

Sunday, November 27, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Series Christmas Season 2022

Title: Revelation of the Mystery

Text: Matthew 2:1 – 12, Matthew 1:18 – 25,
Colossians 1:24 – 29, Philippians 2:1 - 13

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation about the DIVINE INTENT of our Heavenly Father to fulfill His PURPOSES through Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

~ Abiding in Christ Involves DISCIPLINE:

~ Abide in Wisdom; Abide in the Correction of the Lord; Acknowledge that we have an Enemy; Acknowledge our own Errors

~ Romans 16:25 – 27, “Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages (26) but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—(27) to the wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.”

1. The Revelation of the Kingship of Jesus Christ:

~ Matthew 2:1 - 12

~ vs. 2, “Where is he who is born king of the Jews?”

~ vs. 3, “When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;”

~ vs. 6, “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

~ 2 Timothy 4:1 – 2, “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: (2) preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

2. The Revelation of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God:

~ Matthew 1:18 – 25

~ vs. 21, “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

~ vs. 23, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us.)”

~ John 1:29, 35 – 36, “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”” (35) “The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, (36) and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!””

~ Notice the Bible chronology in Matthew: Matthew 2:1 – 12 Jesus is revealed as the coming KING; in Matthew 1 (which precedes chapter 2) Jesus is revealed as the coming LAMB; and then John 1, which follows both events in Matthew by decades, John the Baptist witnesses to Jesus being “the Lamb of God.”

~ How this caused confusion to the Hebrew, they were expecting the Messiah to be King not a lamb.

~ John 1:11, “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.”

~ Revelation 5, this was the scene in glory, as I understand, after the crucifixion.

3. The Revelation of Jesus Christ ‘in all Believers’:

~ Colossians 1:24 – 29, (26) “the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his Saints. (27) To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

~ Ephesians 2:1 – 22

~ Again, this surely caused Hebrews confusion, they held the Messiah to be their King and not God’s gift to Hebrews and gentiles.

4. The Revelation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ:

~ Philippians 2:1 – 13

~ vs. 7, “being born in the likeness of men.”

~ vs. 8, “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

~ vs. 9 – 11, “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Conclusion:

Do you see two streams of prophecy concerning the Messiah (Christ)?

One, and foremost in the Hebrew mind, of a King who would ultimately re-establish the independent nation of Israel; a nation free of conflict with its own land of habitation and characterized by its worship of the one true God!

Two, and foremost in the counsel of God, a Lamb who would be the Redeemer of any individual who would call on His name. That He would make them eternally His, dwelling in them, with them, and coming upon them with anointing power; a people of His own possession whom He would receive as His Bride.