

Section Two: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Present)

Category A: Church – Kingdom Intelligence Report #1

Topic: Fresh Start 5.0

The hope of restoring Plan A with the first advent of Adam 2.0 came to a sudden and brutal halt with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Once again, this did not come as any surprise to God, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 53, verses 4-6, of his oracle:

“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.”

Yet with the crucifixion came the resurrection and an entirely new phase in the furtherance of Plan B; so much so that the writers of the New Testament describe it as a “mystery.” This new characteristic of Plan B would involve a mystery in the sense that it was “previously concealed, but now revealed.” The most dramatic element of this fresh start came as an absolute shock to the system, on a racial, moral and spiritual level, for the first Jewish followers of their rejected Messiah. What was it that was so shocking? Plan B would now allow for the massive influx of Gentiles into the Kingdom of God on earth. The Apostle Paul describes this new feature in the furtherance of Plan B with eloquent detail, in Ephesians 3:4-7, as well as Colossians 1:26-27 –

“By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.”

“. . . that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

No one was better qualified than the Apostle Paul, to not only write about this incredible new aspect of Plan B, but to cope with the shock of it in a manner that powerfully enabled its furtherance, in the early days of the church (Acts 15:1-12; Galatians 2:11-21; Philippians 3:1-11).