

# HomeGroup Questions

the week of 5/27/2018

Romans 16:25-27

## MYSTERY UNRAVELED

### GETTING STARTED...

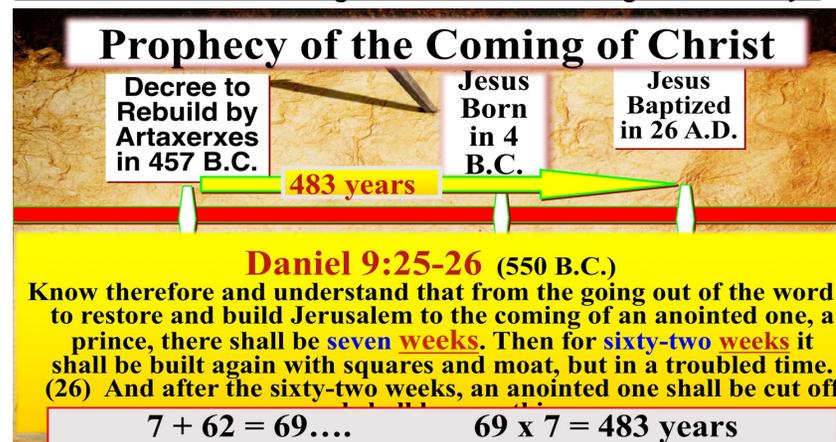
- This past Sunday, Pastor Mel covered the last three verses of the book of Romans. This amazing letter that focuses on the theme of being “justified by faith” comes to an end with an encouragement regarding our relationship with Christ and our faith in Him...and awesome mystery!!

### LOOKING IN THE WORD...

**1. Read Romans 16:25-27** Verse 25 begins by reminding us of the strength that we find in Christ and our relationship with Him. How do you sense the strength of Christ in your life through the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ? How do you best appropriate the strength from the Lord...how do you get it? (Read Isaiah 40:29-31).

- **Verse 25 (also read Colossians 2:1-8).** Speaks about the mystery that was disclosed through the prophets. Pastor Mel encouraged us to see “mystery” not as something that God was trying to hide from people to keep us from coming to Him. However, in the nature of God’s plan to bring about Christ, the O.T. believers only had small glimpses of what the Messiah would be like. In many ways it was a “mystery” due to the revelations given about the Messiah over time which revealed slowly more and more of His character and purpose. Pastor Mel referred to the “mystery” as the “mind-boggling” revelation of Jesus Christ, the awesome God-man. Compare these passages and what you learn about the Messiah as well as how we can focus on staying true to the teaching and doctrines of our faith in Christ.

**2. Prophecy is such a confirmation of the person of Christ and the authority of the Word of God.** Pastor Mel shared this chart in his sermon...how do passages like this and others below bolster your faith. How do these passages set apart Christ even more from the rest of the religious teachers throughout history?



**Here are some** other prophetic passages that should encourage us in our walk. Read them as evidence for your faith in Christ and as an encouragement to your faith. Would these be verses that you might refer to when witnessing to an unbeliever? What might critics/skeptics say to you if you share these prophecies with them.

- **Genesis 3:15** – the “protoevangelium”
- **Isaiah 7:14** - Immanuel, God with us!
- **Micah 5:2** “a virgin shall conceive”
- **Psalms 22:1-15** – “crucifixion details”
- **Isaiah 53:1-10** - “crucifixion details”

**3. Romans 16:17** concludes with the only God receiving the glory forevermore. What makes finding joy in glorifying God such an important concept for the believer? What does that say about someone who does not have a passion for glorifying God in everything he or she does? (Matthew 5:16)

**MOVING FORWARD...** Pray rejoicing in the mystery of Christ.