

The Revelation of the Mystery

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Mystērion - Moo-stay-ree-on

To shut the mouth, maintain a secret, a mystery, something hidden, a secret counsel

Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery**, which was kept secret since the world began . . .

Romans 16:25

But we speak the wisdom of God in **a mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1 Corinthians 2:7

Having made known unto us **the mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which **he hath purposed in himself** . . .

Ephesians 1:9

How that by revelation he made known unto me **the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in **the mystery of Christ**) ... And to make all men see what is **the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the

beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by
Jesus Christ . . .

Ephesians 3:3-4,9

Jesus - The Most Basic Tool for Rightly Handling the Word

Everything in Scripture pertains to Christ; He is the key to unlock the mystery

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they
are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might
have life.

John 5:39-40

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the
scriptures.

Luke 24:45

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in
all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:27

For had you believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of
me.

John 5:46

The Interpreter

The Key to Unlock the Mystery

A Study in Mystery

Two Offerings

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Genesis 4:1-8

Sweat and Blood

Sweat and Blood - the fruit of man's labor - not accepted

Sweat and Blood - the life of the firstling of the flock - accepted

The Sweat and Blood of God's Labor

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law (by the sweat and blood of man's labor), but by the faith of Jesus Christ (the sweat and blood of God's labor), even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ (the sweat and blood of God's labor), and not by the works of the law (by the sweat and blood of man's

labor): for by the works of the law (the sweat and blood of man's labor)
shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:16

What Saves You?

Where does your confidence lie?

Is it in your own sweat and blood - the offering of your own making, your own life, your own recipe?
Or is it in His sweat and blood - His offering, His life given, His body broken, and the pouring out of
His blood?

The First and Second

Cain - Abel

Ishmael - Isaac

Esau - Jacob

Amalek - Israel

Leah - Rachel

Mannasah - Ephraim

Saul - David

Old Covenant - New Covenant

Adam - Jesus

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:8

The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from
heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the
heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the
image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:47-49

The Edomites - The Firstborn

. . . Esau, who is Edom . . .

Genesis 36:19

. . . he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

Genesis 36:43

Edom and the Edomites

Red, Earthy - that which boasts of Earth's strength

. . . This is what the LORD Almighty says: "They (The Edomites) may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the wicked land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD.

Malachi 1:4

Famous Edomites

- Esau - the first born son of Isaac. The hunter, the hairy red one who made his living off the land. The Great Opponent of Jacob.
- Amalek - the first nation - The Amalekites. The great opponent of Israel.
- Doeg - the chief Edomite herdsman of Saul. The evil destroyer of the priests of Israel. The great opponent of David.
- Hadad - the great Edomite opponent of King Solomon.

- Haman - the conspiring descendant of Esau that sought to destroy the entire Jewish nation. The great opponent of Mordecai the Jew in the book of Esther.
- Herod the Great - the Edomite king of Israel (appointed by the Romans). The one who sought to kill the baby Christ. The great opponent of the Messiah.

The Flesh versus the Spirit

Sin must be taken away that Righteousness might be added

Why Does Moses Write Genesis the Way He Does?

- Jacob's journey to Canaan and settling in Hebron (Genesis 35)
- The lineage of Edom (Genesis 36)
- Joseph's preeminence foretold (Genesis 37)
- Joseph is betrayed by his brothers, sold by Judas for pieces of silver (Genesis 37)
- Judas's moral failure described (Genesis 38)
- Joseph's moral excellence described, his unjust suffering, and his subsequent exaltation to the right hand of majesty (Genesis 39-41)
- The sons of Israel recognize their need for what only Joseph can supply (Genesis 42)
- Joseph tries the sons of Israel to prove their hearts and if they have genuine sorrow for their past sins (Genesis 42-43)
- Judas's change of heart, and the proving of his inability to save (Genesis 43)
- Judas's repentance, bending, and acknowledgment of his need for mercy at the hand of Joseph - the conversion of Judas (Genesis 44)
- Joseph's revelation to the sons of Israel - the fulfillment of the mystery revealed that they might believe and rejoice (Genesis 45)
- Joseph's lavish salvation, protection, and provision unto Israel (Genesis 45-47)

The Mysterious Name - “Joseph”

Yowceph - Yo-safe

Indicates a double etymology - declaring two seemingly opposite things at once, that Jehovah removes from a man and that He also adds unto a man. But with the Key of Christ, this seeming contradictory name makes perfect sense in light of the Gospel.

It’s the idea of removal and adding

- Stripped from and Restored unto
- Taken from and Added to

It’s the idea of losing and yet gaining

- Loss that leads to Gain
- To Die is Gain

It’s the idea of exchanging out something bad for something good

- Death exchanged out for Life
- Imprisonment exchanged out for Freedom
- Darkness exchanged out for Light

Yowceph is Merely a Declaration of Good News

- He was emptied that he might be filled
- He was crucified that he might rise anew
- He was stripped of life that he might be born again

Yowceph is a Christophany

- Born of the second - Rachel - the loved - the Spirit
- The Beloved of the Father - clothed in the full rainbow, the coat of many colors
- The Better Man - promised to rule - preeminence foretold - every knee will bow

- Born of Israel - Rejected of his brethren - stripped - betrayed for silver into the hands of sinners

But Judas, being one of Jacob's sons also, seeing some Arabians, of the posterity of Ismael, carrying spices and Syrian wares out of the land of Gilead to the Egyptians, after Rubel was gone, advised his brethren to draw Joseph out of the pit, and sell him to the Arabians; for if he should die among strangers a great way off, they should be freed from this barbarous action. This, therefore, was resolved on; so they drew Joseph up out of the pit, and sold him to the merchants for twenty pounds.

