

## 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).

### II. THERE ARE SEVEN IMPORTANT MYSTERIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT OF WHICH THE APOSTLES WERE TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS (Faithful Keepers) (see 1 Cor 4:1-2 & cf. Luke 12:48b).

- 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).
- B. **The *Mystery* of Christ in the Believer:** The Lord Jesus Christ Living in the Believer (Col 1:25-27; 2 Cor 13:5; Gal 2:20).
- C. **The *Mystery* of the Body of Christ:** All Christians together are One Body (Eph 3:1-6; 2:11-22; 5:28-32; 1 Cor 10:16-17; 12:12-14, 27).
- 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).

## **THE SEVENTEEN MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE**

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).
4. The Mystery of Christ (see Col 4:2-3 & cf. Acts 17:18; 2:22-24, 30-32).
5. The Mystery of Christ in the Believer (see Col 1:24-27 & cf. Gal 2:20; 1 John 4:12).
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).
7. The Mystery of the Will of God (see Eph 1:9-12 & cf. 1 Thes 4:3; 5:18; 1 Pet 2:13-15; 3:17; 2 Pet 3:9).
8. The Mystery of God Manifest in the Flesh (see 1 Tim 3:16 & cf. Rom 16:25).
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).
12. The Mystery of the "Rapture" of the New Testament Church (see 1 Cor 15:51-55 & cf. 1 Thes 4:13-17).
13. The Mystery of the Antichrist (see 2 Thes 2:1-10 & cf. Dan 7:24-25; 1 John 2:18; Rev 13:11-18).
14. The Mystery of Babylon (see Rev 17:5 & cf. Rev 16:19; 17:1 to 18:24).
15. The Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven (Mat 13:11-50).
16. The Mystery of the seven Stars and seven Candlesticks (see Rev 1:20 & cf. Heb 1:14).
17. The Mystery of the seventh Angel and seventh Trumpet (see Rev 10:7; 11:15-18 & cf. Rev 20:1-6).