

D2 Phase 5 — Part 1

Doctrinal Studies



The Seven Mysteries

Introduction, Ephesians 6:18

I. The Bible's definition of a mystery.

A. Not the **Catholic Definition** (Catholic Encyclopedia): Mystery – This term signifies in general that which is **unknowable**, or valuable knowledge that is **kept** secret.

B. **Biblical Definition:** Mystery – This term signifies hidden truth now **revealed**, Eph 3:4-5,9; Rom 16:25-26

C. The doctrine of a mystery was obtained by revelation of the Holy Spirit – not by use of human reason, 1 Cor 2:7-14

D. They are understood by simple faith – based on the right attitude of the heart, Matt 11:25, 13:15-17

II. The significance and importance of Bible mysteries.

A. These seven mysteries prevent false teachers from stealing sheep from Christ’s flock through false teaching or bad doctrine

B. Two types of heresy:

C. Cautions regarding this content: 2 Tim 2:2, Luke 2:18-19, 1 Cor 8:1; 13:2, Deut 29:29

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I. The mystery of godliness, 1 Timothy 3:16.

A. Most “religious” people do not believe that Jesus was God! (Jesus = God with skin on), Col 2:8-10

B. The mystery is how the God of this universe became human and experienced everything any other human would, Gen 22:1-5, Isa 9:6, Isa 7:14/Mat 1:22-23; Phil 2:5-8, Col 2:9, John, 1:1-2,14, 5:18; 2 Cor 5:21, Rom 5:18-19

C. Jesus was 100% God and 100% man – this clears-up confusing passages, John 14:28, Luke 2:52, Mark 13:32, Heb 5:7-9 (contrast Rom 11:34, 1 Cor 2:16), Heb 4:15, John 10:30,17:11, Rom 1:4, 1 Cor 15:13-22, Rev 1:18, Heb 7:25, John 2:18-21, Rom 10:9, 8:11

Satan’s attacks at all points

1. Mary’s trip to Bethlehem while pregnant
 2. Herod tried to kill him, Matt 2
 3. Temptation by the Devil in the wilderness, Luke 4, Matt 4
 4. Judas his betrayer was one of the 12
 5. The Scribes and Pharisees conspired to assassinate him
 6. Satan used Peter in Matt 16
 7. Satan was present all the way to the crucifixion
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II. The mystery of Christ and the Church, Eph 5:32-33; 3:10,21

The Wedding of the Lamb – Order of Service, 2 Cor 11:2-3, Mat 22:1-14, 25:1-13, Gen 24:61-67, Titus 2:13, Eph 5:26-27; Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10, 1 John 3:2-3, 1 Tim 4:12, Psalm 45:14-16, Rev 19:6-9, Eph 5:30-32, Rev 21:1-2,9-11

Song of Solomon – a love story between a king and his bride

- Ch 1 – the wedding day
 - Ch 2:8-13 – the rapture of the bride
 - Ch 3 – tribulation on earth
 - Ch 4:1-7 – the judgment seat of Christ
 - Ch 4:8-16 – the wedding night
 - Ch 5 – Israel on earth, church in heaven
 - Ch 6 – intimacies of the honeymoon
 - Ch 7 – aspects of the Second Coming
 - Ch 8 – the restoration of Israel
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III. The mystery of Christ in you, Col 1:26-27, 1 Cor 6:19-20, Isa 55:3; Acts 13:34, Luke 22:31-32, Col 2:10-13, 1 John 3:9, Eph 4:30, 1:12-14, John 14:16-18, 2 Cor 6:16, Eph 2:19-22, Rom 8:1, Phil 3:20-21, 1 John 3:2, Dan 9:24-27, Prov 9:1, Isa 11:2
