

Ephesians

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The two mysteries

The Mystery; its Special Characteristics.

1. A special minister.		Paul, as prisoner (1). Me (2, 3, 8). I (8).
2. A special ministry.		For you Gentiles (1). To youward (2). Among the Gentiles (8).
3. A special communication.		Made known by revelation (3).
4. A special theme.		Unsearchable (8). Mystery (3, 9). Hid (9).
5. A special period.		The dispensation of the grace of God (2). The dispensation of the mystery (9). Now (10).
6. A special witness.		Unto principalities (10). Manifold wisdom (10).
7. A special purpose.		According to the purpose of the Ages (11).

Such is the theme of verses 1-11 omitting the parenthesis. Coming to verses 4-7 we learn more concerning this mystery by way of contrast. The mystery of verses 1-3 and 4-11 is contrasted with the mystery of Christ. Let us again seek an analysis.

The Mystery of Christ.

- 1. Not exclusive to this dispensation. It was made known in other generations (5).**
- 2. Not exclusive to the Apostle Paul. It was revealed unto prophets and apostles (5).**

The Mystery.

- 1. It was exclusive to the Apostle Paul. Verses 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9, already considered, and verse 7, "Whereof I was made a minister", the words defining the gospel intended in verse 6.**
- 2. It was peculiar in its composition. It gives a threefold equality to the Gentile believer never before known or enjoyed (6).**

The inhabitable world

- Ro 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world <3625>.
- Heb 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world <3625>, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
- Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world <3625> to come, whereof we speak.

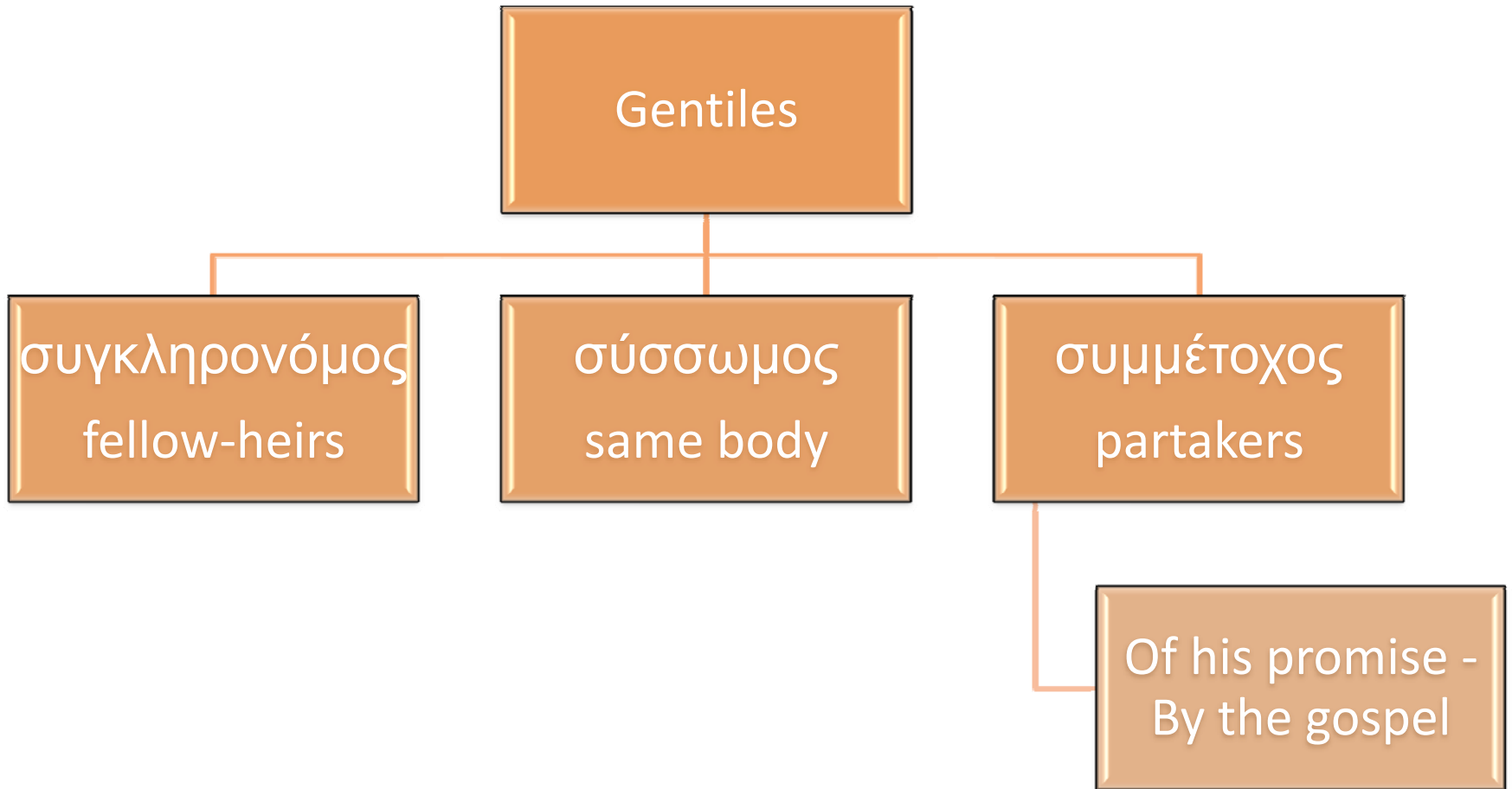
Structure of Ephesians as a whole.

