

## The Gospel of the Mystery

**W**e are still studying Scripture Build-up and have learned that the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are given an authority that confuses the average reader of the Bible. We studied the Lord's Prayer and also finished the subject of to whom the Bible is addressed. In this Artios, we'll continue learning about the Church and the great mystery by beginning a study on the word 'gospel.'

All scripture before the day of Pentecost is written for our learning.

### Usages of the word gospel

The word 'gospel' is used in reference to the first four books in the New Testament, the life and teachings of Jesus, music genre, and a belief widely or ardently maintained. The usage of the word gospel varies, depending on the context in which it is used.

(Mat 4:23 KJV) **And**



Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Jesus Christ preached the gospel of the kingdom—he was the king and was present on earth. In the gospels, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John, it is Jesus Christ, the bridegroom, who calls out his church. That Church is referred to as the bride of Christ. He did this by announcing the kingdom of heaven and by preaching the kingdom of God. Jesus Christ preached the kingdom

of God to call out his church, but they wouldn't hear him.

### John Announced the Bridegroom.

(John 3:28-30 KJV) **Ye yourselves bear me [John] witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. {29} He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. {30} He [Jesus] must increase, but I [John] must decrease.**

### The Kingdom of God

I would like to take a moment to discuss the kingdom of God—a kingdom that reigns over all other kingdoms. A particular sub-kingdom is the called out of Israel, the bride of Christ,

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and is referred to as the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom from heaven. You can't have a kingdom without a King. Therefore, this kingdom can only be available when the King, Jesus Christ, is personally present.

## Jesus preached the kingdom of God.

(Acts 1:3 KJV) To whom also he [Jesus Christ] showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

(Acts 19:8 KJV) And he [Paul] went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

## Paul taught the kingdom of God.

(Acts 28:23 KJV) And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the king-

dom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*

During the last days of Paul's life, he proclaimed that the Gentiles would be added to the Church to which you and I belong. It was this act that announced the delay of the advent of the kingdom of God.

(Acts 28:27-28 KJV) For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. {28} Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that they will hear it.*

The Jews refused God's kingdom. This message is also given in the parable of the Sower and the Seed. The kingdom of God will become a reality, but according to God's timing.

(Mat 4:23 KJV) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

(Mat 10:6-7 KJV) But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. {7} And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

## The Kingdom of Heaven

You'll see reference to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus preached saying, "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He was announcing his personal presence. Jesus preached specifically to Israel. During the time Jesus was calling out his people, it was the 'gospel' period. These people, Israel, made up the bride and Jesus was the bride groom. But what did the bride do to the bridegroom? The bride, Israel, killed him; they nailed him to a tree. Friends, you can have no 'dom,' reign or supremacy of a king without a king. A kingdom must have

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a king. But, the king died. When he died, the kingdom ended.

(Luke 1:31-33 KJV) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. {32} He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: {33} And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

God promised that there would be no end to Jesus' kingdom, so what does this mean? The kingdom is merely held in abeyance until the time of the book of Revelation period.

## Petros and Petra

(Mat 16:18 KJV) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter [petros, a small pebble], and upon this rock [petra, a mass of rock] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus was speaking to Peter and told him "that thou art Peter [Petros, a small pebble]." Peter was referred to as a pebble; he was not the one upon whom Christ's church was to be built. Jesus then said, "and upon this rock [petra, a mass of rock] I will build my church;" Jesus referred to himself as he said this second part. Jesus is the mass of rock.

## The Gates of Hell

And then he pointed behind him at a demonic site and said, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

**"Interestingly, Jesus chose to deliver a sort of "graduation speech" to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi. In that pagan setting, he encouraged his disciples to build a church that would overcome the worst evils. To the pagan mind, the cave at Caesarea Philippi created a gate to the underworld, where fertility gods lived during the winter. They committed detestable acts to worship these false gods."** [Reference at end\*\*.]

I'd like to say that nothing will stop the work of God and His Christ.

## The Church in Revelations

In the Gospels, the building of the church [specifically Israel] was committed to Jesus. Is God's Word ever going to be fulfilled? Certainly. The answer is simple. That church will be fulfilled in the future. The word 'church' comes up again in the book of Revelation and reference to it primarily regards the church of the bride, Israel.

## The Bride

(Rev 21:2 KJV) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

These previously discussed terms relate to the fulfillment of that which terminated when they killed the king of kings and Lord of Lords. When Christ comes back this time, he returns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and nobody's going to kill him then. The church of the bride is held in abeyance until the revelation period.

(Rev 21:9-10 KJV) And there came unto me one of the seven an-

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gels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the **bride**, the Lamb's wife. {10} And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

It is then that the King will again be personally present. The greater understanding you have of 'to whom addressed' and of the different time periods existing in the Bible, the greater understanding you'll have of these many important subjects.

Much love in Christ,

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