

# REVELATION of the MYSTERY Response to God

"...having made known to us the **mystery** of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that **in the dispensation of the fullness of the times** He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him."  
-Ephesians 1:9-10

who was made in God's similitude. After they sinned, spiritual death came to Adam and Eve and they were **separated** from the presence of God. The Apostle Paul recorded, "Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus **death spread to all men, because all sinned.**" -Romans 5:12 He also said, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". -Romans 3:23 Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived also recognized this when he said, "Truly, this only have I found: That **God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes**" -Ecclesiastes 7:29 God was concerned with man's sins so He sacrificed an innocent animal for the temporary and symbolic covering of their sins. "For Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them." -Genesis 3:21 Each of us has to answer to God for the sins we have voluntarily committed. **Have you considered what your answer will be?** God has provided a 'Covering' for our sins in Jesus. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." -Ephesians 1:7

4004 BC



## Adam & Sin



## Noah & Salvation



2348 BC

## Abraham & Faith



1921 BC

## Moses & Law



1491 BC



After 430 years God brought Israel out of Egyptian bondage to give them the land of Canaan (Promised land). He made a special covenant with them. **"The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive."** -Deuteronomy 5:3 God gave them the 10 commandments and a covenant to keep as well as the Priesthood. He taught them an elaborate system of sacrifice and worship. **God held "Mysteries" (Hidden truths) in the Tabernacle worship and sacrifices that He would later unveil through "Revelation" in the New Testament Scriptures.** Jesus was later sacrificed as the symbolic "Passover Lamb" which was for the payment of sins for all Jewish citizens every year. "Jesus Christ, whom God set forth to be a propitiation (Payment) by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be the just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." -Romans 3:24-26 **Jesus also became the High Priest** who would go into the presence of God through the veil to be the payment for the sins of people from all nations (Gentiles). **We can now be in a covenant (Agreement) with God through Christ.** "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second ... In that He says, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete." -Hebrews 8:7,13

"For the **earnest expectation** of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God.** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope..."  
-Romans 8:19-20

It was not long after the flood that mankind began to disobey God again. The earth was being replenished and Nations were forming. Worship of idols (False gods and carved images) was common-place. God wanted to have one nation that He would call His own. **Through this nation (Israel) He would bring Jesus to the earth.** God chose Abram (Later to be changed to 'Abraham') to start this nation. "Now the Lord had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. **I will make you a great nation;** I will bless you.' " -Genesis 12:1-2 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." -Hebrews 11:8-10 God made **three promises** to Abraham: **1. A Promised Son,** **2. The son would become a Nation (Israel),** and **3. that He would give them a Promised Land.** God tested Abraham to see if he loved his son Isaac more than he loved God. In this test we see another mystery (Hidden truth) about the sacrifice Jesus would later become. "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, 'In Isaac your seed shall be called,' **concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.**" -Hebrews 11:17-19 Passing the test, Abraham became the **'Father of the faithful'**. The fulfillment of **these promises are seen in Jesus: 1. The Promised Son,** **2. The Church** (A Spiritual Nation made of all nations), and **3. Heaven** (The Promised Inheritance).

Within 1,500 years mankind had become very sinful. "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." -Genesis 6:5 "So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth ... for I am sorry that I have made them.'" -v6:7 **"Noah found grace** in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was a just man, blameless in his generations." -v6:8-9 The 'Revealing' in the New Testament tells us what God was preparing for us; "When once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. **There is also an antitype which now saves us -baptism.**" -1 Peter 3:20-21 "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of the things not yet seen, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became the **heir of righteousness which is according to faith.**" -Hebrews 11:7 Three mysteries are revealed in this Old Testament event; **judgment, salvation, and washing of sins.** "For this they willfully forget: that by the Word of God, the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth that now exist are kept in store by the same word, reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." -2 Peter 3:5-7 Jesus said, "As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be", and "They did not know until the flood came and took them all away." -Matthew 24:37-39 **God has given us a divine warning of the judgment of fire coming. Have you prepared your soul by getting into the church?**

"...of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints...**"  
-Colossians 1:25-26

