



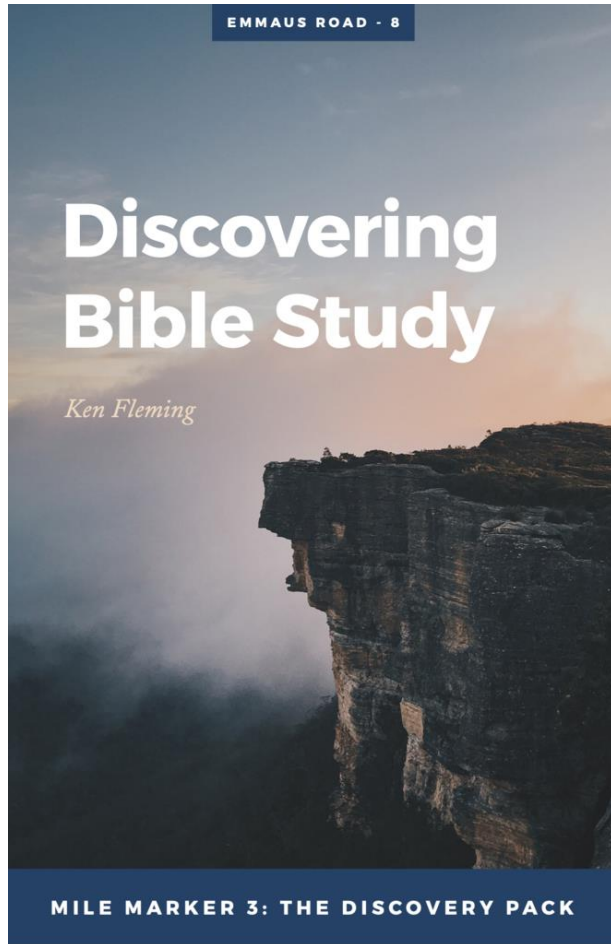
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# The Year of THE WORD

**Good News in times of Bad News**

*“The Gospel”*

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# Introduction

- **Question**: What one thing does God desire of every human being?
- **Answer**: The simple answer (and most profound, I believe) is that one would love Him! Because He loves us (Jn. 3:16).
- And this simple fact is the **essence** of “The Gospel”...and since we know, God’s love is perfected through the completed work of Jesus Christ, He is also the **object** of “The Gospel”.

# 40,000+ ft. view – Good News (Gospel)

- God's love has been played out through His plan for Mankind (including you and me)...this is not only “Good News”, but is Great or Fantastic News! **OT → Gospels → NT**
- **In the OT**, we see God working His Plan for Mankind through the Nation of Israel, who would nationally reject Him. But they knew, through God's Prophets, that God would send them a Messiah who would also be an earthly King (Davidic Covenant).
- **The 4 Gospels**, introduce us to Jesus, the person who is the “Good News”. Jesus is God's instrument of salvation for Mankind and also for the Christian, everything that pertains to “life and godliness”. Jesus declares the Father and introduces the new concept of “The Church”.
- **In the NT**, we see God's Plan working out through the “witness” of His Church (from Pentecost to Rapture)...The Church's mission is to teach the Saints to be living out and preaching the Gospel. And then finally, through Messiah Jesus, we see God bringing His Plan for National Israel (and the rest of the world) to an ultimate and rightful conclusion.

