

Study Outlines for Mysteries of the Kingdom

A. The Kingdom Truths

1. Mark 4:11-13 Hidden from outsiders
2. Matthew 13: 9-17 Reserved for the Seeing
3. Luke 8: 8-10 Reserved for the hearing
4. Mark 4: 22-25 All secrets to be revealed
5. 1 Cor 2:7 and 4: 1-2 We are to be stewards (keepers, guardians) of the mystery

B. Resurrection

1. 1 Cor 15: 51-52 – Being Changed from Mortal to Immortal
2. 1 Cor 15: 12-19 – The certainty of resurrection.
3. 1 Cor 15: 20-28 – Resurrections, the order of five
 - a. Christ v. 20
 - b. The saints in Jerusalem Matt. 27:52-53
 - c. The Firstfruits Company Rev 11:11-12
 - d. General resurrection Rev 20: 4 & 6
 - e. The Wicked Rev 20:5 and 11-15
4. John Chapter 11 – The Resurrection of Lazarus

C. The Mystery of Israel

1. New Testament words defined:
 - a) The true **Church** (1577) Ekklesia “called out”
 - b) **Elect** (1588) Eklektos “selected, chosen out, picked out”.
 - c) **Called** (2822) Kletos “invited”
 - d) Gen 12:1 **Abraham** is **called** out of country, kindred and father’s house.

e) Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:15 – Jesus, a type of **Israel** (as God’s son) was also **called** out of Egypt.

f) 2 Cor. 6:14-18 **Church** is called to **come out** from the world of darkness.

g) Rev 18:4 The **True Church** is called to **come out** of the harlot, false religion.

h) Matt 20:16 Many are **called** (2822) “Kletos” (or invited), but few are **chosen** (1588) (selected).

i) Matt 24: 21-24 “but for the **elect’s** sake (tribulation) shall be shortened.

2. Definition of **True Israel**

a. Galatians 3:14-16 and 27-29 - **True seed of Abraham, true Jew.**

b. Romans 4:13 The promise is through faith, not flesh.

c. Romans 9:6-8 **Not all Israel** is Israel

d. Romans 9:23-28 **Gentiles** are included

e. Romans 9:30-33 Those who sought by **faith**, not just by the law.

f. Romans 10:8-13 Those who **confess** by the mouth and **believe** in the heart.

g. Romans 11:3-8 There will be a **remnant** (few who see and hear).

h. Romans 11:17-21 The Gentiles **grafted in**, become partakers of the life.

i. Romans 11:25-29 “The fullness of the Gentiles” (the people in this world not of Jewish heritage) will come to its full (end) in choosing salvation and then the true Israel will be saved (being spiritually neither Jew nor Greek).

3. Revelation 7:1-8 Understanding the number **144,000** (12 x 12 =144, + 3 zeros=fullness Revelation 14:1-5. The true 144,000 defined. Not defiled by harlot (false) churches.

D. The Marriage Covenant – The True Church with Christ

1. Ephesians 5:22-32 God’s human standard for husbands and wives.

2. 2 Cor 11:2 and Hosea 2:19-20 Betrothed to Christ and God’s jealousy for His bride.

3 Rev 19:7 and 21:9 The Lamb’s (Christ’s) wife shown to be the true church.

4. Luke 14:15-24 Parable of the wedding feast. Other marriages kept some out.

5. Matt. 22:2-10+ Parable of the marriage of Christ. We are at the 3rd invitation.
6. Matthew 25:10 The door to the bridechamber is shut to some seeking too late.
- 7 Genesis 24 See the search for a bride for the son (type of Christ) and her response.

E. The Mystery of the 7 Stars and the 7 Lamps

1. Revelation 1:12-20 The vision and the interpretation.
2. Zechariah 4 – Seven lamps fed by oil (the life of the Spirit) from living trees (fresh oil). This speaks of the anointed “**Two Witness Company**” – The **Spirit** and the **Word**, not just two individuals but a company of anointed ones.
3. Revelation 11:3-4 The entire chapter is an end-time picture of the “two witnesses company”. This will be the same as the 144,000 company, the manchild (Rev 12:5) company, the overcomers, the Gideon 300 company, sons of God and other names.