- A | a | 1: 1, 2.** Grace and peace to saints and faithful from
God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b | 1: 3-14.** "Blessed be God"; all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies.
- B | 1: 15-** Paul hears of the Ephesians' spiritual affairs; result—"thanks."
- C | c | 1: -15.** Love to all saints.
- d | 1: 16-19.** Paul's prayer for the saints. "That He may give"; "that ye may know."
- D | 1: 20-23.** The mighty Power, Principalities, & 100: Salvation.
- E | 2: 1-18.** (1) Death and life. (2) Distance and nearness. (3) Peace and enmity.
The two walks. Old and new creation. "Good works."
- F | 2: 19-22.** The temple "fitly framed together" (**sunarmologoumene**).
The foundation of the Apostles and Prophets—Jesus Christ Himself.
- G | 3: 1-13.** | **e |** The prisoner in the Lord.
- f |** The dispensation of the mystery. "The same body" (3: 6).
- H | 3: 14-21.** Paul's prayer. "The love of Christ which passeth knowledge."
"The fulness of God."
"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus."
- G | 4: 1-6.** | **e |** The prisoner in the Lord.
- f |** The unity of the Spirit, "One body."
- F | 4: 7-16.** The body "fitly joined together" (**sunarmologoumenon**).
The ministry of the Apostles and Prophets—The Son of God.
- E | 4: 17-6: 9.** (1) Love and lust. (2) Light and darkness. (3) Wisdom and folly.
The two walks. Old and new creation. "Good works."
- D | 6: 10-17.** The power of His might. Principalities, & 100: Conflict.
- C | c | 6: 18.** Prayer for all saints.
- d | 6: 19, 20.** Saints' prayer for Paul. "may be given"; "make known."
- B | 6: 21, 22.** Ephesians hear of Paul's affair; result—"comfort."
- A | a | 6: 23.** Peace with love and faith to the brethren from
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b | 6: 24.** Benediction on all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption.

Eph. 3:6 Three fold equality

- 6 (AV) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
- 6 (TR) είναι τα έθνη συγκληρονομα και συσσωμα και συμμετοχα της επαγγελιας αυτου εν τω χριστω δια του ευαγγελιου

σύν, σύν, σύν=“with”



Two preachings εὐαγγελίζω

- Eph 2:17 And came and preached <2097> peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach <2097> among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

οἰκονομία, or κοινωνία (3:2,3:9)

- 2 (AV) If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
- 2 (TR) ειπε ηκουσατε **την οικονομιαν της χαριτος** του θεου **της** δοθεισης μοι εις υμας
- 9 (AV) And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- 9 (TR) και φωτισαι παντας τις **η κοινωνια** του μυστηριου του αποκεκρυμμενου απο των αιωνων εν τω θεω τω τα παντα κτισαντι δια ιησου χριστου