


Ecclesiology
Session 12




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Areas of Systematic Theology

- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology – Study of the end



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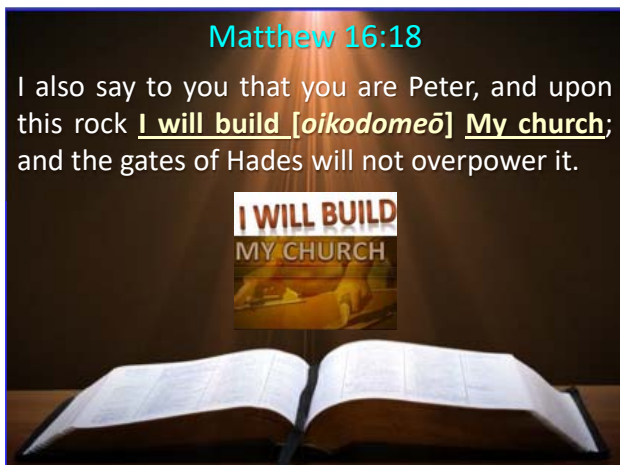
Discourse		
	OLIVET	UPPER ROOM
SCRIPTURE	Matt 24–25	John 13–17
LOCATION	Mount of Olives	Upper Room
PASSION WEEK	Third day	Sixth day
GENERAL FOCUS	Farewell: Israel	Hello: Church
SPECIFIC FOCUS	Israel's future	Divine provisions
PROMPTING	Temple's destruction	Christ's imminent departure
EXPLANATIONS	Written OT	Unwritten NT

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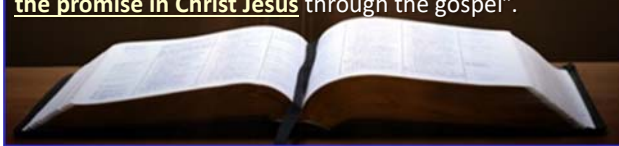
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Ephesians 3:3-6

“³that by revelation there was made known to me the **mystery**, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the **mystery** of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ **to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel**”.



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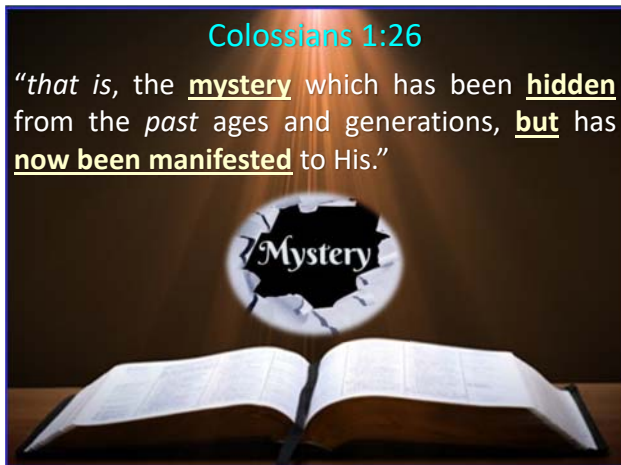
“and to bring to light what is the administration of the **mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.”



“Mystery” Defined

“In the N.T, it [*mystērion*] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit.”

W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White, *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Nelson, 1996), 424.

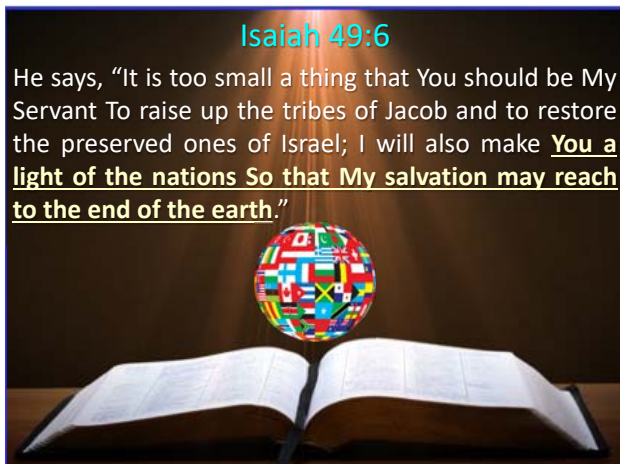


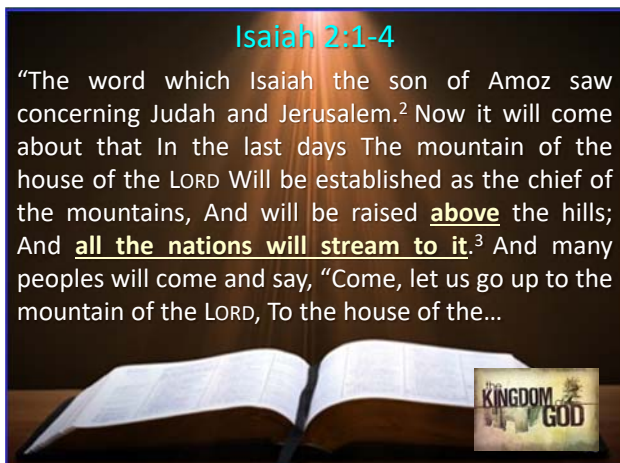
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Isaiah 2:1-4

...God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war."