F. The Mystery of the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times

1. Gal 4:4 Fullness of time – God sent His Son.
2. Eph 1:9-10 Fullness of times - All to be made **one in Christ**
3. Eph 3:2-6 Natural born Gentiles are to be included.
4. Eph 3:9-10 The church will teach the devil’s kingdom (principalities and powers) a lesson and they will be subdued.
5. John 9:4 The coming of the night.
6. Isaiah 60:1-3 A light in the time of coming great darkness.
7. Romans 8:18-19 The light in the sons of God
8. Rev 10:4-7 The end of time; no more delay.
9. Rev 9:13-15 Release of the fallen angels from the Euphrates (the seat of Islam).
10. Jude v. 13 The restless (and rioting) waves of unredeemed humanity.
11. Luke 21:25-26 Another end time picture of the restless and foaming waves of the sea of unredeemed humanity. The “sea” means unsaved humanity in scripture.
- 12 Fullness of God’s cup of judgment: Ps 75:8, Rev 11:15, 12:10, 14:18, 17:14

G. God Creates Timekeeping in the Midst of Eternity

1. Gen. 1:4-9 On the 4th day God created the lights in the sky to mark the passing of days, seasons, years, and for signs. Gen 1:31 shows the sunset as mark of the beginning of a new day. Gen 2:1-3 shows the seventh day as the ending of a week.

2. 2 Peter 3:8-10 and Rev 20:4-7 show that God has a **grand 7 millennium** (1000 year) **calendar**. We have now finished the 6th and are beginning the 7th millennium of rest, known also as “the day of the Lord”.

3. Lev 25:10 also shows that God has another calendar within the grand calendar, a **Jubilee** ($7 \times 7 + 1 = 50$) **calendar** timekeeping. Moses given the law on Sinai on the 50th Jubilee. Now the 120th (a combination of three 40s (fullness of tribulation)) Jubilee.

4. Daniel 9:24-27 God’s **70 week** (of weeks) **calendar**. 70×7 years = **490 years**. Starts in 457 BC and stops at 26 AD (after 383 years, the beginning of Christ’s ministry). Christ then began the last (70th) week and was cut off midway through the week. The clock stopped, leaving $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years (at the end time) for the sons of God to finish.

5. Other witnesses of the **$3 \frac{1}{2}$** , (not 7 years taught by the main churches) **years** to be finished in tribulation on the earth.

a. Daniel 7:25 “a time and times and the dividing of time”.

b. Daniel 12:1 and 6-7 “time, times and a half”

c. Rev 11:3 “a thousand, two-hundred and threescore (60) days”

d. Rev 12:5-6 “a thousand, two-hundred and threescore days” also v.14 “a time and times and half a time”

e. Malachi 4:5 Elijah must come. Luke 4:25 Tribulation in Elijah’s days of three years and six months. James 5:17 again mentions Elijah’s three years and six months, the last half of the 70th week.

6. God’s multiple **40 year (or days) Tribulation Calendars**.

a. Gen 7:12 and 17 Noah’s flood – 40 days of rain.

b. Matt 24:37, Luke 17:26 “As in the days of Noah”

c. Gen 6:3 God gave Noah 120 years to build the ark. ($40 \times 3 = 120$)

d. Exodus 24:18; 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9: Moses’ 40 day fast on Mt Sinai

- e. Moses' life (120 years) was actually divided into three 40 year phases. See Acts 7:23; Acts 7:30; and Exodus 7:7. Moses died at 120 years (Deut. 34:7).
- f. Exodus 14:31-34; Numbers 32:13 Israel sentenced to 40 years wandering; actually shortened to 38 years (Deut 2:14), as credit was given to the 2 years already served in the wilderness at the time of the 40 year sentence..
- g. 1 Samuel 17:16 Goliath threatens Israel for 40 days.
- h. Judges 13:1 Israel under the Philistines for 40 years, deliverance from Samson.
- i. 1 Sam 4:18 Death of Eli after 40 years and capture of the ark by the Philistines.
- j. 1 Kings 19:8 Elijah went 40 days and nights after eating the angel's food.
- k. Jesus fasted 40 days and nights before beginning his ministry. Matt 4:1-11.
- l. Acts 1:15 120 were gathered (40x3) in the upper room

7. **Midnight** – Spiritually this refers to the darkest hour. It is after this point that the dawn of light begins to be manifest. Examples of midnight in scripture as follows:

