

God's Mysteries, Revealed

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 66

Ephesians 3:6

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For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you, the Gentiles –² assuming that¹ you heard of the stewardship,² which is³ the grace of God given to me for you,³ that by revelation the mystery was made known to me (just as I wrote before in brief),⁴ respecting⁴ which you are able, while reading, to perceive my comprehension in

the mystery of Christ,⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as now it has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit,⁶ that the Gentiles are⁵ co-inheritors and co-body-members and co-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good news,... (Eph. 3:1-6 *DJP*)

Introduction:

I. What Any OT Believer _____

A. Israel's Uniqueness (Exodus ____:3b-6)

B. Gentiles In the _____ (Exodus ____:43-45, 47-49)

C. Gentiles in the _____ (Isaiah 2:1-3)

II. What _____ Now _____

A. Mysteries Relating to the _____ (Matthew 13)

1. Background: Matthew ____
 - a. A bunch of clashes with the Pharisees, who decide they need “to destroy him” (v. 14)
 - b. Jesus casts out a demon – and Pharisee “geniuses” say it is by Beelzebul (v. 24)
 - c. Jesus identifies this as the unpardonable sin, and tears into them (vv. 25-37)
 - d. Then *four times* he condemns *this generation* (vv. 39, 41-42, 45)
 - e. After that, a lot shifts, of which first is...
2. Foreground: Matthew ____

B. Mysteries Relating to the _____

1. That Israel's hardening will last until the _____ of the _____ age (Romans ____:25)

¹ Literally *if, surely*; or *if indeed*.

² Or *administration*.

³ Literally *of*.

⁴ Or *in accord with* (referring back to what he'd written previously).

⁵ Literally *the Gentiles to be*; but giving content of *the mystery* (v. 4), not purpose.

2. The _____ (1 Corinthians _____, especially vv. 1, 7)

3. The _____ (1 Corinthians _____:50-53)

4. Jews and Gentiles are _____ in _____ (Ephesians _____:3-6, 9; _____:19-20)
 - a. Complete reversal; remember 2:11-12

 - b. Specifics (v. 6)
 - i. *Co-inheritors* (cf. 1:11, 14, 18)

 - ii. *Co-body-members*
 Ephesians 4:1, 15-16; 5:30
 Romans 12:4
 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

 - iii. *Co-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good news*
 Acts 1:4; 2:33
 Galatians 3:14
 Ephesians 1:13

5. The Church is the _____ of Christ (Ephesians _____:32)

6. That Christ _____ each believer, Jew and Gentile alike (Col. _____:26-27; _____:3)