THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

STUDY 5

THE HIDDEN MYSTERY

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1. Did God repeatedly express his purpose to bless mankind through a coming deliverer? __YES__
   (Genesis 3:15; 22:18) For over ___4000___ years it was a mystery as to whom this deliverer would be.

2. It is promised that the ___seed___ of the woman shall ___bruise___ the serpent’s head. (Genesis 3:15)
   Over ___2000___ years rolled by with no evidence of fulfillment.

3. The promise made to Abraham was that his seed would bless ___ALL___ the families of the earth.
   Ishmael was the child of ___ABRAHAM___ and Hagar. (Genesis 16:3) The child of hope and promise was ___ISAAC___.
   Was the covenant God made with Abraham assured by an oath to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob and Israel? __YES__ (1 Chronicles 16:16, 17)

4. After the death of Jacob, the expectation of the 12 tribes of Israel was that they would possess ___CANAAN___ and rule and bless the ___WORLD___.
   The Egyptians held the Israelites as ___SLAVES___.

5. ___MOSES___ delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. Before Moses died, as God’s mouthpiece, he declared: “A ___PROPHET___ shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me.” (Deuteronomy 18:15) The one who actually led Israel into the promised land was ___JOSHUA___.

6. Joshua eventually ___DIED___. Israel reached the very zenith of their glory when ___DAVID___ and ___SOLOMON___ were kings.

7. At the time Jesus was born, ___ALL___ men were in expectation of the Messiah. (Luke 3:15) Israel had overtopped the types and prophecies which pointed to a work of ___SUFFERING___ and death as a ___RANSOM___ for sinners. (Heb. 9:11-20; 10:8-18)

The Old Testament prophets had testified beforehand the sufferings of ___CHRIST___ and the glory to follow.
   (1 Peter 1:11) Were the disciples of Jesus perplexed when he died? __YES__ The withered hopes of the disciples revived after the ___RESURRECTION___ of our Lord. (1 Peter 1:3) Jesus’ answer to the disciples question about the establishment of the kingdom was: “It is not for you to know the times and seasons which the ___FATHER___ hath put in his own power.” (Acts 1:6, 7)

8. Jesus principally taught about the kingdom in ___PARABLES___ and ___DARK___ sayings. The spirit of ___TRUTH___ guides one into all truth. (John 16:12, 13)

9. Did it take time after Pentecost for the disciples to get a clear understanding of the work being done? (Acts 11:9) __YES__ Are the words of the apostles inspired? (Matthew 16:19) __YES__ The bride of Christ is being selected from Jews and ___GENTILES___ (Acts 15:14-16) The tabernacle of David refers to the ___EARTHLY___ dominion.

10. ___PETER___ was sent to the first Gentile convert. (Acts 10:9-48) Later on, ___PAUL___ preached to many Gentiles. (Acts 9:15, 16) The promise to fleshly Israel will be fulfilled after the work of the ___GOSPEL___ age is completed. (Acts 15:16,17) Only the ___SAINTS___ have understood the great mystery. (Colossians 1:26, 27)

11. The mystery hidden from ages and from generations is “Christ in you, the hope of ___GLORY___.” (Colossians 1:27)

12. Consecrated believers are those who have made a covenant with God by ___SACRIFICE___ (Rom.12:1) Jesus was anointed with the holy Spirit at the time of his full ___CONSECRATION___ and baptism in water (Matthew 3:16, 17) The word ___Christ___ signifies ___ANointed___.
Consecrated believers have come in under this one ANOINTING of the Spirit. (1 John 2:27) Consecrated believers need men TEACHERS and pastors to teach them. (Ephesians 4:11-16) The fully consecrated of the Gospel age are anointed to become KINGS and PRIESTS. (2 Corinthians 1:21; Revelation 1:6) Who is the chief or Lord of the anointed class? JESUS

