

Mysteries Of God Part 5

Mystery # 11 Israel's Blindness and Salvation

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, **that ye should be ignorant of this mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Rom 11:27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

**Notice that Paul mentions being wise in our own conceits (vs 25). Ignorance of this particular mystery leads to a bloated ego. It causes gentiles to think that the church has replaced Israel, that God is through with Israel, and that we are better than Israel. This type of heresy leads to the heresy of postmillennialism (that the church will usher in the Kingdom).

God is not through with Israel!

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.

**This mystery also states that blindness in PART is happened to Israel. Not all Jews are blind to the true Messiah. There are some born again believing Jews. They can still be saved.

WHY HAS BLINDNESS HAPPENED TO ISRAEL?

Mat 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.

Mat 27:25 Then answered all the people, and said, **His blood be on us, and on our children.**

God took them at their word. Christ's blood has been on their children for almost 2,000 years now. Sometimes God gives us our request even when we do not realize what we are asking.

Psa 106:15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

HOW LONG WILL THIS BLINDNESS LAST?

Paul says, "...until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." At the death of the antichrist (Rev. 19:20), the times of the gentiles will be over (Luke 21:24; Rev. 11:2) and "all Israel shall be saved (Rom. 11:26). Notice that in the last forty-two months (3 1/2 years) of the Tribulation, the Gentiles will control the temple and the city of Jerusalem (Rev. 11:2b). Gentile dominion will end with the breaking in pieces of the image of Nebuchadnezzar by the stone "cut out without hands" symbolizing the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ (Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45).

Israel will be saved nationally (Zech. 12:10; 13:6; Isa. 66:8) at that day. God will keep his covenant with Israel (Rom. 11:27).

Though Israel is blinded today, God still blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who curse Israel (Gen. 12:1-3).

Mystery # 12 The Rapture Of The Church

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, **I shew you a mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**First, not all Christians will die physically (vs 51) (sleep)...Sleep is defined as death in the Bible (Job 7:21; Psm. 13:3)...However, all Christians, living or dead, will be changed, i.e. transformed, into immortal beings. Secondly, this change will take place instantaneously (vs 52) resulting in resurrection for the dead saints and transformation for the saints that will still be living at that time.

Thirdly, the "corruptible" (vs. 53), i.e. the decaying bodies of dead saints, will put on incorruption. In other words, they will be resurrected in new, eternal, spiritual bodies (vs. 44). The "mortal," i.e., the living Christian still subject to death, will put on immortality. In other words, living saints will have their bodies instantly changed into new, eternal, spiritual bodies.

Fourthly, this new body will have no blood (vs 50). Leviticus 17:11 informs us that "the life of the flesh is in the blood." Our present body is sustained by its blood. Not only that, the Adamic nature is conveyed by the blood (Rom. 5:12). We are born with bad blood. But that new body will need no blood, for it will be sustained by the Spirit. And it certainly will not have an Adamic nature, for it will be like Christ (1 John 3:2). Jesus' body was a bloodless resurrection body (Luke 24:39).

Finally, observe that this immortality is possible only "through our Lord Jesus Christ" (vs 57). A rejection of Him is a rejection of eternal life.

For the one who believes in Jesus, if he is alive when Jesus summons His Bride, death will have no sting (vs 55) and for that one that is dead the grave will have no victory (vs 55).

HOW IS THIS INSTANTANEOUS TRANSFORMATION GOING TO HAPPEN?

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

- 1) The Lord will descend from heaven with the souls of the saints who have already died. (vs 14 & 16)
- 2) The Lord will give forth a thundering (John 12:28-29) shout, probably saying, "Come up hither" (Rev. 4:1; 11:12; Prov. 25:7) and calling each of the saints by name (Job 14:15)....Not a problem for God...
- 3) The archangel's voice will be heard (vs 16). In Matt. 24:31, God sends His angels to "gather together his elect" (Israel). Perhaps that is how Jesus will gather His Bride.
- 4) The trump of God will be heard (vs 16). The rapture will certainly be a noisy event. Some believe that only the saved will hear the trump which could be the case (John 10:27).
- 5) The dead saints will be resurrected. (vs 16). The souls the Lord will bring with Him will be united to new bodies.
- 6) The living saints will be changed and caught up with the resurrected saints (vs 17).
- 7) The Bride will rise to meet the Bridegroom, "and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (vs 17)

**It is interesting that the Greek word for "caught up" is sometimes translated "force". It means to snatch away, suddenly and by force. Remember that Lot was taken this way.

Gen 19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Some Christians are so attached to this world that God knows he will have to take them by force.

Another point to be noted is that this event will take place in Satan's domain (Eph. 2:2) and Satan will surely try to prevent the Bride from leaving, as he once tried to prevent the resurrection of Moses, only to have his claim disputed by the archangel (Jude 9).