SEVEN MYSTERIES EXAMINED

I. THE WORD “MYSTERY” DEFINED.

A. In the Bible, a Mystery is a Truth which was previously unknown and then revealed by God to Man, and in which an unexplainable element may still remain (Rom 16:25-26).

B. The Mysteries of the New Testament were only revealed to Believers (Mat 13:10-11; Luke 8:9-10; 1 Cor 2:9-14).


A. The Mystery of Godliness: The union of God and Man in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Tim 3:16; Phil 2:5-8; John 1:1, 14-15, 29-30).


D. The Mystery of the Christian’s New Body at the Rapture:
   1. The Christian’s new body (1 Cor 15:35-55):
      a. It will be like the resurrected body of Jesus Christ (1 John 3:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18; Phil 3:20-21).
      b. It will be a spiritual body (1 Cor 15:42-44), but not a spirit (Luke 24:36-43).
   2. Christian’s will receive their new body at the Rapture, when Jesus Christ descends from heaven to raise both the living and the dead (sleeping) Church Age Believers to meet Him in the air (1 Thes 4:13-17; Rom 8:11).
E. **The Mystery of Israel’s Temporary Blindness:** Israel as a Nation, that Rejected the Lord Jesus Christ (John 19:12-16), Will eventually Realize (during the Tribulation Period) that Jesus Is their Messiah (Rom 11:25-29; Mat 23:37-39).

F. **The Mystery of Iniquity:** The Union of Satan and Man in the Person of the Antichrist (the Beast), during the Tribulation Period (2 Thes 2:1-12; Rev 13:1-8).

G. **The Mystery of Babylon the Great:** The Church of the Antichrist, during the Tribulation Period (Rev 17:1-18 & 18:1-24).
1. The Mystery of the Gospel (see Eph 6:19 & cf. 1 Cor 15:3-4).

2. The Mystery of the Faith (see 1 Tim 3:9 & cf. Heb 11:1, 6).

3. The Mystery of the Wisdom of God (see 1 Cor 2:7 & cf. 1 Cor 1:19-21).


6. The Mystery of the Body of Christ (see Eph 3:1-10 & cf. 1 Cor 12:12-13; Rom 12:4-5; Eph 4:3-6).


9. The Mystery of the Trinity (see Col 2:1-3 & cf. Mat 28:19; 1 John 5:7; 1:1; 2 Cor 3:17).

10. The Mystery of the New Testament Church (see Eph 5:30-32 & cf. 2 Cor 11:2).

11. The Mystery of Israel’s Temporary Blindness and future Salvation (Rom 11:25-29).


15. The Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven (Mat 13:11-50).
