

"UNDERSTANDING THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY"

EPHESIANS 2:11-3:21

I. WHAT IS A BIBLICAL MYSTERY? (3:3,4,9)

A. General Treatment

1. It Is A Divine Secret
2. It Can Only Be Known By Divine Revelation

B. Specific Treatment

1. The Specific Mystery Of This Fourth Section In Ephesians Has To Do With Messiah
2. The Specific Mystery Of This Fourth Section In Ephesians Has To Do With The Inclusion Of Gentiles Along With Jews Into A New Body Which Will Glorify God Forever

II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE STATEMENT "THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY" (3:9)

A. An Administration Or Management Is In View

1. God's Long Desire Has Been That Heathen People Would Be Included On An Equal Footing With The One Holy Nation
2. This Process Of Bringing Jew & Gentile Together Has Been Managed Through The Ages Until It Found Fruit In The Church Age

B. The Angelic Realm Looks At The Church & Learns Something About "The Manifold Wisdom Of God" (3:10)

C. The Particular Wonder Is That Humans Are Involved At All