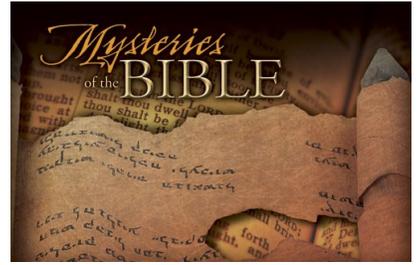


The Mysteries in the Bible

Lesson 1: The Mystery of God

Colossians 2:2-3



- * The Bible tells us that the mystery of God is _____ (Col. 2:2–3).
- * A “_____” in the New Testament is something that had at one time been hidden but is now revealed to God’s people.
- * The apostle Paul used the word mystery 21 times in his Epistles. In each case, the “mystery” involved a wonderful declaration of _____ truth, revealed by God through divine inspiration.
- * A mystery is that “which was not made _____ to people in other generations as it has now been _____ by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets” (Eph. 3:5).
- * The mystery of God is the consummation of God’s _____ in bringing His kingdom in Christ to fulfillment. The kingdom had long been prophesied, but the _____ and the _____ and the by _____ was not clear until the time of Christ.
- * Paul said that he had been commissioned to preach “the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people” (Col. 1:25–26). That is, it is through the apostles that we have been given the capstone of _____; their writings, all of which point to Christ—represent the final disclosure of God’s Word to mankind.
- * _____ is the “mystery” revealed to those who believe—as is the mystery of “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).
- * Paul tells us that, “beyond all question, the mystery from which true _____ springs is great.” Then he records what may be an early hymn of the church (1 Tim. 3:16). In that short paragraph, the Bible reveals the heart of the _____, the mystery of “true godliness.”
- * The secret of being _____ was hidden but is now revealed. It is to those who believe in Christ that the mystery is made known (1 Cor. 2:7–14; Col. 1:27).
- * In its fullest sense, the “mystery of God” is God’s plan of _____ through Jesus. We would never have been able to comprehend the way to eternal life without the coming of Jesus, His death and resurrection.