

## BIBLE STUDY REFERENCE LIST - CHAPTER 3

### The Mystery of The New Testament Church Composed of Both Jew and Gentile

#### INTRODUCTION

Quick reference Bible studies for the 12 Mysteries are essential for two purposes: defending the gospel against skeptics, and teaching Christians reasons they should hope in the Word of God. This book's length naturally begs for a quick reference guide for Biblical proof "*the mystery of God*"<sup>1</sup> has been finished, or revealed.

Below you'll find Bible study references for **Chapter 3** only. References for remaining chapters are available for free at [www.pastorjessesmith.com/12mysteriesbook](http://www.pastorjessesmith.com/12mysteriesbook). You can also reach me via email, [jesse.smith11@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jesse.smith11@sbcglobal.net), or text 330-929-2037.

As Christians, we must verbally defend our faith. Twice Paul says he was set for the defense of the gospel in Philippians 1:7 and 17. In Greek, "defence" means "verbal defence, speech in defence, a reasoned statement or argument." The same Greek word for "defence" is also translated as "answer" in Peter's first epistle: "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*"<sup>2</sup> You can be ready to share the truth with any inquirer.

Ministers especially must faithfully test all beliefs. Paul commands us to "*Prove all things*" in 1 Thessalonians 5:21. Prove means "to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals" in the Greek. Since the Bible is our Absolute, all revelations are proven true by the pure words of Scripture alone.

Paul's message to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15 is: "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" Acts 17:11 labels the Bereans as a noble group because they searched the Scriptures daily to verify Paul's preaching.

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#### **3RD MYSTERY: NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH COMPOSED OF BOTH JEW AND GENTILE**

**Revelation:** Every born again believer—Jew or Gentile—is a part of God's family and entitled to all its rights, benefits, and future inheritances.

#### **God handpicked Israel to be separate unto Himself:**

Deut. 14:12 God chose Israel to be a *peculiar people unto Himself...above all the nations*

Deut. 28:1-2 if obedient, God would *set [Israel] on high above all nations of the earth*

#### **God permitted Gentiles as proselytes into Judaism with certain requirements:**

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<sup>1</sup> Revelation 10:7

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 3:15

Gen. 17:12, 27, Ex. 12:48 God tells Abraham and Moses *strangers*, or Gentiles, among them must be circumcised

2 Chron. 2:17 In Solomon's time, the Gentiles numbered 153,600

Lev. 22:10 Gentiles could never be in the Aaronic priesthood

Ex. 12:19, Num. 19:10, Deut. 5:14, 16:11, 14 Gentiles kept Passover laws, purified by waters of separation, observed the Sabbath, and rejoiced on feast days

### **Rahab, Ruth, and Uriah are prominent Gentile converts to Judaism:**

Jos. chapters 2, 6, Mat. 1:5 Rahab, the harlot from Jericho, married into the lineage of Christ

Ruth 2:2, 3:11, 4:17-22 Ruth the Moabitess married into the lineage of David, Christ

2 Sam. 11:11, 23:39, 1 Chron. 11:41 Uriah the Hittite was one of David's mighty men

### **Prophecies foretelling God would unite Gentiles with Jews in the seventh, or New Covenant:**

Gen. 12:3, Gal. 3:8 all earth's families would be blessed through justification by faith

Ps. 22:27, 86:9 twice David says *all nations* will worship the Lord

Isa. 9:2, Mat. 4:13-16 Jesus' ministry to the Gentiles was a *great light*

Isa. 11:10, Isa. 28:12, Mat. 11:29, 1 Cor. 14:21 Jesus is the *root of Jesse* Who brought soul-rest to the Gentiles

Isa. 42:1-9, Mat. 12:14-21 Jesus' ministry brought forth *judgment to the Gentiles*

Isa. 49:6, Acts 13:47 salvation and the Holy Ghost baptism is a *light of the Gentiles*

Isa. 60:3, Acts 26:23 Christ's resurrection would *shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles*

Hos. 2:23, Rom. 9:24-26 Paul cites Hosea as proof God is offering salvation to the Gentiles

Jer. 16:19-21 *the Gentiles shall...know...my name is The LORD*

### **Jesus first offers the gospel to the Jews, then Gentiles:**

Mat. 10:5-7 *Go not into...the Gentiles...But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*

Mat. 15:22-24 Jesus calls Gentiles *dogs*, calls Israel *children*

John 10:16 Jesus is the *one shepherd* bringing His *other sheep* (Gentiles) into His *one fold*

Mat. 21:33-46 Jesus' The Wicked Husbandman foretells His taking the kingdom from Israel and giving it to the Gentiles: *a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*

Isa. 60:3, Acts 3:25-26 Peter tells Jews God sent Jesus *unto you first*

Rom. 1:16, Acts 13:45-46 Paul says the gospel was first preached to the Jew, but once blasphemed, he took it to the Gentiles

### **The Book of Acts and Peter's keys to the kingdom:**

Mat. 16:18-19 Jesus gives keys to kingdom to Peter

Luke 17:21 Jesus says *the kingdom of God is within you*—the baptism of the Holy Ghost

Acts 2:4-41 Peter uses the keys to the kingdom for the first time as Jesus' spokesman on Day of Pentecost when 3,000 souls receive the kingdom of God—the filling of the Holy Ghost

Acts 8:1-40 Peter uses the keys to the kingdom a second time as he and John lay hands on Samaritans and they receive the Holy Ghost baptism

Acts 10:1-48 Peter uses the keys to the kingdom a third time among Gentiles in the house of Cornelius

Acts 11:1-18 Judaeen apostles accept Peter's testimony about Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost as he describes the Spirit falling in the same manner as the Day of Pentecost