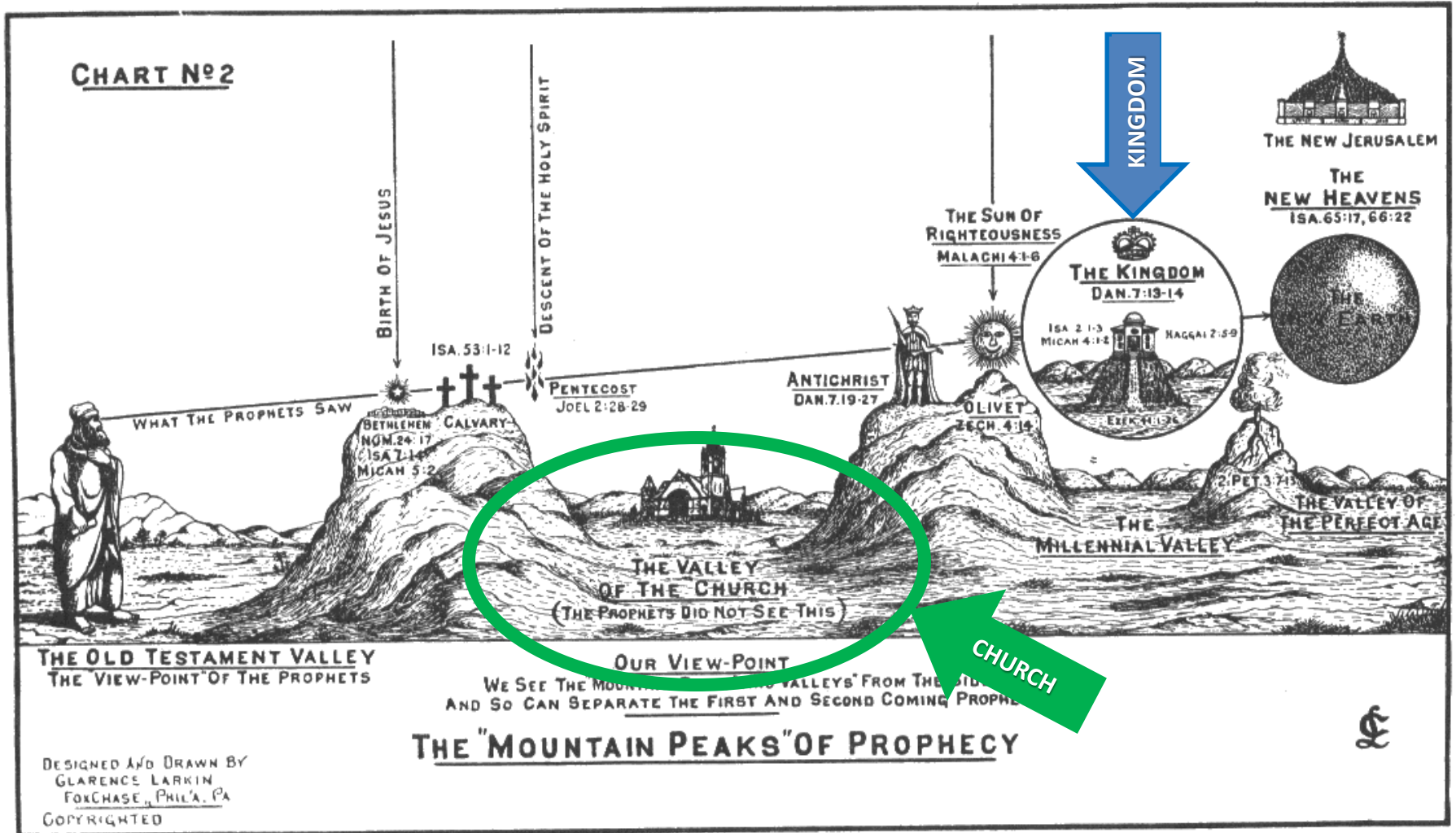
# Luke 2

<sup>8</sup> In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord *suddenly* stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> And so the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, **I bring you good news [glad tidings]** of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of *angels* praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased.” **(NASB)**