Zechariah 14:16-18

"Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths."



Matthew 13:3

"And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow."



The Prophetic Parables of Matthew Thirteen - A. W. Pink

“The words ‘went forth to sow,’ or as Mark’s Gospel puts it ‘went out’ were indicative of the great dispensational change which was soon to be introduced. There was no longer to be a planting of vines or fig-trees in Israel, but a going out of the mercy of God unto the Gentiles; therefore what we have here is the broadcast sowing of the Seed in the field at large, for as verse 38 tells us ‘the field is the world.’”

A. W. Pink (2005). The Prophetic Parables of Matthew Thirteen. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

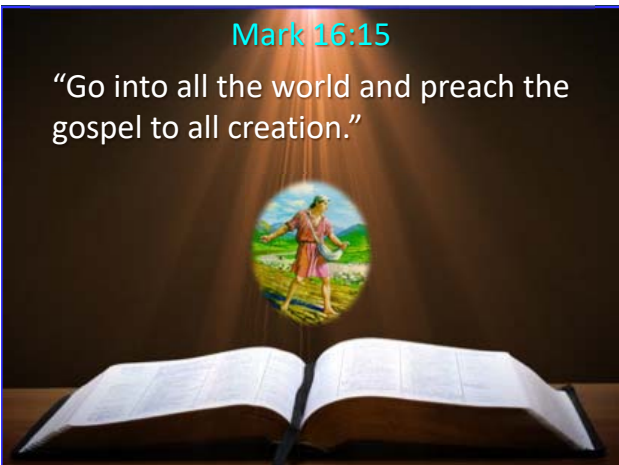
Matthew 28:18-20

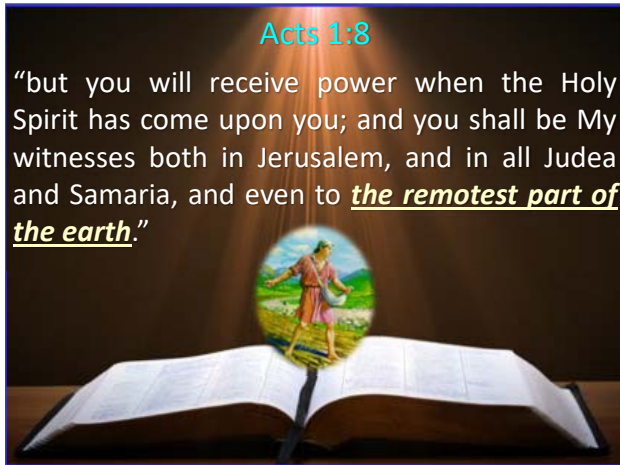
¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go** therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



Mark 16:15

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”






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Matthew 3:9

“and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.”



Romans 2:28-29

"²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. ²⁹ But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God."



Romans 9:6

"But *it is* not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel."



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Zechariah 13:8-9


⁸“It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, **“That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.”** ⁹“And I will bring **the third part** through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”



1 Corinthians 12:13

“For by one Spirit we were **all** baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all** made to drink of one Spirit.”

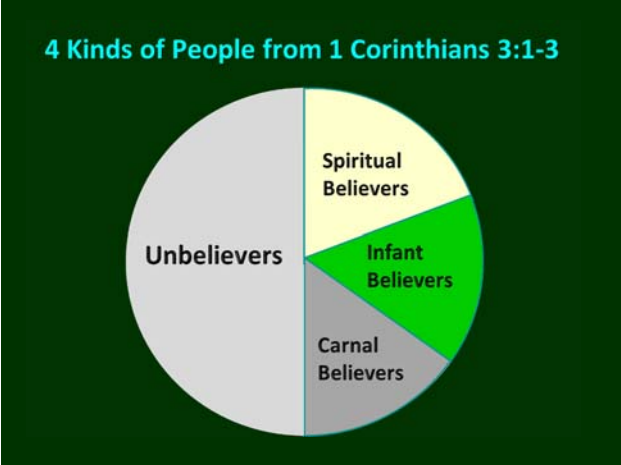




1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** people but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like **mere men**?





Conclusion

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