

The Mystery Revealed!

Scripture Handout for October 11, 2026 - Sunday Night Sharing

Colossians 2:1-3 ^{JTAE/WT}

¹ As a matter of fact, I want you to know how greatly I contend for you and *for* them at Laodicea and *for* whoever has not seen my face in the flesh,

² so that their hearts may be encouraged, united in love, even unto all riches of the complete certainty of understanding, unto the knowledge [*acknowledgment*] of the mystery of God concerning Christ,

³ in which all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

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This “mystery of God concerning Christ” is also referred to as:

“the mystery of God concerning Christ” - (Colossians 2:2 ^{JTAE/WT})

“the mystery of God, namely, Christ” - (Colossians 2:2 ^{NIV})

“the mystery of Christ” - (Colossians 4:3 ^{VARIOUS})

“the mystery pertaining to the Christ” - (Ephesians 3:4 ^{JTAE/WT})

“the mystery of His [God’s] will” - (Ephesians 1:9 ^{VARIOUS})

“the mystery of [pertaining to] the Gospel” - (Ephesians 6:19 ^{VARIOUS})

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Mystery: *Greek (mustērion) = a secret, a hidden thing*

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“mustērion” is used in the Scriptures to refer to different mysteries, secrets, or hidden things.

The context of the Scriptures should be considered to determine what is being referred to.

For example:

Luke 8:10 ^{KJV}

¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the **mysteries** (*mustēria*) of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

I Corinthians 15:51^{KJV}

⁵¹ Behold, I show you a **mystery** (*mustērion*); We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

II Thessalonians 2:7^{KJV}

⁷ For the **mystery** (*mustērion*) of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

Revelation 1:20^{KJV}

²⁰ The **mystery** (*mustērion*) of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Regarding the “Mystery of God concerning Christ”:

Romans 1:1-6^{JTAE/WT}

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, a called apostle, separated unto the gospel of God
² (which He [God] previously promised by His prophets in the holy Scriptures)
³ concerning His Son, who came from the seed of David according to the flesh
⁴ *and* who was marked out as the Son of God with power according to the Spirit, Who is Holiness [*Sanctification*], by the resurrection of the dead, *namely*, of Jesus Christ our Lord.
⁵ By him we received grace and apostleship for obedience of believing concerning his name among all the Gentile nations,
⁶ among whom are you also the called in Jesus Christ.

References listed for your personal study:

Isaiah 52 and 53

Joel 2

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 3:24-26

Galatians 3:8-14

I Peter 1:9-12

Isaiah 53:4-5 ^{NASB}

⁴ However, *it was* our sicknesses *that* He Himself bore, And our pains *that* He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated.

⁵ But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being *was laid* upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:7-8 ^{KJV}

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isaiah 53:11 ^{KJV}

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Joel 2:28-29 ^{KJV}

²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

²⁹ And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Ezekiel 37:12-14 ^{KJV}

¹² Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

¹³ And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

Romans 16:25-26 ^{ESV}

²⁵ Now to him [*God*] who is able to strengthen you according to my [*Paul's*] gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith

I Corinthians 2:6-10 ^{JTAE/WT}

⁶ Now we do speak wisdom among the mature *ones*, but not the wisdom of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are being made inactive.

⁷ However, we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom* that God determined before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age had known it, for if they had known *it*, *then* they would not have crucified the lord of glory.

⁹ Even so it has been written: *Isaiah 64:4*: "Eye has not seen and ear has not heard and it has not entered into the heart of mankind what God has prepared for those who love Him."

¹⁰ However, God has revealed *those things* to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the deep things of God.

Ephesians 3:1-11 ^{JTAE/WT}

¹ For this reason, I Paul *am* the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you, the Gentiles.

² If in fact you have heard about the administration of the grace of God that was given to me for you

³ (namely that by revelation the mystery was made known to me even as I briefly wrote previously),

⁴ *then* you are able by reading to grasp my understanding in the mystery pertaining to the Christ.

⁵ In other generations, it was not made known to the sons of men as it has now been revealed to his holy [*sanctified*] apostles and prophets by the Spirit,

⁶ namely, that the Gentiles should be joint heirs and joint members of the same body and joint partakers of the promise [what was promised] in Christ Jesus by the gospel.

⁷ Of this *mystery*, I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God that was given to me according to the working of His power.

⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all holy [*sanctified*] ones, was this grace given to proclaim the gospel regarding the untraceable riches of Christ to the Gentiles

⁹ and to enlighten all *people regarding* what *is* the administration of the mystery (which has been hidden from the ages in God, Who created all *things*)

¹⁰ so that through the Church the multifarious wisdom of God could now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly *realm*

¹¹ in accordance with the purpose of the ages, which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 1:7-10 JTAE/WT

⁷ In him [*the beloved one*] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of trespasses according to the riches of His grace [*favor*],

⁸ which He caused to abound unto us. With all wisdom and prudence,

⁹ He has made known to us the mystery of His will in accordance with His good pleasure, which He Himself purposed in him [Christ],

¹⁰ so that in the administration of the fullness of the times He might bring all things together under one head in the Christ, *that is*, the *things* in heaven and the *things* upon the earth in him [*the Christ*].

Colossians 1:24-29 JTAE/WT

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I supplement the afflictions of Christ by my flesh for the sake of his body, which is the Church,

²⁵ of which I was made a minister according to the administration of God that was given to me for you in order to fulfill the Word of God,

²⁶ *namely*, the mystery that had been hidden from the ages and from the generations. However, in the present times, it was made manifest to His holy [sanctified] ones,

²⁷ to whom God desired to make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

²⁸ whom we preach, admonishing every person and teaching every person in all wisdom so that we may present every person mature in Christ.

Ephesians 1:16-2:1 JTAE/WT

¹⁶ I do not cease giving thanks for you, making mention in my prayers

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge [*acknowledgment*] of Him.

¹⁸ *In other words*, that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you know what is the hope of His calling, what *is* the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the holy [*sanctified*] ones,

¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe. *That power is* according to the working of the strength of His ability,

²⁰ which He energized in the Christ when He raised him from the dead and caused him to sit at His right *side* in the heavenly *realm*

²¹ far above every ruler and authority and power and lordship, even every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the coming *age*.

²² He put all *things* in subjection under his feet and made him head over all *things* in the Church,

²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all *things* in all *people*,

^{2:1} even you, who had been dead in your trespasses and sins.

The following versions or translations of the Bible are referred to in this Scripture Handout by these abbreviations:

ESV: The English Standard Version

JTAE/WT: A Journey Through the Acts and Epistles: A Working Translation by Walter J. Cummins

KJV: The Authorized King James Version of the Bible

NASB: New American Standard Bible