

The Mysteries [Musterions] in Scripture

A "Mystery" in the New Testament sense is not something that cannot be understood, but is some plan or purpose of God that has been known to Him from the beginning, but which He has withheld from the knowledge of men until the time came for Him to reveal it.

The "Mysteries" are *eleven* in number, *eight* of which were revealed to Paul. Of the remaining three, *one* was revealed by Christ, and *two* were revealed to the Apostle John.

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Paul's Revelations #1-#8

¹⁶ But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things **which I will yet reveal to you.** ¹⁷ I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ *to open their eyes*, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' Acts 26:16-18 (NKJV)

"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to **my gospel** and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the **revelation of the mystery** kept secret since the world began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—Romans 16:25-26

1. The Mystery of the Incarnation

"And without controversy great is the **mystery** of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory." I Timothy 3:16 NKJV

2. The Mystery of the 'Divine Indwelling'

"...**the mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:26-27 NKJV

3. The Mystery of the Union of Jews and Gentiles in One Body called the Church [One New Man]

"...how that by revelation **He made known to me the mystery** (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been

revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel... ⁸To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ,” Ephesians 3:3-6, 8-9 NKJV

4. The Mystery of the ‘Translation of the Living Saints’

“Behold, I tell you a **mystery**: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.” I Corinthians 15: 51-52 NKJV

5. The Mystery of “Israel’s Blindness

“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of **this mystery**, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.” Romans 11:25 NKJV

6. The Mystery of Iniquity

⁷For the **mystery of iniquity** doth already work...” [See 2 Thess. 2:1-12 KJV]

7. The Mystery of the Church as the “Bride of Christ”

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. ³⁰For we are members of His body of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This is a great **mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church**. ³³Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.” Ephesians 5:25-33 NKJV

8. The Mystery of the “Restoration of All Things”

“...having made known to us the **mystery** of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.” Ephesians 1: 9-10

9. The Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven. [See 12 Parables in the Book of Matthew] Messiah Jesus

10. The Mystery of “Babylon the Great” [See Revelation 17] Apostle John

11. The Mystery of the “Seven Stars” and the “Seven Candlesticks. [See Rev.1:12-20] Apostle John