Josephus's Antiquities - Volume 2, Section 3, Para 3

When Joseph's brethren had done thus to him, they considered what they should do to escape the suspicions of their father. Now they had taken away from Joseph the coat which he had on when he came to them at the time they let him down into the pit; so they thought proper to tear that coat to pieces, and to dip it into goats' blood, and then to carry it and show it to their father, that he might believe he was destroyed by wild beasts.

Josephus's Antiquities - Volume 2, Section 3, Para 4

- Turned over to the evils of the world
- Though tried, accused, mocked, and imprisoned, he is examined and found faultless
- From the lowest prison, exalted to the highest place
- Second only to Pharaoh - in the most powerful nation on earth
- A Remedy, an unexpected Mercy for the Nation of Israel - A Savior, able to supply the food that all need
- A picture of forgiveness and grace
- Every knee in Israel bows, and every knee in Egypt bows

Now after Egypt had happily passed over seven years, according to Joseph's interpretation of the dreams, the famine came upon them in the eighth year; and because this misfortune fell upon them when they had no sense of it beforehand, they were all sorely afflicted by it, and came running to the king's gates; and he called upon Joseph, who sold the corn to them, being become confessedly a savior to the whole multitude of the

Egyptians. Nor did he open this market of corn for the people of that country only, but strangers had liberty to buy also; Joseph being willing that all men, who are naturally akin to one another, should have assistance from those that lived in happiness.

Josephus's Antiquities - Volume 2, Section 6, Para 1

- An invitation to the Land of Goshen in the midst of an evil world marked by the destitutions of sin and famine

The Master of Dreams

Ba`al Chalowm - Bay-awl Ka-lome

And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

Genesis 37:19

Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

Genesis 37:20

And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison . . . And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.

And Joseph said unto them, **Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.**

Genesis 40:5,8

Psothom Phanech

The Revealer of Secrets

The Master of Dreams Has Come

Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he . . . And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

John 13:19; 14:29

The Revealer of Mysteries

- Why was Joseph hated and despised?
- Why was Joseph left in a pit?
- Why was Joseph sold into slavery?
- Why was Joseph's virtue rewarded with prison?

Why?

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Genesis 50:20

- The Mystery Hidden for ages and generations now revealed
- The worm and no man has become our savior
- For God so loved the world that He gave - that all nations may come and buy corn, that all tribes and tongues may come unto the Deliverer
- That it would be foretold ahead of time that we might believe

The Mystery Hidden

- The Baker (the offerer of self-effort) must be crucified

- The Butler (the giver of the blood) must be restored unto his position of filling the King's cup
- The Third Day Reveals - The Old Man is condemned and crucified, The New Man lives and is exalted to the Right Hand

The Baker (The Man of Many Impressive Recipes)

Adam, Cain, Ishmael, Esau, etc...

as also that **the chief baker was crucified on the very same day**; and that this also happened to him according to the interpretation of Joseph.

Josephus's Antiquities - Volume 2, Section 5, Para 4

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Romans 6:6

The Butler (The Blood Bearer - He who puts his confidence in the Offering of Purity)

Jesus, Abel, Isaac, Israel, etc.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth . . .

Philippians 2:5-10

Seven Mysteries

The Mystery - Part One

Why is the story of Joseph told?

It's to reveal the Messiah, Jesus Christ

The Mystery - Part Two

Why did Joseph dream dreams?

That we would know beforehand, that when it comes to pass, we might believe

The Mystery - Part Three

Why was Joseph given the many-colored coat?

To reveal his portrayal of the Messiah - the one clothed in a rainbow, stripped of his grand clothing, become a worm and no man, in order that he might become the savior of his people, and all who would come unto him for salvation in time of drought

As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Ezekiel 1:28

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Revelation 4:3

The Mystery - Part Four

Why must Joseph suffer?

That He would reveal the mystery of godliness -that out of death comes forth life

The Mystery - Part Five

Why do the Baker and the Butler dream dreams?

That it would be revealed that on the Third Day (the King of King's new-birth day) the Baker bears the King's wrath, is condemned and crucified, and that the Butler lives, is released from his low estate, and has been exalted to the right hand of the highest, bearing the cup of grape-blood before His Majesty.

The Mystery - Part Six

Why is Joseph exalted to the right hand of the King?

That a picture of the authority of the coming Messiah would be foretold. That at His chariot's passing, it would be declared, "bend the knee!"

And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:43

The Mystery - Part Seven

Who is Judas?

He is the betrayer of kin, the forsaker of righteousness. He is that spot in Israel of moral impurity and betrayal of the Christ. He is the one convicted by Purity, broken with the grief of wrongdoing and over the weight of his blood-guilt - for he assumes that the one he betrayed is a dead man and that he is rightfully judged - But he is also the repentant and the one who becomes the chief, an advocate of that which is right and good.

But Judas, who had persuaded their father to send the lad from him, being otherwise also a very bold and active man, determined to hazard himself for the preservation of his brother.

Josephus's Antiquities - Volume 2, Section 6, Para 8

So Judas, being very willing to undergo any thing whatever for the deliverance of his brother, cast himself down at Joseph's feet, and earnestly labored to assuage and pacify his anger. All his brethren also fell down before him, weeping and delivering themselves up to destruction for the preservation of the life of Benjamin.

Josephus's Antiquities - Volume 2, Section 6, Para 8

The Mystery of Christ

He must suffer and die and then rise again

. . . and Joseph . . . gave them provision for **the way**.

Genesis 45:21

Even **the mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory . . .

Colossians 1:26-27