





The Mystery of the Kingdom

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH AGE

What is a Mystery?

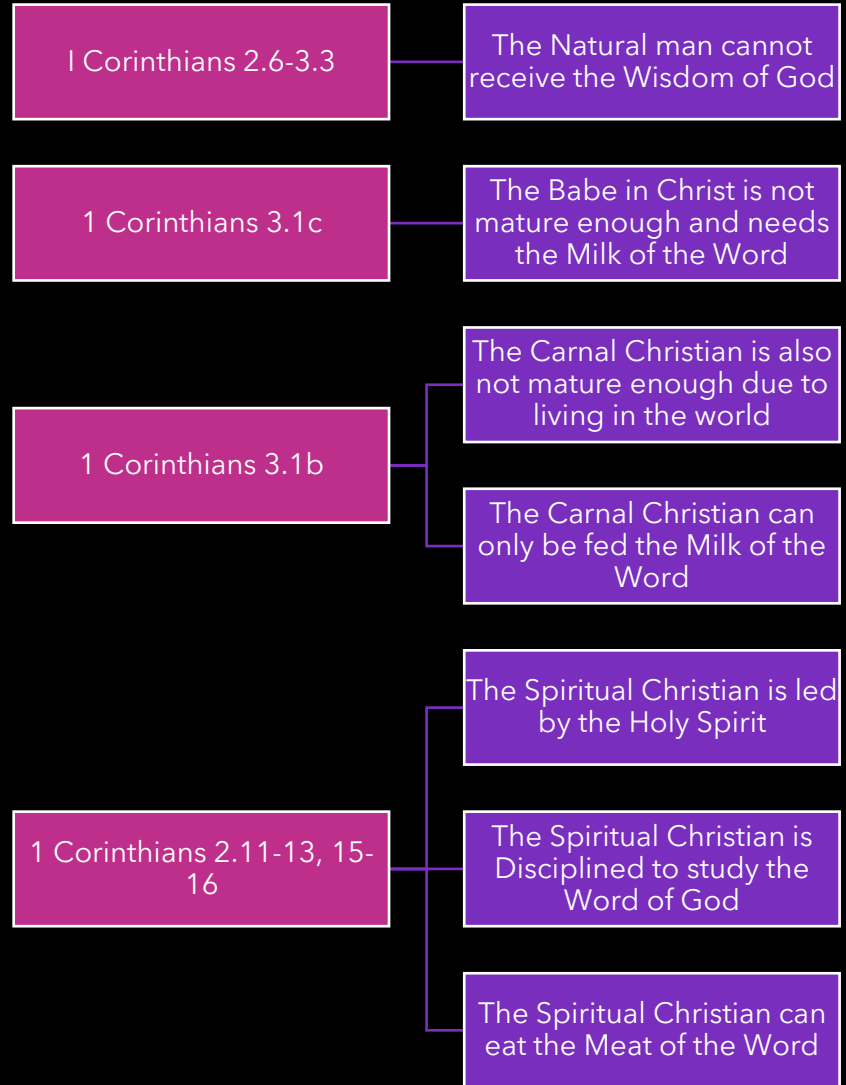
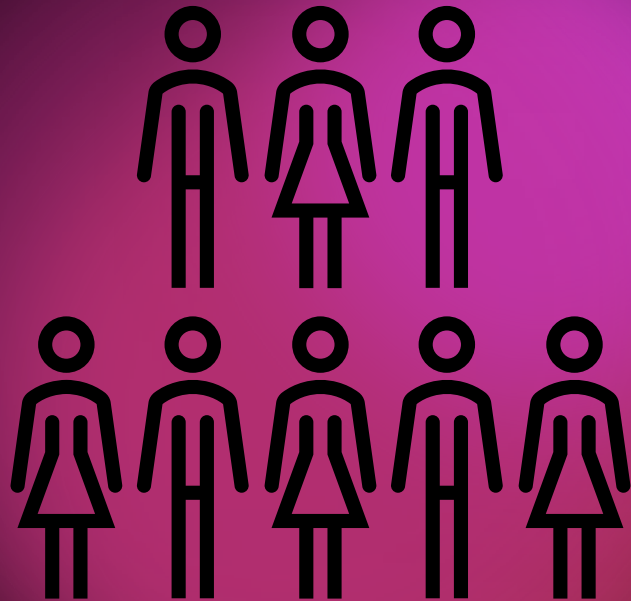
The Greek word for Mystery is *musterion*

It comes from the Greek word *muo*, which means 'to shut the mouth/eyes'

It carries the meaning of something that was Hidden in the Old Testament but Revealed in the New Testament

It is something that was Unknowable in the Old Testament

It is therefore something that is Only knowable in the New Testament



Four Types of People

The Process of Gaining Understanding of the Mysteries

Isaiah 8.16-20

- The Word of God must be followed and studied
- Do not go after those that Chirp and Mutter
- Anyone that does not Speak according to the Law and the Prophets has no Light of Day

