

Sermon Outline: The Other Prophecies – A Triumphant Church – Part 1 Foundations

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Normally, this verse is visited when helping men understand how to be good or better husbands to their wife. It's a comparison to how far and what that love should look like.

But there is another gem buried in the analogy that I believe is actually a prophetic promise.

Prophetic End Time Prophecies

Most are familiar with the prophecies about signs of the times, the tribulation, the antichrist, Israel, and the judgments. But did you also realize, there is another set of prophecies, almost hidden because they deal with a mystery that God hid since the foundation of the world?

The Church is a hidden mystery according to the scripture.

The Greek term ekklesia (ek, "out from and to" and kaleo, "to call") which is commonly translated as "church", basically means 'called out from and to' and was commonly used to indicate an "assembly" of citizens of a Greek city.

The Church or Ekklesia was a hidden mystery.

Romans 16:25-26

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Premise #1 – If the Church was hidden until it was revealed in the book of Acts, so would be any prophecies concerning it.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. KJV

Premise #2 – The church's fate was also part of the mystery and was revealed once the Church arrived on the scene.

Premise #3 – There are still other mysteries yet to be revealed.

Revelation 10:1-4 (KJV)

10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven

thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

Could there be patterns in scripture that reveal hidden layers to the mystery of the Church and its fate?

One such possible pattern is how God has delivered previously! Consider Noah, Moses, and Israel in Egypt.

Noah's Deliverance - The seed was preserved and carried over the judgment in an ark.

Moses' Deliverance - His seed was preserved and carried over the judgment to kill the male children by being placed in an ark, boat of wood.

Israel's Deliverance - God watched over his seed by covering them with blood placed on the door.

Psalm 105:1-8 (KJV)

105:1 O **give thanks** unto the LORD; **call upon his name: make known his deeds** among the people. 2 **Sing unto him**, sing psalms unto him: **talk ye of all his wondrous works**. 3 **Glory ye in his holy name**: let the heart of them rejoice that **seek the LORD**. 4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. 5 **Remember his marvellous works** that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. 7 He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Notice How God Delivered Israel

Psalm 105:36-38 (KJV)

36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength. 37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. 38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

He covered them during the plagues. He repaid them for their lost wages. He healed them and restored their strength. He elevated their position among the heathen.

God had done the same for those he's delivered throughout the history of Israel.

God has done the same for the hidden Church as well.

If this is true, then we should be able to find in scripture, prophecies that may have been hidden or preserved for a specific time.

This is the foundation for our next series in the Word - The Other Prophecies: A Triumphant Church!

Some like to paint those that believe in the rapture as escapist. What they fail to realize is that God removing his people and preserving them is just how God works! He's done it throughout the history of His people. Read the whole Psalm 105!

I submit to you that hidden in Ephesians 5 is a clue to the other prophecies, a triumphant Church!

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So are there any prophetic clues as to how Jesus is going to do this, getting his Bride ready for presentation? Could it be that there is both the instruction of sanctification in scripture for each age of the Church but also possibly another set of prophecies specifically for the final generation of the Church on Earth?

Once such place may be in Revelation

Revelation 3:7-13 KJV

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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- The Gospel Preached Around the World
- The Outpouring of the Spirit of God
- The Revival or Awakening of the Body of Christ
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