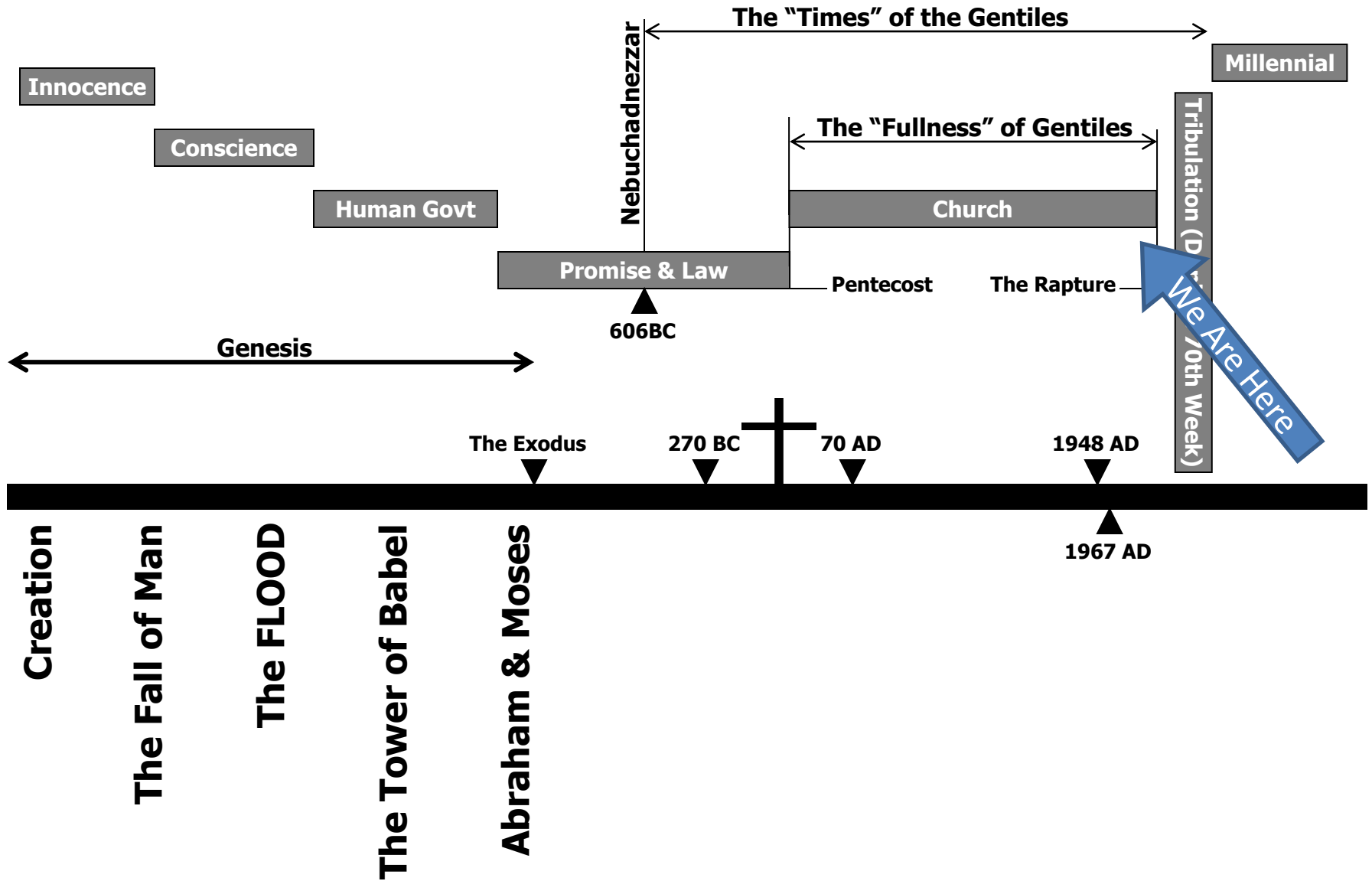
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- I would suggest, that the most important aspect of anyone's life is that they would come to know the truth concerning Jesus Christ and then to make the decision to put their complete faith in Him, which generates a love for God (and what God desires). The truth is Jesus' "love story" and is what is commonly referred to as "the gospel".
  - **What is the gospel?**
  - **How is the gospel made known to us?**
  - **What are my responsibilities to know and share the gospel?**
- We will begin to explore these considerations today through the "eyes" of the Scriptures

