

MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

ungodly to the other he is manifested as God: So with these few explanations we return to our subject.

The mystery of the Kingdom of God was given to the apostles to know and through them it was handed down to us to know and if we do not know them God some day will ask us why we did not know them? It is true that before the coming of Christ, There was a mystery kept hid, as you will read in this language

"Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began. [Rom. 16-25.]

You will see by this that there was a mystery kept hid from the beginning of the world, And as we said above this mystery was made known, For Paul says "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. [Eph. 3-9.]

Now if men do not see the fellowship there must be some-

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Will Christ Come and Reign Thousand years?

There is a great number of people who believe that Christ will come here on earth and reign a thousand years, with his people, And in behalf of their belief they will quote you this scripture

"And I saw thrones and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 20-4.

They claim that this time must come yet, That it never has been. Now this is a false impression cast upon the minds of such believers.

And now in order to take from their minds this false idea, we shall take up this 20th. Chapter, and use such parts, as will enlighten those minds.

In the first place, we shall remind the Reader, that John saw an angel come down from heaven, and have the key of the bottomless pit, and had a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the devil and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and set a seal on him that he could not deceive the nations no more until the thousand years were finished, then he must be loosed for a little season, to go out and gather Gog and Magog together to war against the saints.

Now listen, the angel which came down from heaven with the key of the bottomless pit was Christ. The bottomless pit, is space, for there is no bottom to space, And when Christ cast the devil out of man, he then was in space. For Christ said,

"Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out." St. John 12-31.

Cast out where? Into space. And when he finds himself cast out, then he was to walk up and down in the earth, and finding no rest, he went back to where he was cast out, and he found the house swept and garnished after Christ had cast him out.

Christ had the key of space, and He cast the devil into space, for he had a great chain in his hand, and Christ laid hold on the old dragon, and bound him a thousand years,

But when did all this take place, is the Question?

And we answer: That when Christ bound Satan at the end of the forty days temptation in the wilderness, when Christ said "Get thee behind me satan! is when He, Christ, bound him.

And the thousand years mentioned is just to specify a space of time, and that time was, just from the time that Christ said "Get thee hence satan, until he gave Judas Isacarot the sop— then Christ loosed him again and he has been loosed ever since, This time is the little season spoken of. For in the 20 chap. of Rev. quoted above we learned that John saw thrones, and those that sat upon them and judgment was given them. Now who was those spoken of?

Well the word will tell you, please read.

"And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matt. 19-28.

Now then we have before you the ones who lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

This time was during his three years mission work, here on earth. For it reads,

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." Rev. 20-5.

The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were closed. And in order to see when this was and when the dead lived we must take into consideration the first resurrection, and see when it was, and for this proof we must ask you to read.

"Marvel not at this for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." St. John 5-28-29.

Now then if we can find out when this was, we will then know when the thousand years ended, by the rest of the dead living, for in the scripture above it says All that are in their graves shall come forth. So please read.

"The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Matt. 27-49 to 53.

This was the first resurrection it is at the resurrection of Christ. For it is written:

"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isa. 26-19.

There is nothing any plainer than this. That is when the first resurrection was, which ended the thousand years reign with Christ. And this too ends the thought of Christ coming here and reigning on earth again for a thousand years. For it is written:

"The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy foot stool." [Ps. 110-1.]

Please read again.

"For David is not ascended into the heavens; but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Until I make thy foes thy foot stool. (Acts 2-34-35.)

With these facts before us we see that Christ has sit down at the right hand of the father until his enemies is made his

footstool. And he cannot leave the right hand of the father, until this time comes;

"Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." (Acts 2-33)

Christ cannot we repeat, leave the right hand of the father, until his enemies is subdued, Please read again.

"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (1 Cor. 15-25-26.)

So the reader will see plainly that Christ cannot come until death is destroyed. And then the kingdom will be delivered up to the father, please read,

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." 1 Cor. 15-28.

No room for Christ to come any more until all things is subdued under his feet even the last enemy must be destroyed

first, which is death. And we shall give you one more scripture to confirm this fact "Please read;

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you,

Whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3-20-21.

Here is a positive declaration that the heavens must receive Christ, until the restitution of all things spoken of by all the holy prophets since the world began. And He cannot come before. For it is truly written,

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow

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