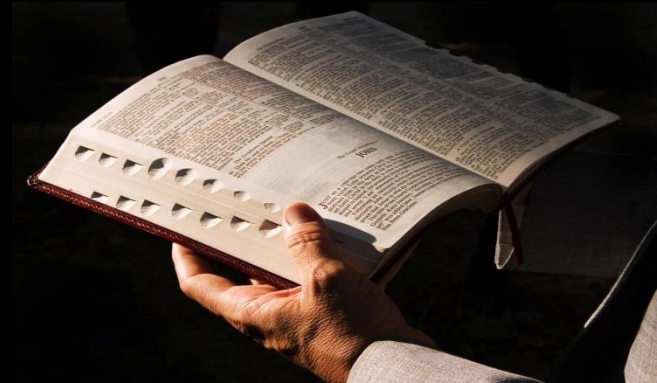


Understanding Israel

the Mystery of the Gospel



Study Plan – Part 1

- Show what a 'mystery' is in the Biblical context.
- See what's required of us if we want to understand the mystery,
- Help us to see what was happening in the messianic congregation in Rome that caused Paul to reveal his understanding of the mystery
- Show why theologians have missed the meaning of the mystery

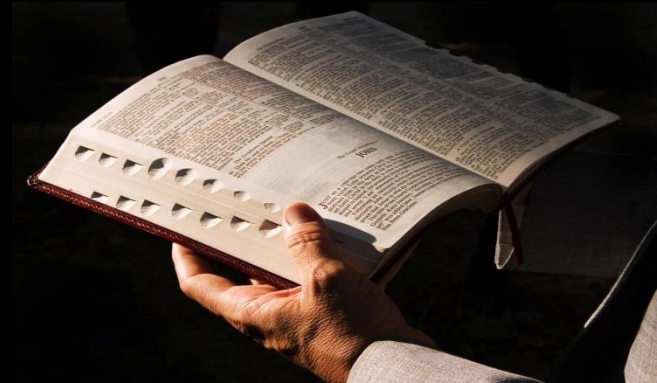
Study Plan – Part 2

- God's purpose for raising up the Kingdom of Israel
- Why it is imperative that the kingdom be restored
- Biblical and historical proof that Israel and Judah have not been joined back together

Study Plan – Part 3

- If Israel is still under the curse, how can YHVH bring Israel and Judah back together?
 - How can Israel be restored to fellowship?
- Has the restoration begun?

What is a Biblical Mystery?



Mystery = musterion (Strong's 3466)
hidden thing, secret



Mystery = rawz (רָז – Strong's 7328)

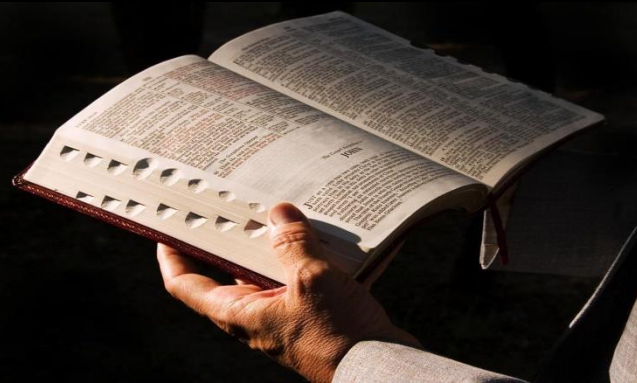


mistowor (מִסְתוֹר – Strong's 4563)

a place of shelter

sathar (סָתַר – Strong's 5641)

to hide or conceal



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How Can We Understand Biblical Mysteries?



ESV Daniel 12:9-10 ...

"Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand."

