

STUDY V

THE MYSTERY HID FROM AGES AND FROM GENERATIONS, BUT NOW MADE MANIFEST TO HIS SAINTS

- (1) During the long period of suffering under the curse of sin and death, has mankind never received from God any expression of His purpose to restore and bless the condemned race? Page 77, par. 1.
- (2) What was the first faint ray of hope that shone in Eden? Page 77, par. 2.
- (3) How long until a further ray of light was sent to Abraham? And unto whom was the promise to Abraham subsequently "confirmed"? Page 77, par. 3.
- (4) What was the expectation of the Twelve Tribes of Israel at the time of Jacob's death. and their disappointment? Page 78, par. 1.
- (5) Who was the great deliverer sent of God to revive the hope of His chosen people? And what further insight into God's Plan was revealed by him? Page 78, par. 2 to page 79, top.
- (6) Who was Moses' successor, and what did he accomplish? Page 79, top.
- (7) Under what conditions did the nation of Israel seem about to realize the consummation of their hopes? And how was their hope again deferred? Page 79, par. 1.
- (8) What was the expectation of all Israel at the time Jesus was born? Why did they not receive Him as their long-promised Messiah? Page 79, par. 2, first 17 lines.
- (9) What was the effect of Jesus' unexpected death upon His followers? Page 79, par. 2, last sentence, to end of paragraph.
- (10) What was the attitude of Jesus' disciples after His ascension? Page 80, par. 1.
- (11) When did the disciples begin more clearly to comprehend the divine purposes? Page 80, par. 2.
- (12) What light was thrown upon the work of the Gospel age by the Apostle James in Acts 15? Page 81, par. 1.
- (13) What is the great "Mystery hid from ages and from generations," declared by the Apostle Paul? (Col. 1:27) Page 81, par. 2.

- (14) What does "Christ in you" signify? Page 81, par. 3; Page 82, par 1.
- (15) How has the apostle guarded the church against any presumptuous claims? Page 82, par. 2.
- (16) Explain how the figure of the pyramid beautifully illustrates the oneness of the Lord and His church as an anointed company. Page 82, par. 3, 4.
- (17) Who is the Chief Corner-stone in this building of God? Page 83, par. 1.
- (18) What thoughts are suggested by the reference to the members of Christ's body as "living stones"? Page 83, par. 2.
- (19) What is the "high calling," and why is it called a mystery? Page 84, par. 1.
- (20) How does the Apostle Paul in Galatians 3 and 4 open up this entire mystery? Page 84, par. 2.
- (21) What was evidently the necessity for keeping this mystery so long hidden? Page 85, par. 1.
- (22) Why is the peculiar course in which the "little flock" has been called to walk a mystery to the world? Page 85, par. 2; page 86, par. 1.
- (23) Will the divine purposes always remain shrouded in mystery? Page 86, par. 2.
- (24) How will the world of mankind during the Millennial age be brought to an understanding of the promises of God, which are now appreciated only by the Lord's servants and handmaids? Page 86, par. 3; page 87, par. 1.
- (25) What are the two senses in which the "Mystery of God" is used, and when will it be "finished"? Page 87, par. 2; top of page 88.
- (26) What does the greatness of this Mystery, so long kept secret, suggest respecting the work to follow its completion? Page 88.