- a. Exodus 12:12, 23, 29. The full impact of the 10th and final plague happened at **midnight**. This was the final judgment on Egypt (the kingdom of this world). Note that the 9th plague was total darkness and it came on without warning. It was Egypt's last warning. God's people were protected from the destroyer by applying the blood to their house doors.
- b. Judges 16:1-3 Samson, a man called of God was found sleeping in a harlot's house until **midnight**. He barely escaped destruction and his death.
- c. Ruth 3:6-9 – Ruth (a type of the bride of Christ) obeyed her older mother and went to the thrashing floor and laid at the feet of Boaz (a type of Christ our redeemer). At **midnight** he was stirred awake and ended up taking Ruth as his wife.
- d. Judges 7:19 (Read all of chapters 6 & 7). It was at the **beginning of the middle watch** (v. 19) that Gideon and his army of 300 overcomers went into the Midianite camp and won the victory from over 135,000 enemy's men.
- e. Acts 16:25 It was at **midnight** in a Philippian jail that Paul and Silas decided to praise the Lord in their dire circumstances and the place was shaken, such that it ended in their release.

f. Matthew 25:6 It was at **midnight** that the wise virgins (the true and overcoming church) heard the cry of the bridegroom (Christ) is coming. They prepared themselves and were able to enter in to a place of intimacy with Christ and then the door was shut.

8. The Meaning of **Night** vs. Day

a. Luke 17:34 “in that **night** there will be two men in one bed;”

b. John 9:4 “the **night** cometh, when no man can work”

c. John 1: 5 & 9 Jesus, the true **light**.

d. Exodus 10:21 the 9th plague of **darkness**.

e. Rev 16:10 The fifth vial poured out on the seat of the beast and his kingdom is full of **darkness**.

f. Romans 13:11-14 “The **night** is far spent, the day is at hand” (Eph. 5:8-14)

g. 2 Peter 3:10 “the **day** of the Lord” (a season of time, not 24 hours) Elements melt with fervent heat...works burned.

h. Joel 2: 1-3, 10-11, 30-31 “The great and terrible **day of the Lord**”

i. Isaiah 60:1-2 “**gross darkness**”

j. 1 Thess. 5:2-11 “**day** of the Lord comes as a thief in the **night**.”

H. Mystery Babylon’s Fullness of Time

1. Rev 18:1-4. The time for her (the **great harlot**) fall: V.10 in **one hour**.

2. Rev 17:6 **Drunk** with the **blood** of martyrs; 18:24 and the blood of prophets & saints; 18:13 slaves and the souls of men. The Roman Catholic Church have shed more innocent blood than any of the despot rulers of the last 2000 years. Read Martyr’s Mirror.

3. Rev 18:9; 17:2-3; 17:7-18 She controls the **political** systems of this world. The kings and politicians have been in her bed with her, trading favors.

4. Rev 18:11-19 She controls the **economic** systems.

5. Rev 17:1; 18:4; 18:22-24 She is a **religious** system.

6 Rev 18:3 All nations have drunk the **wine of her fornication**. Characteristics of the **wine** include (a) Taste, (b) Aroma, (c) Intoxication, (her doctrines intoxicate her adherents), (d) gives a false sense of well being, (e) loss of inhibitions: include emotions including anger and violence inciting murder, and sexual arousal/yielding, (f) irresponsibility and (g) getting high. All very similar to marijuana and other drugs. This particular wine happens to be a spiritual drink that has similar results and addictions.

I. History and Traits of the Mystery Babylon Religion

1. Gen 10:8-10 It began with **Nimrod**, son of Cush, son of Ham, the 3rd son of Noah. Gen 11:1-9 His city and tower was **Babel**, a rebellion against God which was brought short by God in confounding their languages and scattering them across the earth.
2. The practice of **PRIESTCRAFT** (this includes the clergy systems of nearly all churches). God's plan for the church is the **priesthood of all believers**, the equal oversight over the church by **elders** and fivefold ministry. See 1 Peter 2:5, Heb 8:1-6, Acts 20:17, 28-29.
 - a. A priest is a **mediator** between man and God. Jesus Christ is now the only mediator we have. Hebrews 8:6, 9:15, 10:19-24, 1 Timothy 2:5. Babylon religion requires confessional and this man claims to be able to grant forgiveness of sin.
 - b. Babylon's priests claim to have power to change bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ, contrary to Heb 9:24-28, 10:10-14. This is called the celebration of mass.
 - c. She claims to be the only ones with the right or power to interpret scripture (twisting the meaning of what we have given in the above references).
 - d. For this reason, for nearly 1500 years she kept the bible away from common men, making possession a crime punishable by death to own a bible or to translate it into the language of the common people. The invention of the printing press began to change all of this.
 - e. She takes dominion over the faith of men.
 - f. She established a Gentile type hierarchy (pyramid style) in the dominion over the church, contrary to Matthew 20:20-28 and in doing so practices **nicolaitane** works and doctrines (a system of separating clergy from laity ranking), which is condemned by Jesus in Rev 2: 6 & 15. Her men also take on titles that belong exclusively to the Lord: Matt. 23:6-12, (Protestant churches also do like their Babylonish mother harlot in this).

