

## God Hides, God Reveals

### Commentary for October 1, 2022 — ... But God's Ultimate Secret Has Been Revealed!

This month's article is introduced by the "[October 2022 Newsletter](#)." It has background material for "Israel and Judah: 43. Judah's Last Kings, 2." The article concerns historical information from the Book of Jeremiah during the reign of Jehoiakim, one of the last kings of Judah. The information in the Newsletter will be useful.

### **Why Does God Conceal Things From Us?**

We are given a guideline that indicates God Himself hides things and we are to work and search for answers about life: **"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter"** (Proverbs 25:1-2). One must believe in God to do what Solomon proposes. Each believer is more than a king. (Unbelievers are not yet more than kings. Some day they will be.)

Of course, God decides when and how far to open a person's mind to search out a matter that God has concealed. Otherwise, that person would not care. God conceals and hides the many mysteries of existence and the future from you, me, and all Christians. God does this even though we are God's own children (1 John 3:1-2). He does this for our education. He allows and wants us to grow, to work and learn about the mysteries of existence. God wants us **"to search out"** things that are in the Scriptures. Little by little we learn more about God and His Son Christ Jesus. Read Proverbs 1:1-7. Let me give an example.

Imagine a large and complex puzzle called "life." One person may find two or three pieces (of the Word of God) that fit. Then other people are led to believe and live their lives to seek to connect another piece. Soon a pattern emerges. Every believer strives to understand the picture of the puzzle. We should ask our Father in heaven to help us learn specific things that He wants us to do now, and to give us more faith, more hope, and more love to fulfill His will for us. It helps keep His children busy in this life. Read the epistle of First John. Then read Dr. Martin's article "[The Essentials of Prayer](#)."

### **God Hides Things From His Children — Until They Can Receive Them**

Yes, God hides things. The most striking example is that God kept "the Mystery" (or "the Secret") hidden until 63 AD. That was the moment God chose to reveal His final teaching to the world, and to spirit entities **"among the celestials,"** the spirit entities in heaven where God's throne is located, and in the farthest reaches of the created physical universe. Through the teaching and ministry of the apostle Paul, it was time to reveal that secret for all people in the world to know, Jew and Gentile, whenever God opens individual minds [like yours] to receive it. For most in the world that will not happen until 1,000 years after Christ returns.

**"[Christ] in Whom we are having the deliverance through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses in accord with the riches of His grace, which He lavishes on us;**

in **ALL** wisdom and **[ALL]** prudence

making **KNOWN TO US THE SECRET of His will** (in accord with His delight, which He purposed in Him)

to have an administration of the complement of the eras,

to head up all in the Christ

— both that in the heavens and that on the earth

— in Him in Whom our lot was cast also,

being designated beforehand according to the purpose of the One Who is **operating ALL in accord with the counsel of His will.**"

• *Ephesians 1:7–11, Concordant Literal New Testament*

Paul later tells us he was given two missions as an apostle, one was **[1]** to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, and later **[2]** a second mission. Read what he says about both:

**"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that**

**[1] I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;**

**[2] to enlighten ALL as to what is the administration of the SECRET, which has been CONCEALED** [hidden! For how long?]

**from the eons in God, Who creates all,**

**that NOW** [and not before 63 AD] **may be MADE KNOWN to**

**[a] the sovereignties and**

**[b] the authorities**

**[where?] among the celestials,**

[How will that SECRET be distributed?] **through the ecclesia, the multifarious** [varied] **wisdom of God, in accord with the purpose of the eons, which He makes in Christ Jesus, our Lord."**

• *Ephesians 3:8–11, Concordant Literal New Testament*

See my Commentary, "[The Mystery, a Definition](#)" and Dr. Martin's article, "[The History of the Revelation of the Mystery](#)." God has hidden and later made known a secret that no one except God the Father and His Son, Christ Jesus, had ever known. Now they have made known the ultimate secret of the eons, or ages.

If that ultimate secret, the greatest secret, now has been revealed, why has God kept hidden from us the knowledge of less essential information in the Old and New Testaments? Well, we must **"search out"** those details of history and prophecy. We **"shall know the truth"** (John 8:32) and understand those prophecies that will be fulfilled before the End Times.

Why have our God and Christ kept that information from us? Well, remember we must trust God to do everything as He says He shall do them ... according to the counsel of HIS own will (Ephesians 1:11 above), not according to our wants or desires as little children.

It is not easy; be patient. Our wants and desires will be satisfied when Christ returns. We will see the whole puzzle. All our questions will be answered. It will be so.

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