

Transforming Daily
“... *the mystery* ...”
Colossians 1:26

What mystery is Paul talking about? He said that it was hidden for generations. He also said that it is now revealed to the saints of God. The “what” is actually a “who” and though hidden for generations, the mystery has existed forever and has been preached as such. The mystery of which Paul speaks is none other than Jesus Christ Himself.

The reason Paul referred to it as a mystery was that Christ hadn't yet come as the Savior until “now.” Moses wrote about Him as far back as the book of Genesis. He has appeared throughout Scripture notably as King Melchizedek, in Genesis, as the Son of God in the fiery furnace, in Daniel, and as the Commander of the army of the Lord, in Joshua. Just to name a few places. There have also been multiple typifications of Christ: Noah, Isaac, Passover lamb, sacrificial lamb for the Day of Atonement as well as the scapegoat, again just to name a few.

Suffice it to say that a thread of crimson runs from Genesis to Revelation, but it is only in the last days, beginning with the first century saints of God, that Christ was incarnated. He was born of a virgin as prophesied by Isaiah and other prophets. He lived a sinless life as the Old Testament recorded that He would and the New Testament reported that He did. He was crucified and buried according to many Old Testament accounts including the book of Psalms. While on the cross of Calvary, He was forsaken by His heavenly Father as it was earlier foretold in the Old Testament writings and attested to by the gospels and epistles of the New Testament. Finally, the Old Testament also speaks of His glorious resurrection and second coming as described by the saints in the New Testament.

It seems that everyone likes a good mystery movie or tale. Just look at the theatre listings to see what is more frequented and usually it is a movie that has mystery and intrigue. Books are the same way. “Who done it?” is usually the noted catch phrase. As the story unfolds whether by screen or script, suspense builds, interest intensifies to the moment of climax and revelation of the mystery. It is no different with the revealing of Jesus Christ. The Bible is a wonderful book of history and literature. The Bible uses many forms of literary device to bring intrigue and suspense regarding the ultimate climax of the revealing of Jesus Christ evidenced at His birth. (I can hardly wait for the epilogue).

It was a mystery. It is now unveiled. Do you believe the Testaments? Do you believe the testimonies of the early saints of God? Do you understand the Scriptures to be more than just a compilation of historical data? Scripture is alive! There is no better evidence of that than in its revealing of the mystery.