

# 1 PETER 1:10-16 “ANCIENT MYSTERIES REVEALED”

10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who **prophesied of the grace** that would come to you,  
11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

- **A great example of this prophetic interest and scholarship is found in Daniel:**

## **Daniel 9:1-3**

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, **understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.**

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

**Hebrews 11:13** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

## **Matthew 13:16-17**

16 But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

## **2 Peter 1:19-21**

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

- **They searched the Scriptures to try understand why:**
  - **Gentiles and Jews would receive abundant grace from God for salvation.**
    - **Even Gentiles would share in the inheritance of God.**
  - **Seeming contradicting promises:**
    - **Isaiah 52-53 – The Messiah would serve and suffer**
    - **Psalms 22 – The Messiah would be hideously murdered.**
    - **Psalms 2 – The Messiah will crush all raging nations**  
*Psalms 2:9* You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' ”
  - **They didn't understand then, but now we do – the mystery has been revealed in Christ Jesus.**

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

- **The prophets knew they wouldn't receive the full weight of God's glorious grace**
  - **They knew the Holy Spirit would come and make the greatest difference.**

- **Angels are apparently at awe at God's grace in light of what they see you do and say.**
  - **Angels are constantly observing the events of man and saints**
  - **They fear God's awesome glory – and wonder why we don't.**

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

- **Five pointed exhortations:**
  1. **Gird up the loins of your mind – let's get educated!**
  2. **Be sober – time to be serious about your faith**
  3. **Rest your hopefully upon grace – not on your works**
  4. **Not conforming yourselves to former lusts, when you didn't know any better**
  5. **Be holy in all your conduct**