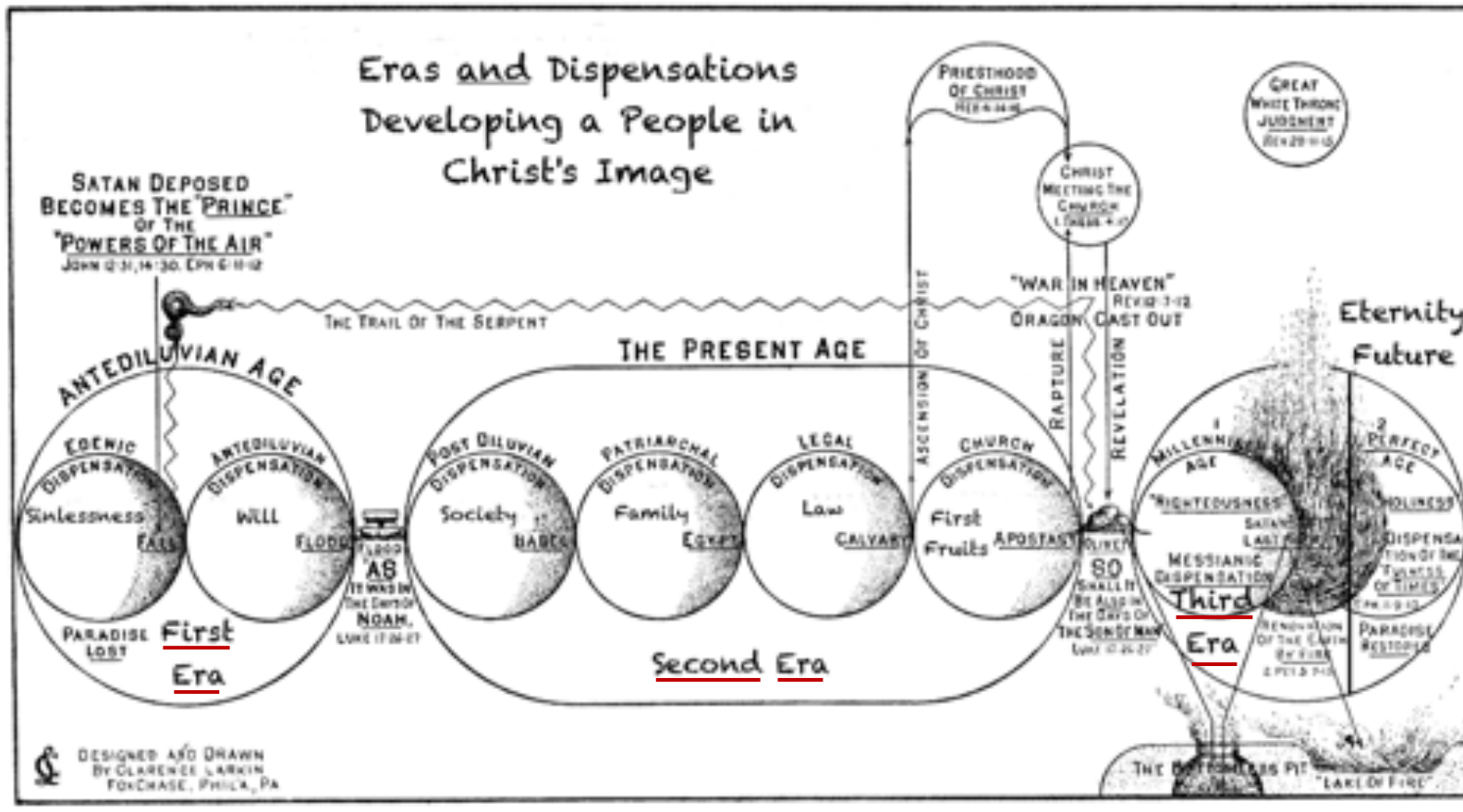


REVELATION 03 - THE *MYSTERY* PERSPECTIVE

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PROLOGUE-ERAS AND DISPENSATIONS: NAMES REFINED



PROLOGUE–HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES DEFINE THE REVELATION

- Understanding Christ's Revelation to John (and us) requires the *New Covenant* Believer to view this Scripture through these these various perspectives
 - Father has spent the time since Christ's Ascension determining when Man deserves judgment which culminates in Revelation's Cataclysm while preparing for Third Era
 - Christ challenging Man (Satan) as gods like His Challenges to Pharaoh as god-king and the people as his followers {Three sets of Three}
 - Christ said these challenges would come upon those who disbelieved; Jews who felt and saw these *afflictions*, they would repent: Comes on Gentiles also (De 29:10-30:8; Ze 12:10)
 - Revelation prologue establishes Christ as High Priest and the churches as His current people being judged as He judged the Jews; then begins His work judging Sinners while preparing for Third Era through Egyptian-Daniel's, Historical-Biblical motifs (Ro 11:11-36)

LAW OF IDENTITY: REVELATION – APOCALYPSE

- Error and confusion arises when terms are **not** defined: Example-Dispensation
 - Greek {οἰκονομία, oikonomia}: *To put in order* (Ep 1:10 KJV)
 - Eschatological view *puts the Bible in order* to better understand God in History
 - Follows Christ's example: Order out of chaos {Creation} (Ge 1; Jn 1:1-18; Col 1:15-20)
- Revelation follows Hebrew tradition of subsuming its name from its first major word: English: {Revelation} or Greek: {ἀποκάλυψις, apokalypsis}
 - *Uncover* or *reveal*: καλύπτω-cover or hide and ἀπο-from or away from
 - What is subsumed is that there is something that is covered or hidden that needs to be revealed; Revelation means to reveal Christ; answer the question of His Coming

LAW OF IDENTITY: SECRET – ENCRYPT

- Revelation implies something is hidden or secret {ἀποκρύπτω, apokrypto}: from which we derive the English *crypto* (1Co 2:7-14)
 - Ways and Mind of God are **unknowable** to the Fleshly Man (Ge 2:7, 19; Ec 8:16-17; Is 55:8-9)
 - Fleshly-Sinful mind suppresses God's Truth; **ALL** people without excuse knowing God (Ro 1:18-28; 1Co 2:6-9)
- God could not make Man as Himself: Christ only *monogenesis*; from God (Jn 1:14)
 - Man declined to submit to God seeking *knowing* apart from God {Independence: Rebellion} (1Ti 2:14)
 - New Covenant only possible by sinless sacrifice for sin yet man cannot decrypt the Gospel {Example: Son of Man to defeat sin; Eve raised Cain to be that god-man not understanding that sinful Man cannot be the sacrifice: Only God-Man the Sacrifice} (Ge 3:14-15; 4:3-8; 22:7-8; Jn 3:15-21; He 2:14-18)