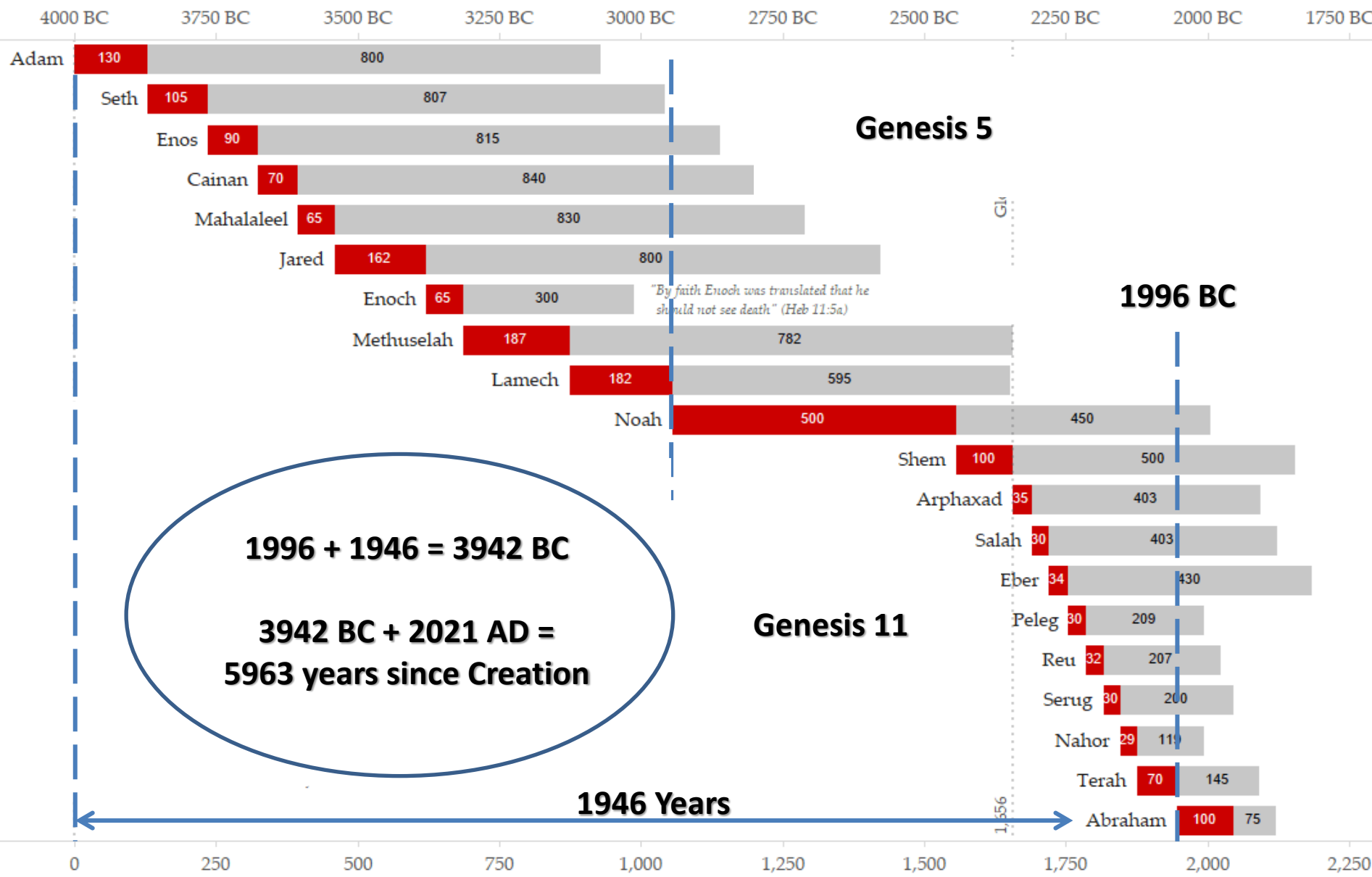
# What the OT Prophets Viewed



# History Panorama



# Genesis Timeline from Adam to Abraham



# 14 NT Mysteries identified by

T. Ernest Wilson

## ***God's Sacred Secrets*** *(Mystery Doctrines of the NT)*

T.E. Wilson (14 Mysteries)	Scripture References
<b>Doctrinal (6)</b>	
<b>Mystery of the Faith</b>	1 Timothy 3:9
<b>Mystery of the Gospel</b>	Romans 16:25
<b>Mystery of Jew &amp; Gentile in One Body</b>	Ephesians 3
<b>Mystery of the Bride</b>	Ephesians 5:32 & Revelation 19-20
<b>Mystery of the Seven Stars &amp; Seven Churches</b>	Revelation 1:20
<b>Mystery of Godliness</b>	1 Timothy 3:16
<b>Dispensational (5)</b>	
<b>Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven</b>	Matthew 13
<b>Mystery of Israel's Blindness</b>	Romans 11:25
<b>Mystery of the Rapture of the Church</b>	1 Corinthians 15:51
<b>Mystery of His Will</b>	Ephesians 1:9
<b>Mystery of God</b>	Revelation 10:7
<b>Devotional (1)</b>	
<b>Mystery of the Indwelling Christ</b>	Colossians 1:24-29
<b>Diabolical (2)</b>	
<b>Mystery of Iniquity</b>	2 Thessalonians 2:7
<b>Mystery of Babylon the Great</b>	Revelation 17-18