I Corinthians 4.6

- Paul warns not to go beyond what is Written in the Word of God

II Timothy 3.14-17

- The Holy Scriptures are the only way to protect against false teaching
- You must discipline yourself to Teach the Word of God

The Mysteries



The
Kingdom
of God

Matthew
13.11; Mark
4.11; Luke
8.10

Guardian
Angels and
Lamps

Revelation
1.20

The Body
of Christ

Ephesians
3.1-12

The
Indwelling
Christ

Colossians
1.24-29

The
Church as
the Bride
of Christ

Ephesians
5.22-23

The
Rapture

I Corinthians
15.50-58

Israel's
Hardening

Romans 9.1-
11.36

Mystery
Babylon

Revelation
17.1-18

Lawlessness

II
Thessalonians
2.1-12

The End of
the Satanic
Mysteries

Revelation
10.1-7

The Five Facets of God's Kingdom Program

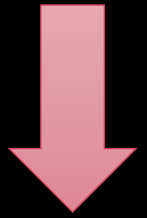
The
Universal
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Kingdom

The
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The
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The
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or
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The
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The Universal or Eternal Kingdom

God is the ruler of the Universe

The LORD is the King and Sovereign over His creation

I Chronicles 29.1-12

- His Kingdom is universal

Psalms 10.16

- His Kingdom is eternal

Psalms 103.19-22

- He rules over All

Daniel 6.26

- His Kingdom will never be Destroyed, and shall never End

The Spiritual Kingdom

This is composed of everyone who have experienced the new birth by the Holy Spirit

It is the kingdom of God's rule in the heart of the Believer

Matthew 19.16, 22-23

Eternal life equals the Kingdom of heaven

John 3.3-5

You must be born again to enter the Kingdom

Colossians 1.13-14

We have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son

The Theocratic Kingdom

This is God's rule by means of and through a theocracy over one nation: Israel

This was established by Moses with the giving of the law

There are two forms to the Theocratic kingdom:

With the decline of the Kings, God sent prophets

The Prophets began to speak of a future, eternal kingdom

The Mediatorial Form

Samuel marked the transition between Mediatorial and Monarchial

The Monarchial Form

This was Moses through Samuel

God ruled through Mediators

This was David through Zedekiah

God ruled through Monarchs

The Messianic or Millennial Kingdom

This Kingdom will be ruled by the Messiah Himself

This Kingdom will last 1000 years

The Davidic Covenant is the base for this Kingdom

Yeshua offered the kingdom to the Jews, and they rejected His offer

The Kingdom is now postponed until after the Tribulation

The Mystery Kingdom

Matthew 13.11

When Yeshua's offer was rejected, He began to reveal the mystery kingdom

The Messiah's teaching describe the conditions on the earth in His absence

Jesus uses parables to teach these principles

There are eight parables in Matthew and Mark that describe this Kingdom

The Sower

The Growing
Seed

The Tares

The Mustard
Seed

The Leaven

The Buried
Treasure

The Pearl of
Great Price

The Net



The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13.3-9, 19-23

The Kingdom will be known by the sowing of the Gospel seed

There will be opposition to the Reception of the seed

This parable sets up all the other parables

- Mark 4.13

The Parable of the Seed Growing

Mark 4.26-29

The seed sown
will grow of its
own accord

It has inner energy
to sprout and
grow

This is a picture of
the believer being
born again and
growing in Christ

It will culminate in
the translation
into Eternal Life

The Parable of the Tares



Matthew
13.24-30, 36-
43

The sowing of
the first
parable will
be imitated
by sowing
from the evil
one

There will be
a true
Christianity
and a false
Christianity

They are
allowed to
grow
together

Only at the
end will the
wheat and the
tares be
separated

This will
happen at the
judgment at
the end of the
Mystery
Kingdom

The good is
brought into
the Messianic
Kingdom, the
bad thrown
into the fire

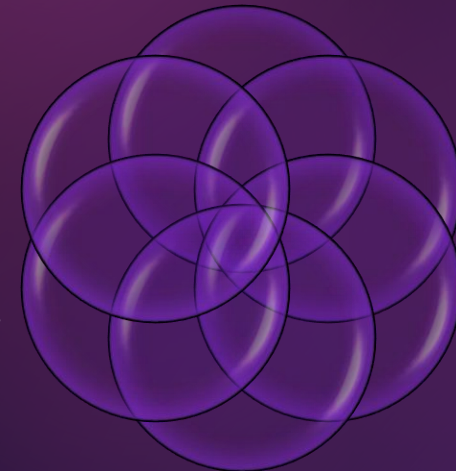


The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13.31-32

True Christians, false Christians, cults and false Christian religions will all roost within its branches

Within the bounds of Christendom there will be all kinds of elements



The Mystery Kingdom will grow very large

It will be a resting place for Birds

Birds - according to the first parable - are a negative element

The Parable of the Leaven

Matthew 13.33

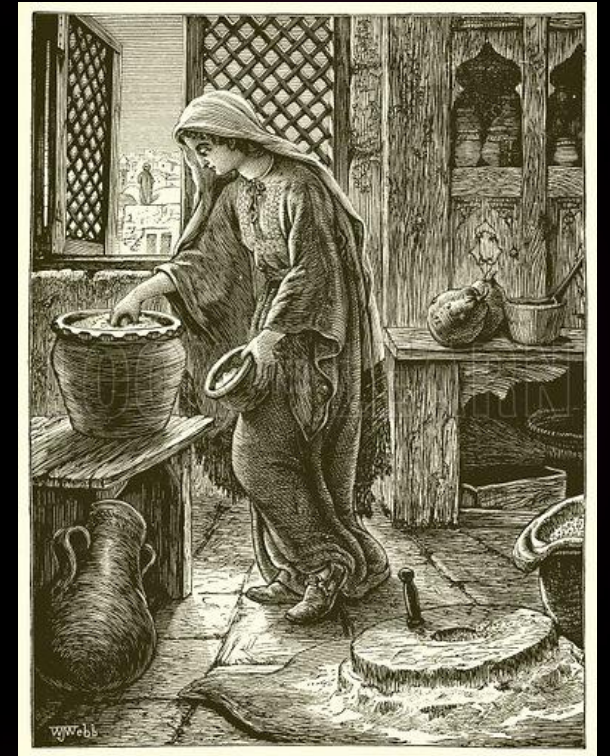
The mystery kingdom will be marked by inward doctrinal corruption

When 'woman' is used symbolically in Scripture it is usually represents falseness or deception

Leaven is always used as a symbol for sin

Three measures of meal was the exact amount used for baking in the Old Testament

The last church age - Laodicea - is marked by spiritual numbness and decline





The Parable of the Treasure

Matthew 13.44

Treasure is an Old Testament picture of Israel

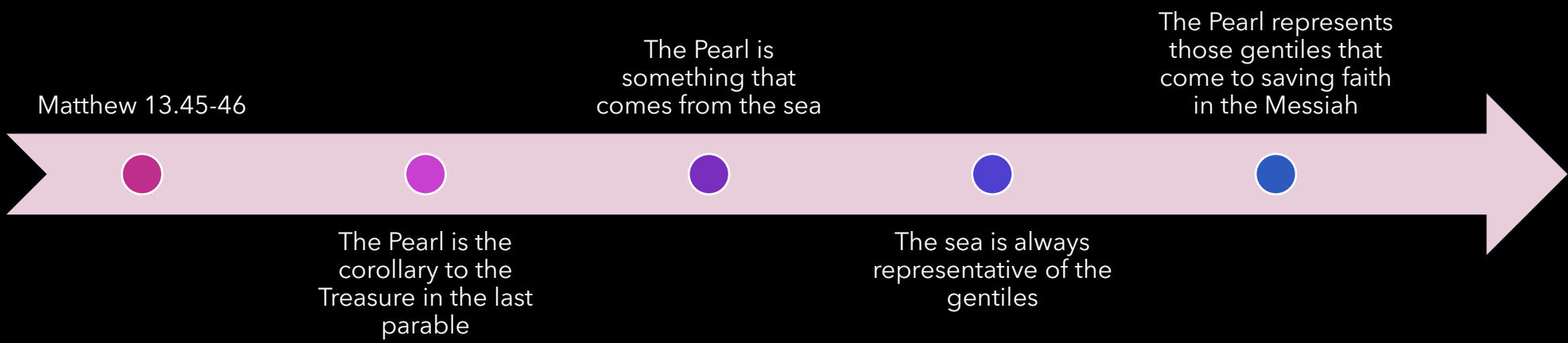
Exodus 19.5

Deuteronomy
14.2

Psalms 135.4

This parable teaches that despite the tares and the leaven there will be Jews that receive their Messiah during the Mystery Kingdom age

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price



The Parable of the Net

Matthew 13.47-50

This parable shows us the judgment at the end of the Mystery Kingdom

The net is the entire kingdom of Christendom

The good fish are the believers, the bad fish are the false believers

The good fish are brought into the Messianic Kingdom, the bad fish are thrown in the fire



The Teaching of the Householder

Matthew 13.51-52

Jesus asks His disciples if they have understood all His parables

There reply is in the Affirmative

The Disciples now have Old Testament and New Testament wisdom

They are taught to use their wisdom in the process of fulfilling the parables

- Preach the Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles
- Lead people to Christ
- Disciple those believers to go and do the same
- Use both the Old and New Treasures to do this

