

# Prophecy and Mystery

"...when ye read, ye may understand... the mystery of Christ..." - Eph 3:4

## 1. The prophets spoke of Christ

- a. Her seed shall bruise thy head (Gen 3:15)
- b. A virgin shall conceive... (Is 7:14)
- c. The Lord said unto my Lord (Ps 110:1)
- d. His throne for ever (1 Chr 17:11-12)
- e. The death, burial, resurrection of Christ (Is 53:5, 8, Ps 16:10)
- f. The redeemer - spoken of by all the Holy prophets (Lk 1:70, 24:44)

## 2. The mystery of Christ was kept secret

- a. The mystery of Christ regards things kept secret about Christ (Rom 16:25, Eph 3:8)
- b. A Head and a body (Col 1:18)
- c. A new creature, old things are passed, incl. how we know Christ (Eph 2:15, 16, 2 Cor 5:16-17)
- d. Hid in God, not the prophets (Eph 3:9)
- e. Revealed to one as a pattern (Acts 9:15, 26:16-18)
- f. Kept secret until the right time (1 Cor 2:6-8)

## 3. Things that are different

Prophecy Concerns	Mystery Concerns
The rise and rebirth of the nation of Israel Dan 2:44, Mt 6:10	A new creature, the body of Christ 1 Cor 12:12, 27,
God's purpose concerning the earth Jer 23:5, Mt 5:5, Ps 37:11	God's purpose concerning the heavens Eph 1:3, 2:5-6
Christ as King of Israel Is 9:6-7, Jer 23:5	Christ as Head of the body Eph 1:22-23, Col 2:19
Prophesied/spoken "since the world began" Acts 3:21	Kept secret "since the world began" Rom 16:25
Gentiles blessed through Israel's rise Gen 12:2-3, Zech 8:13	Gentiles blessed without Israel Acts 28:28, Rom 11:11, Eph 2:15
Christ's coming to the earth Is 59:20, Zec 14:3-4, 9	Christ's absence from the earth Eph 1:20-23, 2 Pt 3:15-16
<b>Salvation yet future</b> 1 Pt 1:5, 9, Acts 3:19	<b>Salvation now</b> 1 Cor 1:18, 1 Cor 15:2, Eph 2:5
<b>Jesus Confirmed Promises</b> Rom 9:4-5, Rom 15:8	<b>Jesus Revealed a Mystery</b> Col 1:27, Eph 2:12, 3:3