up artists like Bergoglio to protect child molesters, "Bishop Accountability" published a database of more than seventy (70) sex criminals who held church offices in Argentina, with at least nine (9) still holding church offices. The actual number is estimated to be something closer to seven hundred (700) sex criminals hiding under cassocks in the Pope's old diocese.

God cautioned very strongly in Ezekiel 28:3, how we are to look upon our nature. He said, ***"But you are only a man, and not a god, though you boast yourself to be like God."***

Folks, I believe time has run out, now is the time to prepare for The Coming Chastisement.... We know from the Bible, Jesus came to reverse the curse of death. And this free gift is yours if you will believe in Him. You will live though you die, you will be raised, and you will never die.

One of the terms that Bible-believers have used in describing some Bible doctrines is the word, "mystery." It is important to have a correct understanding of what mystery means since it is used in three different senses by Christians. They are as follows:

1. The Biblical Use of Mystery: Something Revealed That Was Previously Hidden.

The Bible uses the term, "mystery" to refer to a sacred secret. It is something that had been hidden in the past but was eventually revealed. Paul wrote about the mystery of the Gentiles, or non-Jews, becoming part of the church. He said:

"God wanted his people throughout the world to know the glorious riches of this mystery-which is Christ living in you, giving you the hope of glory." -(Colossians 1:27)

The secret that was hidden during the Old Testament period is revealed in the New Testament. This is the Biblical use of the term, "mystery." Mystery is used in this sense a number of times in Scripture.

2. A Mystery Can Be Something about God That Humans Cannot Completely Comprehend.

While the Bible uses the term, “mystery” to refer to something that had been previously hidden, but later revealed, historically, the church has used the term in two other senses. One of these uses refers to truths about God that humans cannot completely understand or comprehend.

Probably the best example of this type of mystery would be the love of God. Believers can comprehend God’s love for us; but only to a certain degree. The depth of His love is an unfathomable mystery. While we know some things about the love of God, we certainly do not appreciate everything about it. It is truly a mystery.

3. Mystery May Refer to Something about God That Cannot Logically Be Understood.

There is another sense in which the word, “mystery” has been used by the church. It is in reference to truths that the Bible reveals about God but humans cannot logically comprehend.

An example of this type of mystery would be the Trinity or the Triune Nature of God; God is both three and one at the same time. While the Bible teaches the doctrine of the Trinity, it is beyond our understanding. This type of mystery would come under the category of a paradox; two truths that are seemingly contradictory, but in reality are not.

This type of mystery is something that we cannot logically understand. Thus, we accept it by faith because of the nature of God. God is a God of Truth; He cannot lie. Therefore, we humbly believe certain truths that we cannot completely understand because of who God is.

The next “High Watch” date will be Saturday, June 25, 2021. It is a full moon and based upon an unusual set of circumstances related to what would be considered as a delayed **Shavuot** or Pentecost. I did two Blessed Hope articles #12 and #13 based upon the Jewish Karaite agricultural calendar as defined in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament). The Karaites are a small sect within Judaism that follows the Biblical agricultural cycles, customs, and the lunar/solar calendar. They do not follow Rabbinical Judaism and its Babylonian Talmud. The Karaites brought back and re-established the original Biblical system of planting and harvesting. Remember, it was the Israelites failure to follow God’s planting and harvesting instructions that led to their going into captivity for 70 years. Pentecost was the date of the birth of the invisible church, and from logic, would make a perfect date to Rapture the invisible church home!

Having said all this about Saturday, June 25, 2021, the next potential date for the Rapture would be Rosh Hashanah, or Feast of Trumpets, a new moon for September 6-8th, 2021. As a general rule, nearly all Pre-Tribulation / Dispensationalism scholars consider Rosh Hashanah as the leading Feast Day as the candidate date for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. This is based upon the fact that God operated in mathematical

fashion to establish this framework of dates, times, cycles, etc., built around the **“Heptad”** or the Covenantal number **“7”**. An important principle is that with God, Prologue = Pattern = Prophecy! As an example, even today, the most important date in Biblical history is Passover from the story of the Exodus event of fleeing Egypt. Historically speaking, even with the floating dates of the Hebrew calendar, more events have occurred over 6,000 years of history on Passover than any other day of the Hebrew calendar.

For most of the past forty years, I have found myself focused on the Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah, commonly referred to as the “unknown day”, a subtle reference to the appearance of the new moon of Tishrei that occurs in September/October, on different dates. I noted earlier the fact that there are twelve “idioms” or “idiomatic expressions” which from my perspective provide evidential proof for a Rapture on Rosh Hashanah, September 6-8th, 2021 as a more promising date because of all the Biblical themes associated with the Rapture. Suffice it to say, we continue to be watching as the Lord told us to do!

Blessings, Keep looking up!

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