

“BEHOLD I REVEAL A MYSTERY”

Romans 16: ²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

1. Let's define some terms.

2. What is the mystery spoken 27 times in the New Testament?

Ephesians 1 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

3. Why wouldn't Israel receive the mystery?

Mark 4: ¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ and he said to them, *“To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that*

“they may indeed see by not perceive, and my indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.”

4. How are we to live in this age now that the mystery has been revealed?

Hebrews 2: ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
