

Revelation Revealed 2 – Mysterion

Don't be afraid of the book of Revelation.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.(NIV)

Last week...

It is the Book of Revelation – Not RevelationS...

Rev 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave...

The Revelation is Jesus Not just endtime prophecy but a picture of Jesus..

John the Revelator received a revelation of Jesus. When he saw Jesus he fell to the ground as dead.

A revelation of Jesus changes everything. A revelation of Jesus is never Hohum... It changes everything

Think you know Jesus? Think again! Look again!

A lot is going on in Revelation.

There is a lot of mystery and intrigue. The book seems to bring more questions than answers.

We want to try to answer your **questions**. Please text them in 214 856 0550.

I'll tell you now that we can't answer all your questions... **There is a reason for the mysteriousness of Revelation.**

The Mystery is Tactical

Information is powerful. There are some things you don't want the enemy to know.

There are even some things that we might not be able to handle if we knew. Have you ever said "I wish I didn't know that." There is information that could hurt you if the people who know the info were to share it...

In Revelation 10 John has an encounter with an Angel and a scroll....

In **v 3** seven thunders utter their voices... It's like thunder that has voices and they speak something...

Revelation 10:3

John hears it and was about to write it down when another voice says... Seal up the things the seven thunders have said... DO NOT WRITE THEM.

Revelation 10:4

I've asked myself... WHAT DID THEY SAY? A better question is... Why can't we know? We are purposely left in the dark...

Revelation 10:7 But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."(NIV)

Something BIG happens at the sounding of the 7th trumpet. It's

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Quick history lesson for context...

Alexander the Great Young ruler of Greece. By the age of 30 he had created one of the largest empires of the ancient world. Around 350 BC... Over 300 years before Christ... Alexander left his mark on human history through military achievement.

Alexander was known for taking on militaries that should have defeated him and yet were destroyed by his “underdog” army. This is due to his brilliance in planning the attack. He would spend his time coming up with battle plans... Secret battle plans.

He wouldn't tell anyone the plan... Not his advisors...

Alexander knew **The Mystery is Tactical**

The plan would only be revealed when the time was right.

Alexander coined a word for these secret battle plans...

Mysterion

This is the context of the word “Mystery” in the new testament.

Rev 10:7

God has secret battle plans that will only be revealed when the time is right. This is true for Revelation and our lives as well.

You can look through the book of Revelation or through the landscape of our lives and wonder... “God where are you? Where is your plan...?” The Martyrs in Revelation 6 are the 5th seal – they cry out...

Revelation 6:10 "How long, Sovereign Lord... NIV)

Sometimes it feels like God has no plan, but that’s not the case. His secret plan just hasn’t been revealed yet.

God is waiting for the right time to unleash His plan & He is looking for someone he can trust with top secret information.

The book of Revelation tells us that God does have a plan... but they are Mysterion/secret battle plans to be revealed when the time is right.

So when will the plan be revealed? The greatest part of God’s battle plan has already been revealed to us.

Jesus is God’s Mysterion

Romans 16:25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,(NIV)

Jesus is the revelation of the mystery/mysterion

Ephesians 3:9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.(NIV)

Speaking of Christ Paul declares that his job and our job is to make plain this mysterion that has been hidden within God. To administer the Mystery.

Colossians 1:26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.(NIV)

How big a deal is Jesus Christ? He is the mystery that has been kept hidden...

Job only knew whispers of his redeemer. Abraham only knew the mysterious promise of a provided sacrifice. The prophets spoke mysteries that they never fully realized.

BUT HERE YOU ARE... Jesus Christ has been revealed to you. God's secret battle plan is known by you.

Jesus Christ the weapon of God has defeated Death, Hell, and the Grave!

Mark 4:11 He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables(NIV)

This secret mystery has been made known to you... But to those on the outside it's all a riddle or parable.

You have been invited within the Kingdom and the secret has been revealed.

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;(KJV)

The Mystery of the Father and Christ. That they are one... Christ is FULLY GOD & FULLY MAN.

Christ is both the root... creator of David & the offspring... son of David

1 Timothy 3:16 Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.(NIV)

Colossians 1:27 ...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.(NIV)

What is the Mystery... Christ in You!

God's battle plan include you!

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,(KJV)

1 Corinthians 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.(KJV)

You talk about a secret battle plan! The rapture, the catching away of His church is a mysterion.

It takes place at the Last trump! Paul says...

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God has a secret plan to rescue us from this world! The secret has been revealed to us... But it is still a secret when He will come...

Matthew 24:36 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.(NIV)

Matthew 24:42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.(NIV)

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Some things are still a mystery... Don't be frustrated by what hasn't been revealed...

Make sure you are walking in what has been revealed!

You know Jesus is the Christ! **Jesus is the Mysterion of God.**

He is the only one that could defeat the enemy.

Only Jesus could lay His life down and raise it up again.

He is the only one that could take the scroll and open the seals. Rev 5

You know that He is coming! Keep looking for His coming.

We don't think enough about the 2nd Coming...

Are you ready? If He came today... would you be ready?

The great Mysterion, the secret battle plans of God have been revealed to you. He has invited you to be a part of His plan.

Don't miss this opportunity. Have you been missing this opportunity?

Wouldn't it be stupid to be distracted by lesser things?

The greatest calling in your life is God's plan.