MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM.

Many of the prophesies of the old testament were not understood at the time of Christ on earth.

Dan.2,Records a vision of a great image which the king had and Daniels interpretation of that image being the different kingdoms from that present kingdom,until the Kingdom of God should be esusblished

Verses 36 to45 Relate Daniels interpretation,and verse 44 And in the days of these kings,shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom,that shall never be destroyed.Mt3,1-2 In those days came John the Baptist,preaching in the wilderness of Judea,And saying,Repent ye:for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.--Then when Jesus began His ministry,Mt.4,17 From that time Jesus began to preach,and to say,Repent;for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand, Jesus taught the people in parables,which represented the Kingdom in various ways,The disciples asked Him,Why speakest to the in parables?He answered and said,Unto you it is given to Know the mysteries of the Kingdom,but unto them it is not given. Now read Mt.17,1-

AMystery fulfilled--Mal.4,5 Behold I send you Elijah the prophet before that Great and notable day of the Lord,and He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,and the heart of the children to the fathers,lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.--Then at the transfiguration of Christ,as He and the three descended from the mountain, They asked Him,Why do the scribes say that Elias must first come?Jesus answered Elias(Elijah)must first come,and restore all things.But Elias is come already and they knew him not,but have done whatsoever they listed,likewise shall the Son of man suffer of them.Then the disciples understood that He spake unto them of John the Baptist.--John the Baptist also fulfilled Mal.3,1 Behold I will send my messenger before me,and he shall prepare my way before me. Also read Mk.1,1-4 AS it is written in the prophets,Behold I send my messenger before my face to prepare my way before thee,Also mentioned in Lu.7,27.

Christ spoke to the multitude in parables,but when they were alone He expounded all things to the disciples Mk.4,34.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM ARE REVEALED TO US BY THE APOSTLES. Eph.3,3 Paul writing of the ability given him of revealing these mysteries--How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery;(As I wrote afore in few words)Verse 4 Whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)4Which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men,as is now revealed unto us by His Holy apostles and prophets by His Spirit;Verse 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery,which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God,Who created all things by Jesus Christ. 1 Pe.1,10--Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently,who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you.--Read to the tenth verse-Which things the angels desired to look into.

These mysteries kept Hid for ages.

Col.126,27-25 Whereof I am made a minister.26Even the mystery which hahh been hid from ages and from generations,but is now is made manifest to His saints27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles;which is Christ in you,the hope of Glory. Ro.16-25 &26 Now to Him that is able to stablish you according to the gospel,and the preaching of Jesus Christ,according to the revelation of the mystery,which was kept secret since the world began. But now is made manifest,and by the scriptures of the prophets,according to the commandment of the everlasting God,made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Eph.3,1-9.--1 Cor.2,7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery,even the hidden wisdom,which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

1 Tim.3,16 Great is the mystery of Godliness,God was manifested in the flesh,justified in the Spirit,seen of angels,preached unto the Gentiles,believed on in the world,received up into Glory.

SOME OF THE MYSTERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN REVEALED.

The Kingdom as Gods House Is.2,2 And it shall come to pass that the mountain of the Lords House shall be established in the top of the mountains,and shall be exalted above the hills;and all nations shall flow into it.And many people shall say,Comeye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,to the house of the God of Jacob;and He will teach us of His ways,and we will walk in his ~~ways~~ paths;For out of Zion shall go forth the law,and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.--Fulfilled Heb.12,22 But ye have come to Mt.Zion,unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,and to an innumerable company of angels,to the Church of the first born(Christ),which are written in heaven,and to God the judge of all,and to the Spirits of just men made perfect. And 1 Tim 3,15 The House of God and the Church of the Living God are the same. These things write unto you hoping to come unto you shortly,but if I tarry long,that ye may know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the Church of the living God.

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As a house--He.3,6 Christ as a Son over His own House,whose House are we,if we hold fast ~~our~~ the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.--1 Cor.3,9 For ye are God's husbandry,ye are God's building.--Verse 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God.and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?-(the individual,also the Church.)

As a Family --Eph.3,14-16 For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,Eph.2,19-After being converted-Now therefore ye are no more foreigners and strangers,but fellow citizens of the saints,and of household of God;and are built uponthe foundation of the apostles and prophets,Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,In whom the whole building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.Inwhom ye also are builded together for an habitation of of God through the Spirit.--Children Gal.3,26 For ye are all the children of God by faith that is in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ-29 And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abrahams seed,and heirs according to the PROMISE.

ThePROMISE? Gal.3,16 Now to Abraham and His seed were the promises made,not unto seed as of many,but unto thy seed which is Christ. The Promise to Abraham- Gen.12,1-3 Now the Lord said to Abram,Get thee out of thy country and ~~from among thy people~~ from thy kindred,and from thy fathers house,unto a land that I will shew thee-And I will make of thee a great nation-- And in thee shall all families of the earth b be blessed.--Gal.3,28 There is neither Jew nor Greek,there is neither male nor female,there is neither bond nor free,for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

A SPIRITUAL BIRTH REQUIRED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE KINGDOM, ~~The~~ FAMILY AND THE CHURCH. of ~~of~~

Jn. 3,3-5 Except a man be born of water and the Spirit He cannot enter intothe kingdom of God.--A begettal before birth.-Jas.1,18 Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth.-Jn 6,63 Jesus states, It is the Spirit that quickeneth,The words that I,speak unto you they are Spirit and they are Life.James relates that we are begotten of the word of truth,so to be born os the Spirit,is to be born of the gospel, the word of God,As Paul writes to the Corinthians,1 Cor.4,15 For though ye have ten thousand instructers in Christ,yet have ye not many fathers,for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you thru the Gospel.-1 Pe.1,23 Being born again,not of corruptible seed,but of incorruptible,by the word of God ,which liveth and abideth forever.--The Gospel,the word of truth is the seed of the Kingdom,The seed fell into good and honest h hearts and brought forth fruit. Heb.4,12 The word of God is quick and powerful,sharper than any two edged sword,piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,and joints and marrow,and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb.11,3 By faith the wor understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.

Born of water and the Spirit

By obedience to the word(which is Spirit,Jn6,63.),we are baptized for the remission of our sins according to Ac.2,38 Then Peter said unto them,Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of Sins,and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and there was added unto them about three thousand souls.Verse 47 and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.-added to the church,born into the family,Delivered from the power of darkness,and translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son; Saved. Ac 10,47 Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we(WEthe Jews, ~~They~~ the first Gentile converts.)And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.Ac.8,26-40 is related Philip preaching Jesus to the Ethiopean,who when they came to a certain water said See here is water what doth hinder me to be baptized?37 Philipsaid,If thou believest thou mayest,and the Ethiopian answered and said,I believe with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ the son of God,And the both went down into the water and he baptized him.

Ro.6,3 Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death:that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of life. For,if we have been planted togetherin the likeness of His death we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,Col.2,12Buried w with Him in baptism,wherein also we are risen with Him thru faith in the operation of God who raised Him from the dead. 1 Pe.3,26 Speaking of Noah and his family being saved by water,The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also save us.By obedience to the requirements,Ro.6, 17 God be thanked ye were the servants of sin,but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine,being then made free from sin ye became the servants of righteousness,. Friend Have you heard the Gospel, repented of your sins;confessed that you believed that Jesus is the ~~Chr~~ Christ,the Son of God,and been baptized for the remission of your sins?

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