Luke 21:24 Cornelius' house receiving the Holy Ghost is the beginning of what Jesus calls *the times of the Gentiles*

### **Paul's Gentile Dispensation and Peter's Apostleship to Jews:**

1 Cor. 9:17 Paul: *a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me*

Eph. 3:1-2 Paul says the Gentile dispensation was given to him by God

Col. 1:25 Paul explains his Gentile dispensation is a fulfillment of God's will

Gal. 2:7-9 Peter's apostleship was to Jews; Paul's apostleship was to Gentiles

### **The beginning of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles:**

Acts 13:14-52 After envious Jews in Antioch blaspheme Paul's teachings, he and Barnabas turn their focus to Gentile ministry

Acts 14:27 On his return to Antioch following many missionary endeavors, Paul rehearses how God opened the door of faith to the Gentiles

### **Paul's gospel is Christ's judgment standard:**

Gal. 1:6-13 Paul twice says a curse is upon anyone who changes the gospel Jesus Christ taught him

Rom. 2:16 Jesus Christ will judge the secrets of men's hearts by the gospel He taught Paul

Prov. 30:5-6, Rev. 22:18-19 retribution, curses for anyone who adds or takes away from the Word

Acts 19:5 Paul baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ—not titles, "Father, Son, Holy Ghost"

Col. 1:15, 2:2, Heb. 1:3 Paul calls the Godhead a mystery, not "three persons"; Jesus is the image of the invisible God, Who is one person;

1 Cor. 4:17, 11:1-16 Paul taught God-honoring hair length in every church: short hair for men, uncut hair for women

1 Tim. 2:9 Paul taught women to wear modest clothes

1 Tim. 2:12, 1 Cor. 14:34-35 Paul forbid women to preach to and teach men

Acts 2:37-39, 3:19, 8:21-23, 9:17, 17:30, 19:1-7, 26:20 Paul, like Peter, taught repentance at salvation, not inviting Jesus in your heart

### **Paul's extensive teaching on the revelation of one church:**

Romans chapters 1-5 universal need for Jews and Gentiles to repent, receive Jesus' righteousness

Romans chapters 6-8 how the Spirit-filled saint overcomes sin, understands the Mosaic Law

Romans chapters 9-11 Israel's unbelief, blinding, and prophesied return to God

Romans chapters 12-16 guidelines for Christian living

Rom. 16:25-26 God's promise to establish believers in the revelation of this mystery

1 Cor. 12:13 Jew and Gentile are part of Christ's body by the baptism of the Holy Ghost

Gal. 3:6-29 any Jew or Gentile with faith in Jesus is part of the spiritual seed of Abraham  
Eph. 2:11-22, 3:1-21 Jesus is peace with God for Jews and Gentiles, having broken down the wall between them through the cross; God has created one body, one temple of believers;  
Col. 1:27, 3:11, 4:3 Christ's Spirit dwells in Jew and Gentile believers; there is *neither Greek nor Jew* in Christ Jesus;

**Blessings and challenges in Jews and Gentiles transitioning into one body:**

Phil. 1:3-8, 4:14-19 Paul's emotional bond with the Philippians and their care for him (blessing)  
Acts 19:1-7, 20:17-38 Paul and the Ephesian elders sorrowfully wept as he left following 3 years of intimate teaching and fellowship (blessing)  
Gal. 2:11-21 Paul confronted Peter for disfellowshipping with Gentiles (challenge)  
Acts 15:1-41, Amos 9:11-12 apostles, including Paul, hold Jerusalem Council to liberate Gentile Christians from a circumcision-requirement to be saved (challenge)  
Gal. 2:3-5, Acts 16:3, 1 Cor. 9:19-22 Paul stops false brethren from circumcising Titus but Paul himself circumcises Timothy because his motive was to win souls (challenge)

**The fourth feast of Israel, The Feast of Weeks, prophesied the one church composed of Jew and Gentile:**

Ex. 34:22-23, Lev. 23:15-21, Num. 28:26-31, Deu. 16:9-12 natural aspects of Feast of Weeks  
Acts 2:1-47 falling of the Holy Ghost on Day of Pentecost is antitype of Feast of Weeks  
Exodus chapters 19, 20, 24 Old Testament Pentecost with at least 10 antitypes of Acts 2  
2 Cor. 3:1-18 Paul explains in-depth how Old Testament Pentecost was fulfilled in Acts 2  
Lev. 23:16, 1 Cor. 10:17, Eph. 2:15 the 2 leaven-infused loaves were one offering, typing Jew and Gentile Christians as one body of believers who battle the indwelling sin nature  
Col. 1:27 Christians have divinity living in their souls: *Christ in you* (typed by wheat)  
Rom. 7:17, 20 Christians have a sin nature living inside their bodies (typed by leaven)  
1 John 3:9 the seed of God (seal of the Holy Spirit) inside a believer's soul cannot sin

**The former and latter rains were prophetic of the final outpourings of the Holy Ghost before the Gentile rapture:**

Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17-18 original falling of the Holy Ghost symbolized as poured out rain  
Hosea 6:1-3 God's Spirit likened to rains: *he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain*  
Mat. 13:24-30, 36-43, Mat. 24:14, 28:19-20, Mark 16:15 the Great Commission to save souls from every nation is typed as a wheat harvest  
Jam. 5:7-8 God promises one more former and latter rain before the last Gentile harvest  
Joel 2:23-26 prophecy of the former (teaching) and latter rains (rapturing faith) for the Gentile rapture promises wheat (Word), wine (joy) and oil (baptism of the Holy Ghost)  
Zec. 10:1 *Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD...give them showers of rain*

**The multinational, Gentile multitude:**

Rev. 7:9-17 Christ's multinational New Testament church gathered before God's throne as *a great multitude...of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues*—Israel must be included