



MYSTERY AND PROPHECY PART 2

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MYSTERY (27 HITS)

Matt. 13:11; Mk. 4:11; Lk. 8:10; Rom. 11:25; 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7; 4:1; 13:2;
14:2; 15:51; Eph. 1:9; 3:3-4, 9; 5:32; 6:19; Col. 1:26-27; 2:2; 4:3; 2 Thess.
2:7; 1 Tim. 3:9, 16; Rev. 1:20; 10:7; 17:5, 7

KJV Rev. 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

KJV Rev. 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

KJV Rev. 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

KJV Rev. 17:7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.



NO DIFFERENCE (SIN AND SALVATION) 3:22, 10:12 YET :-

- 1:2
- 1:3
- 1:16
- 2:10
- 2:17-20
- 3:1-2
- 9:4,5
- 11:17-24
- 11:26-28

TBT Romans 15:8 λέγω δέ, Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν διάκονον
γεγενῆσθαι περιτομῆς ὑπὲρ ἀληθείας Θεοῦ, εἰς τὸ
βεβαιῶσαι τὰς ἐπαγγελίας τῶν πατέρων· 9 τὰ **δὲ** ἔθνη ὑπὲρ
ἐλέους δοξάσαι τὸν Θεόν, καθὼς γέγραπται, Διὰ τοῦτο
ἐξομολογήσομαί σοι ἐν ἔθνεσι, καὶ τῷ ὀνόματί σου ψαλῶ.

KJV Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of
the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises
made unto the fathers: 9 **And** that the Gentiles might glorify
God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to
thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

believe that "the mystery" of Ephesians is in view in Romans xvi.
Let us now compare the opening and closing words of the epistle.

**The Outer Section.
Introduction.**

i. 1—7.

The gospel of God.
Concerning His Son Jesus Christ.
Promised afore by His prophets in
the holy Scriptures.

For obedience of faith unto all nations.

Grace from God our Father.

**The Inner Section.
Conclusion.**

xvi. 25—27.

My gospel.
The preaching of Jesus Christ.
According to the revelation of the
mystery, kept in silence in age
times, but now manifested, and
through prophetic writings made
known.
To all nations for the obedience of
faith.
Praise to the *aiōnion* God and the only
wise God.

Taken from CH Welch
Just and Justifier

As a further unfolding of the different point of view of the inner and
outer portions of the epistle, we observe the usage and occurrence of
some important words.

Sin: Occurs 47 times. Of these 6 occurrences are found in the outer

To appreciate the latter of these two statements it is essential that we give the structure of the epistle.

The Structure of the Epistle to the Romans as a whole.

- A | i. 1—17. Gospel. Promised afore. For obedience of faith among all nations.
 - B | i. 18—iii. 20. Jews equally with Gentiles guilty before God.
 - C | iii. 21—31. The Glory of God. Come short of.
 - D | iv. 1—25. His own body now dead.
 - E | v. 1—11. Reconciliation. Doctrinal.
- In the outer portion of Romans we read of sins, law of Sinai, Abraham, Israel, Jew and Gentile.

<p>The Mystery of Romans xvi. 25—27.</p>	<p>F v. 12—21. Condemnation in Adam. G vi., vii. Question. Repudiation. Answer. F viii. No condemnation in Christ.</p>	<p>In the inner portion of Romans, we have sin, law of sin, Adam, and Man, but no references to Abraham, Jew, or Gentile.</p>
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- E | ix.—xi. Reconciliation. Dispensational.
 - D | xii., xiii. Present your bodies a living sacrifice.
 - C | xiv.—xv. 7. The Glory of God. Received, to
 - B | xv. 8—xvi. 24. Gentiles equally with Jews acceptable before God.
 - A | xvi. 25—27. Mystery silenced afore. For obedience of faith unto all nations.
- The outer portion, Rom. ix.—xvi. 24, the same features as Rom. i.—v. 11, but from a dispensational and practical point of view.

* For explanation of these symbols see Scrivener or Burgon and *The Berean Expositor*, Vol. XXI, page 16. They are not important enough to us here to justify time and space in their elucidation.

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From this structure it will at once be seen that Romans xvi. 25—27 is essential to complete the epistle. The reader who has followed the exposition will be able to fill in the details of every section, so completing the structural analysis of this most wonderful epistle. We must however show the relationship of A | i. 1—17 and A | xvi. 25—27, as that is the subject now before us.

**The Outer Section
(Rom. i. 1—17).
The Gospel of God.**

Concerning His Son Jesus Christ.
Promised afore.

Prophets in the holy Scriptures.
Unto obedience of faith among all
nations.

Grace from God our Father.

To the end ye may be established.
The power of God unto salvation.
Righteousness revealed as it is
written.

**The Inner Section
(Rom. xvi. 25—27).
My Gospel.**

The preaching of Jesus Christ.
Kept silence in age times, now mani-
fested.

Prophetic writings.
For obedience of faith to all nations.

Praise to the *aiōnion* God, and to the
only wise God.

To Him Who is able to establish you.
To Him Who is of power.
Revelation of mystery scrip-
tures, the prophets.

It is evident that there is an intended contrast between these two passages. From the days of Abraham onward the gospel was no secret:

“The Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham” (Gal. iii. 8).
“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad” (John viii. 56).

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The revelation of a mystery.

Let us set out this doxology so that we may the better consider it in detail.

Romans xvi. 24—27.

A	xvi. 24, 25.	{ a Grace be with you. Amen.
		b To Him Who is able to establish.
B ₁	xvi. 25.	<i>Kata.</i> Gospel proclaimed. According to my gospel.
B ₂	xvi. 25, 26.	<i>Kata.</i> Mystery manifested. According to revelation of mystery.
B ₃	xvi. 26.	<i>Kata.</i> Make known. According to commandment.
A	xvi. 27.	b To God only wise.
		a Glory unto the ages. Amen.

Lk. 9:36; 20:26; Acts 12:17; 15:12-13; Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor.
14:28, 30, 34

PROPHETICAL (ADJECTIVE) SCRIPTURES

- BT Romans 16:25 Τῷ δὲ δυναμένῳ ὑμᾶς στηρίξαι κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου καὶ τὸ κήρυγμα Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, κατὰ ἀποκάλυψιν μυστηρίου χρόνις αἰωνίοις σεσιγημένου, 26 φανερωθέντος δὲ νῦν, **διὰ τε γραφῶν προφητικῶν**, κατ' ἐπιταγὴν τοῦ αἰωνίου Θεοῦ, εἰς ὑπακοὴν πίστεως εἰς πάντα τὰ ἔθνη γνωρισθέντος,
- KJV Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, **and by the scriptures of the prophets**, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

PROPHETICAL WORD

- ^{TBT} **2 Peter 1:19** καὶ ἔχομεν βεβαιότερον τὸν προφητικὸν λόγον, ᾧ καλῶς ποιεῖτε προσέχοντες, ὡς λύχνῳ φαίνοντι ἐν ἀύχμηρῷ τόπῳ, ἕως οὔ ἡμέρα διαυγάσῃ, καὶ φωσφόρος ἀνατείλῃ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν.
- ^{KJV} **2 Peter 1:19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: