

The Church..

"A Mystery, in the Old Testament"

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— Key Passage > Ephesians 3:1-13

-- Context of the Passage: Christ, by His death on the cross, created one body, the Church, composed of those Jews and Gentiles who believe in Him.

— Outline of the Passage:

- I. Paul's ministry with the Gentiles. [Eph. 1-2]
- II. The Mystery of the Church revealed to Christ's holy apostles and prophets. [Eph. 3-7]
- III. The importance of the Church in God's eternal plan. [Eph. 8-13]

— Observations and Conclusions:

> Similar terms or events in the Bible, does not mean they are the same thing.

> The Church was unknown in the Old Testament.

> The passages in the Old Testament with reference to the "**The Coming of the Lord**" or similar terms, always refer to Christ's first coming to die for the sins of the world or His second coming to establish His kingdom. They never refer to the Rapture of the Church.

> The term "The Coming of the Lord" or similar terms, in the New Testament, must be defined by the context of the passage under study.

Examples: Mat. 24:1-3

II Pet. 1: 16-18

I Thes. 4:15

II Thes. 2:8.

This Concludes Part 1 of a 3 part Lesson Series meeting on: 12.18.23

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About This Week's LESSON:

This is Part 1 lesson of a 3 part series was an excerpt out of Elder, Bob Duncan's Comprehensive Study Outline entitled:

The Church... "A Mystery, in the Old Testament"

originally covered at the [12.18.23](#) meeting.

The Purpose of this study is to reveal many of the distinct differences between scriptures that are exclusively about Israel from those speaking only of the Church.

Both pointing to and being fulfilled as prophesied by God in the end times, while being completely different in their purpose and timing.

It is our prayer that you will find this study outline, either in their separated 3 weekly lesson formats *posted by the following dates, taught in our weekly lesson archives"*

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