# Mystery of the Gospel

- The word “gospel” means “good news” or “glad tidings.” While in every age God has good news for man, yet in each era of human history the terms and conditions may be different. It is the death of Christ on the cross and His resurrection that makes the difference. In other words, to get a clear picture of the gospel, we must recognize how God deals with men in each dispensation. Essentially, the gospel itself is the same in every age. The only way of salvation and approach to God is through the death of Christ and His precious blood shed on the cross. The Old Testament saints looked forward to it by faith; in the New Testament age we look back to it by faith. It is the foundation of salvation and the focal point of the ages.
- **The Gospel points us to the person of Jesus Christ...Jesus Himself is the Gospel**

# Gospel in the NT

- Gospel in the Greek NT is used as noun and a verb
  - Noun (subject; thing): <euaggelion>; [yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on]; good news, glad tidings; used in 74 verses
  - Verb (action): <euangelizō>; [yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo]; to bring or to proclaim (preach) good news, to announce glad tidings; used in 52 verses

# Evangelist in the NT

- The Evangelist – 2099 <euaggelistes>, [yoo-ang-ghel-is-tace']
  - Ac 21:8 And the next [day] we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of **Philip the evangelist**, which was [one] of the seven; and abode with him.
  - Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, **evangelists**; and some, pastors and teachers;
  - 2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist**, make full proof of thy ministry.

# Gospel Passages

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**1 Corinthians 15:1-8** Now I make known unto you brethren, **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, 2 by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures; 5 and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; 6 then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep; 7 then he appeared to James; then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to the child untimely born, he appeared to me also.

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**2 Corinthians 4:1-6** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: 2 but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling **the word of God** deceitfully; but by the manifestation of **the truth commending** ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: 4 in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of **the gospel** of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but **Christ Jesus as Lord**, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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**1 Corinthians 9:18-23** What then is my reward? That, **when I preach the gospel**, I may make **the gospel without charge**, so as not to use to the full my right in the gospel. For though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. **And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews**; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, not being without law to God, but under law to Christ, **that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak I became weak**, that I might gain the weak: **I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.** And I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof.

# How is The Gospel Made Known?

## By YOU...

- **To a Jewish Audience (use of the OT Scriptures)**
  - Acts 2:22-37 (Pentecost) - Peter
  - Acts 3:12-26 (Healing of the Lame Man) - Peter
  - Acts 13:15-41 (In the Synagogue) – Paul
- **To a Gentile Audience (use of principles from Scripture)**
  - Acts 10:34-44 (Cornelius) – Peter
  - Acts 16:30-33 (Philippian Jailer) – Paul/Silas
  - Acts 17:22-31 (Athens, Mars Hill) – Paul
- **The TRUTH about Jesus** → Son of God, a man, He died, He was buried, He resurrected, He ascended! → Believe (Faith) → Salvation from God's judgment (Sin) ***“God demands what man could never give – perfect holiness”***

# What are my responsibilities?

- **We don't live in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century Church, but everything is still the same today...Jews and Gentiles both need to know the Truth about Jesus and God's desire to not only know them, but to have a loving relationship with them.**
  - Rom. 1:16; Only Jesus (God) has the power to save (bring deliverance)
  - Man has the desire to want to be better and to see things change; but is powerless to change his/her life – *“How many times in your life have you wanted to change and you just couldn't seem to sustain that change?”*
- **As Christians, we are merely God's witnesses (Acts 1:8)...we have been given the responsibility by Him to share the “good news”**
  - Tell the truth and nothing but the truth – *“These are not my words, but they come from God Himself”*
  - The HS does the convicting/saving work in the human heart – we just need to present the truth – *“God so loved [insert name] that He gave His Son Jesus to die for you.” “Are you a whosoever?” (John 3:16)*

# What are my responsibilities?

- You need to “know your audience” ...what are they interested in (like Paul did in Athens at Mars Hill)...ask good questions and actively listen (it demonstrates genuine care for them)
  - Find ways to relate the truths about Jesus in normal conversation
  - *“I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.”*
  - The more Scripture and Gospel principles you know by heart are the key’s to good conversation – *The Year of the Word*
- Always remember, each person is made in God’s image, and each person has a God-given need to be loved and to show love
  - It is only God’s love that compels us to want a relationship with Jesus.
  - *“We are like donuts, with a hole in the middle that can only be filled with the donut hole of Jesus”*

# Dr. David Jeremiah

- Turning Point Message

[Triumph of The Gospel - The Final Prophecy | Dr. David Jeremiah - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeUCdzXM51k&t=72s)

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**Let Jesus encourage and energize you in your daily lives so that you can continue to share the Truth of Jesus (The Gospel) with people along your pathways!**

**Let's Pray**