13. The anointed body of Christ is made up of 144,000 members. (Revelation 14:1) Are all the members of the human body important? YES (1 Corinthians 12:21, 22) In one illustration, Jesus is pictured as the Bridegroom united with his BRIDE (his body members). (Ephesians 5:25-30) The Christ (Head and body members) is the spiritual seed of ABRAHAM. (Gen. 22:15-18; Gal. 3:16, 29)

14. Jesus is also illustrated as being the true VINE and the fully consecrated are pictured as the BRANCHES. (John 15:5) Who has the pre-eminence in all things? JESUS (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18)

15. Does the figure of a pyramid illustrate the oneness of the Christ? YES

16. The top-stone of a pyramid is a perfect PYRAMID of itself.

17. The Chief corner stone is JESUS. (Isaiah 28:16) The living stones are the royal PRIESTHOOD. (1 Peter 2:4-6)

18. Many blows and much polishing are necessary for the living stones in order not to have any cross grained WILL of our own. God resists the proud but gives grace to the HUMBLE. (1 Peter 5:5) Those who have humbled themselves will be EXALTED in due time. (1 Peter 5:6) Our REDEEMER humbled himself and became obedient unto death. (Philippians 2:8, 9)

19. The PROPHETS proclaimed the grace that was to come unto the anointed class. (1 Peter 1:10) The NARROW way is the way in which those accepting the high calling walk in. (Matt. 7:14) The waiting consecrated disciples of Jesus were begotten of the spirit to the divine nature at PENTECOST. (Acts 2:1) The natural man can't understand the things which God has prepared for those who love him supremely because these things are SPIRITUALLY discerned. (1 Cor. 2:6-14)

20. The Law Covenant did not interfere with the original COVENANT. (Galatians 3:17) The Law was added until the promised SEED should come. Primarily the spiritual seed of Abraham is CHRIST the Head. (Galatians 3:16) The fully consecrated of this Gospel age are body members of the spiritual seed of ABRAHAM. (Galatians 3:29) Abraham was typical of the heavenly FATHER. Sarah was typical of the Grace COVENANT. Isaac was typical of the CHRIST (Head and body members). (Galatians 4:22-28; Galatians 3:16, 29)

21. Had men known this mystery, they would not have crucified our REDEEMER. (1 Corinthians 2:8) If the mystery were known, would the fully consecrated be persecuted? NO

22. The course in which the fully consecrated are called to walk causes them to be spoken of as a "PECUARIAL people". (Titus 2:14) Jesus might have been very popular with the scribes and Pharisees if he had turned his attention to POLITICS, MERCHANDISE, and POPULAR religion.

23. The apostles left their business prospects to preach CHRIST. All who follow the Master are counted Fools for Christ's sake.

24. The dawn of the Millennial day is bringing LIGHT. All mankind will eventually come to an accurate knowledge of the TRUTH. (1 Timothy 2:3, 4) The body members of Christ will be a part of the Sun of RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Matthew 13:43) Those who suffer with Christ are promised to REIGN with him. (Romans 8:17; 2 Timothy 2:11, 12; Colossians 3:4)

25. Are the promises to the fully consecrated visionary to all others not consecrated? YES During the earthly phase of the kingdom (Mediatorial phase), the holy Spirit will be poured out upon ALL flesh. (Joel 2:28) Eventually, all mankind will rejoice when the full union of the Bridegroom to his BRIDE takes place. (Rev. 19:6, 7) The world of mankind will become PERFECT human beings if obedient. (Isaiah 35:8-10)

26. Will the world come to see that the fully consecrated were not foolish in following Christ after they learn that the church is complete? YES

27. During the sounding of the seventh symbolic TRUMPET, the mystery of God will be finished. (Revelation 10:7) The two senses in which the word mystery is used are the secret features of God's PLAN, and the mystery of God, the CHURCH. The plan will cease to be a mystery because there will be no further OBJECT in perpetuating its secrecy. After the bride of Christ is complete, the world will experience showers of BLESSINGS. (Revelation 22:17) The groaning creation is waiting for the manifestation of the SONS of God. (Romans 8:19, 21, 22)