

THE SURPRISE ENDING TO A GREAT MYSTERY

Ephesians 3:1-21

THE PLOT: to reveal the mystery through...

1. the Old Testament Scriptures – many characters, many storylines woven by the Author/Creator
2. promise of a Messiah/Redeemer to bring salvation
3. revelation by the Holy Spirit to Paul, apostles and prophets
(See Ephesians 3:2-6)

THE PURPOSE: to reveal in real time...

1. the unbelievable CHURCH of GOD
 - an amazing new organism uniting Jew and Gentile united into a powerful relationship with God
(see Ephesians 2:14-22)
2. the incredible WISDOM of GOD
 - displayed on planet earth but witnessed by the unseen kingdoms – both angelic and demonic
(see Ephesians 3:10,11; 1 Peter 1:10-12)
3. the spectacular GRACE of GOD
 - the entire creation is impacted as the physical and spiritual creation waits for the final chapter of God's story to be revealed
(see Romans 8:18-25; Ephesians 3:12,13)

A PRAYER of PRAISE (14-20)

1. enjoy our new identity (14,15)
 - the Father's family
2. enjoy our new spiritual power (16,17)
 - internal renovation
3. enjoy our new relationship (18,19)
 - expanse of the love of God
 - filled with the fullness of God
4. Doxology for the CHURCH (20,21)

So... The Mystery has been revealed but not all of it yet.

DONE...

The Old Testament, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the descent of the Spirit to initiate the Church

TO COME...

More surprise endings to this Great Mystery of Salvation