

9/9/18 The Two Main Divisions in Scripture: Prophecy and Mystery

PROPHECY	MYSTERY
Past and future, literal, for Israel	For the Body of Christ, the Church
Jeremiah 23:5 and Matt 25:3	1 Corinthians 12:12. 12:27
Dan 2:44	Eph. 4:11, 12 & 16
Isaiah 9:6	Eph 1:3 and 2:6
Luke 1:68	Col. 3:1, 2
Acts 3:20-24 " <i>since</i> the foundation..."	Eph. 1:4-7 " <i>before</i> the foundation..."
National Israel: God's pre-eminent people.	Rom. 10:12 Israel is nothing special at this time. No difference between Jew & Gentile.
They were in past and will be again.	We (the church) are NOT spiritual Israel.
Isaiah 60:10-12 and 61:6	
Exod. 19:4 (a nation of priests)	
Gentiles will have to go through Israel for a blessing. Gen 22:17 - Abrahamic Covenant	Rom. 11:32 and 11:28 Eph. 2:16 (reconciled by the Cross)
Political, literal entity. A Kingdom has government (Law), a people and a physical location.	The Mystery revealed to Paul by Christ concerns individuals, not nations. It is primarily spiritual in nature.
John 3:16 has ^ in view. It is not the gospel for today	2 Cor. 5:14-17
We are NOT covenant people.	We are people of the Cross.
Prophecy concerns nations. Isaiah 2:4, Ezek. 37:21	Body of Christ = spiritual, exists now. Jesus is the Head and we are His Body.

What does all of this mean to us today?

When we understand the difference between prophecy and mystery, we gain a better, clearer understanding of God's will for our lives and our purpose in the earth today.

Matthew 6:10 ("The Lord's Prayer")

Vs 9: "thy kingdom come" refers to the prophesied coming earthly kingdom.

"Our daily bread": daily, physical, supernatural provision of food as in Exodus, and as prophesied by Jesus Christ.

"Forgive our debts...": conditional forgiveness, not applicable to us in the BOC today.

Vs 13 - that Temptation is the one to take the Mark of the Beast due to severe persecution in the Tribulation. All of the Lord's Prayer deals with His provision and protection during that time.

How should WE pray?

Rom. 8:26-28 The Spirit intercedes for us.

Eph. 6:18 & 19 (also see Eph. 1:17-19)

Phil. 4:6 & 7

1 Thess. 5:17 Be careful for nothing, and thankful in everything.

1 John 1:9 Confessing our sins? : consistent with Kingdom Gospel and the Tribulation, NOT with Paul's Doctrine to the Church.

Col. 2:13 & 14 We have already been forgiven all our trespasses and sins.

Rom. 5:11 We now have the atonement.

Eph. 1:12-13 Sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise

Rom. 8:23 Waiting for the adoption of sons, the Rapture, the glorification of our bodies.

Vs. 25: Nothing can separate us from Christ!

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