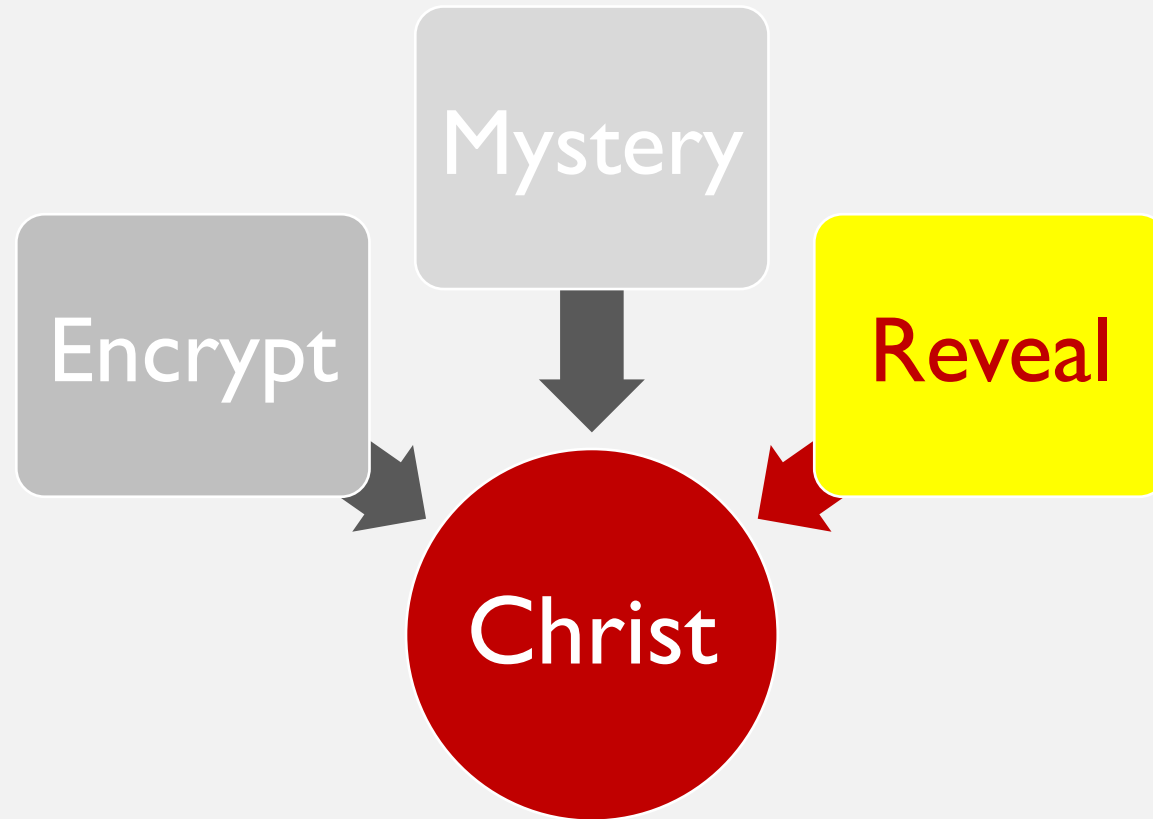
LAW OF IDENTITY: MYSTERY

- Mystery {μυστήριον, *mysterion*}: God's ways inscrutable or unknowable to *natural man*; it is **foolishness** to the *natural mind* (1Co 1:18-25; Col 1:24-28)
 - Thus, Christ uses their *wisdom* against them while clarifying to the *simple* (Mt 13:34-35; 1Co 1:26-29)
 - Lost seek to pry *secrets* from God via rituals without New Nature: Works-Fails
- God slowly reveals His thoughts via Law & Prophets teaching Man he needs God's grace; i.e., *humility* (Is 6:9; Mt 5:2-12; He 1:1)
 - Hearing God's word(s) without *changed heart* does not reveal Truth; needs a cypher key to *decipher* God's plan (1Sa :10:9; Is 6:8-10; Ro 11:7-8)
 - God provides The Key to decrypt this Foundational Mystery of the Bible: Christ in You the Hope of Glory (Ep 1:7-10)

ONE MAJOR MYSTERY: CHRIST AS SACRIFICE & PRIEST

- Christ is the great foundational mystery of the Bible, of this Creation
(Ps 89:19-29; Ep 1:3-14; 1Ti 3:14-16)
 - Satan-Lost only understand Control; cannot conceive God humbling Himself to die for lesser beings (Ro 5:6-8)
 - Christ's sacrifice *purchased* salvation; first fruit of indwelling Spirit *decrypts* Word for believers to understand (Jn 14:15-17, 22-26; Ro 5:6-11; 8:23-27)
 - At salvation you receive the *decryption key*, indwelling Spirit, metaphor of *scales falling from one's eyes* whereby we call out, "Abba or Daddy!" (Ac 9:1-18; Ro 8:14-17; 2Co 5:17)
- Purpose of Revelation: Decrypt, reveal, mystery of Christ to World-Satan who mass against Him at His return closing this Second Era (Re 10:7)

PURPOSE OF REVELATION {BIBLE}:
REVEAL GOD'S SALVATION IN CHRIST



SATAN HAS A MYSTERY: LAWLESSNESS – REBELLION

- Satan hides himself from the Lost
 - Satan *plays* to our flesh which actively rejects God's *knowing* (Ge 3:1-5; 1Jo 2:15-17)
 - Satan actively supports the Lost keeping the Gospel *hidden*, a mystery (2Co 4:3-4)
 - Satan always working to bring events to his Great Tribulation to ruin Christ's *Millennial Kingdom*; visible manifestation: Third Era (1st-Ge 3:5; 2nd-2Th 2:3-12; 3rd-Re 20:1-10)
- Revelation *reveals*:
 - Church at work in World with only a remnant remaining faithful in humility (Ep 3:1-6)
 - Satan-Lost resisting the irresistible plan of Father in Christ: Know God exists (Re 6:15-17)
 - Christ achieves Father's goal: People in His image through Christ – *New Jerusalem* (Re 21-22)