3. She worships the **Queen of Heaven** as a deity. **Mary's** name has been substituted for what was originally Semiramis (Rhea), the mother/wife of Nimrod of ancient Babel. See Jeremiah 44:16-19 and Rev 18:7. The idea of deifying Mary as a goddess was first suggested by the "Christian" representatives from Egypt at the Nicene Council 325 AD; she was to be the third person of the trinity. This goddess worship was being carried on by Israelites in Jeremiah's time (7th century BC). The Catholic Church now considers Mary to be a mediatrix equal to Jesus Christ. She is called the "Mother of God" and prayers to her are encouraged.

4. She also continues with the **child worship** practiced by ancient Israel (Ezekiel 8:14). The women were lamenting and weeping over the death of Tammuz (Bacchus – the lamented one), a carryover from the death of Nimrod. This is practiced today by the churches with the 40 days of **Lent** just preceding Easter. This child worship is also seen in **Christmas**. Scripture has carefully hidden the exact date of Christ's birth so that we would not celebrate it, but to celebrate his death and resurrection instead. Christmas is really the celebration of Nimrod's birth and has been practiced by the heathens for thousands of years.

5. She continues to celebrate the **feasts and holidays** (holy days) of ancient Babylon. **Easter** (as mentioned above) was also being practiced by the men in Ezekiel 8:16 where they turned their back to the Lord's temple and were worshiping the sun (Easter sunrise service practiced by the churches today). Jeremiah 10:2-5 even found God's people cutting "**Christmas**" trees, much as we do today. What I have given here is not even the tip of the iceberg insofar as our practices and celebrations.

6. She practices **Baptismal regeneration** and as an initiation rite, contrary to the scripture: Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3, Acts 13:24, Acts 2:38. Babies are incapable of repentance. This was the main issue that caused our spiritual fathers to give their life and shed their blood to the Roman Catholic harlot church.

7. She preaches salvation by **works**: Isaiah 57:12, Romans 4:6, Romans 9:31-32, Titus 3:5

8. She preaches the **lie of eternal security**. For the Catholic Church it is Purgatory, a place of temporary punishment after death from which you can eventually get "purged" from your sin (apparently the fire of hell fries the sin out of one), or your relatives can pay a priest to have you prayed out. For some evangelicals it is the Baptist doctrine of "once saved always saved". For others it is the false doctrine of "Ultimate Reconciliation" (that teaches that all men will ultimately be saved, regardless of how much they sin or how they live).

J. The Mystery of Iniquity- 2 Thess. 2:7-This is the only place in the Bible that this term is used. It is #458 in the Greek concordance and is defines as **lawlessness**, not subject to law, unlawful, wicked. My Webster's Dictionary adds: not restrained by law, unruly, licentious, Illegal, anarchy. This is a perfect definition for Satan or his human representative. This of course is the spirit that has been released in the world of our generation today.

1. Hislop (The Two Babylons) proves that the "Mystery of iniquity" has been embodied in the Church of Rome. This summarizes everything we have written in the above two sections. Historically, it was between AD 378 and 431 that the secret working of the Mystery of iniquity, having prepared the way, was publicly asserted in the Pope's claim to the pagan titles such as Sovereign Pontiff, keeper of Peter's keys and such.

2. A further look at the **man of sin** as described in 2 Thessalonians.

a. His nature is revealed in 2 Thess. 2: 2-12

b. I Tim 4:1-3 – Speaks of **seducing spirits** and **doctrines of devils**.

c. Daniel 7:25 Says he will "**wear out the saints** of the most High".

d. Daniel 8:23-25 Speaks of his policy of **cunning, deceit and prosperity**.

e. Daniel 11:32-36 describes a willful king who will prosper until the indignation is accomplished. However his end will come.

f. Revelation 13:16-18 clearly shows a beast of religion rising up out of the earth (carnal humanity), will assume control over buying and selling and cause to mark (666) those who will be under submission to his system.

g. 2 Thess 2:4 his **sitting in the temple** refers to being worshiped in the church. I Cor 3:16-17 clearly shows that the believing saints are the temple of God, both individually and corporately. Literal translation of v 7 indicates that he will come forth "out of the midst" (of the church).

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