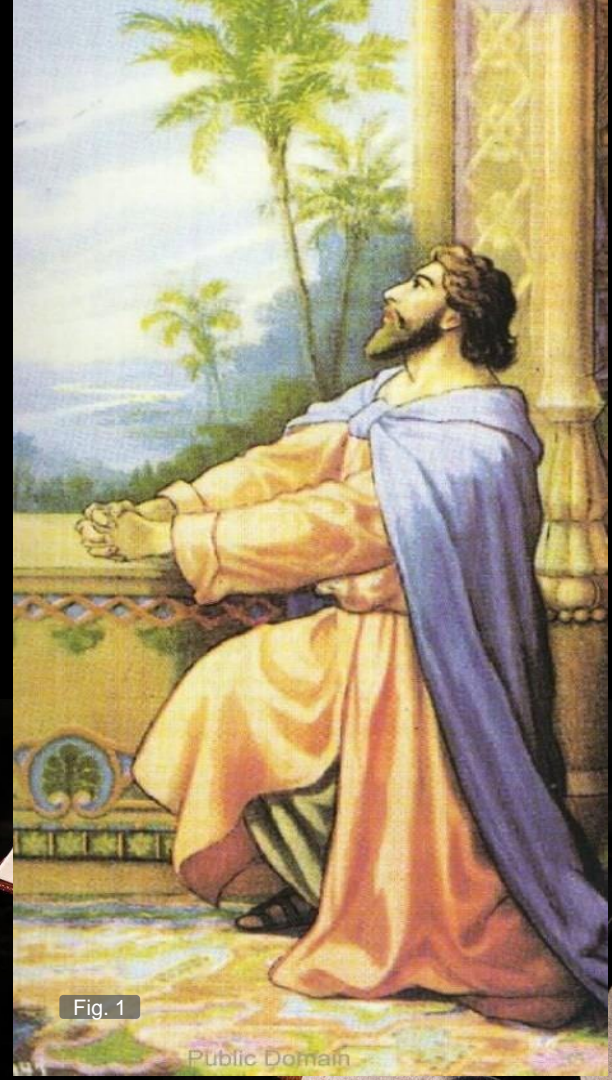


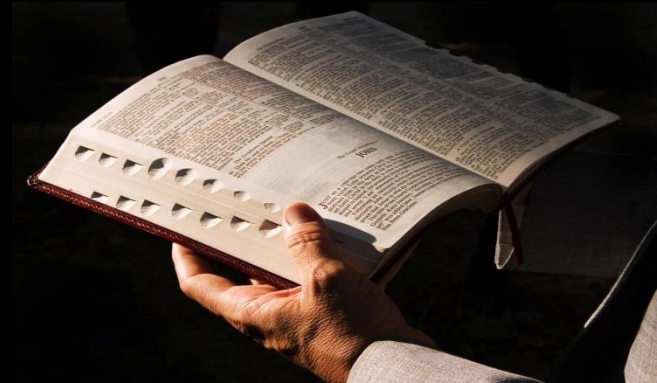
Fig. 1

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NKJ **Psalm 119:97-100** Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they *are* ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies *are* my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts.



LXE Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children for ever, to do all the words of this law.



NKJ Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.



Dabar (דָּבָר – Strong's 7328)



the Mystery and the Congregation in Rome



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NKJ Isa. 6:9-11 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' ¹⁰ "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed." ¹¹ Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate ...

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ESV **Matthew 4:23** And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

NKJ Ephesians 6:17-20 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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Gentile Inclusion?

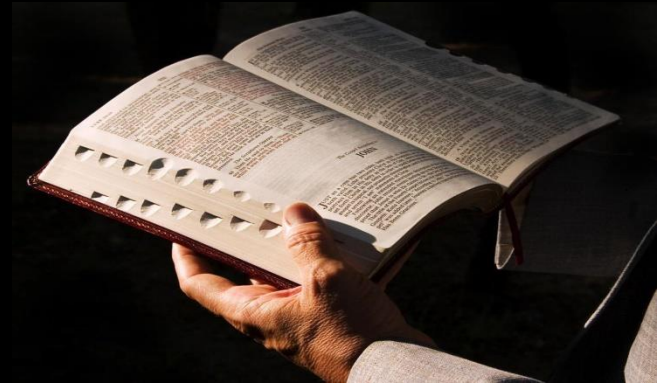


ESV Genesis 17:23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him.

NKJ Exodus 12:48-49 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. ⁴⁹ There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

Part 2

Israel's Purpose



Prophetic Theme in the TNAKH

- Israel was called for a purpose – to be a witness of God's grace
- Israel will be disobedient to that calling
- God will scatter them throughout the nations, but
- When they come to their senses, God will, in grace, call them back to fulfill their purpose.

NKJ Deuteronomy 4:5-8 "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according *to them* in the land which you go to possess. ⁶ "Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.' ⁷ "For what great nation *is there* that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him? ⁸ "And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

NKJ Deuteronomy 29:22-28 "... the coming generation of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, would say, when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it: ... ²⁴ "... 'Why has the LORD done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?' ²⁵ "Then people would say: 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers ... ²⁶ 'for they went and served other Gods and worshiped them, Gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them ...

... ²⁷ 'Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book. ²⁸ 'And the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, *as it is this day.*'

NKJ **Deuteronomy 30:1-4** "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, ² "and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ "that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴ "If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.

NKJ **1 Kings 8:46-50** " When they (the Israelites) sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near; ⁴⁷ "yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness' ...

NKJ **1 Kings 8:46-50** "...⁴⁸ "and *when* they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name: ⁴⁹ "then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, ⁵⁰ "and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them ..."

NKJ **Jeremiah 16:14-15** " Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' ¹⁵ **"but,** 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' **For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.**

NKJ **Amos 9:8-9** "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God *are* on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," Says the LORD. ⁹ "For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, *As grain* is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

David Unites the Kingdom



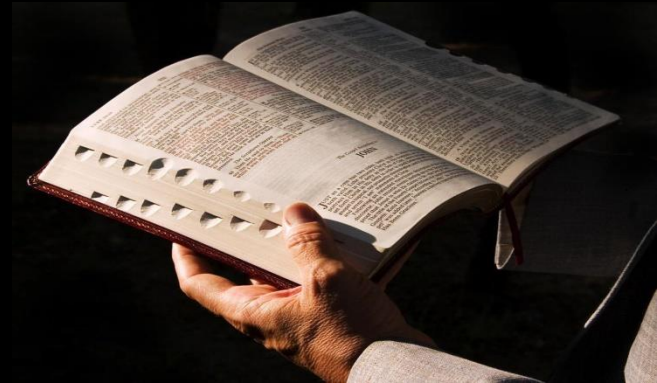
NKJ **1 Timothy 2:1-4** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and reverence. ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

NKJ **Deuteronomy 28:1** "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ² "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

NKJ **1 Kings 10:6-9** Then (*the queen of Sheba*) said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. ⁷ "However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. ... ⁹ "Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel!"

NKJ **2 Samuel 5:1** Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh. ² "Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.' " ³ Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he

Israel and Judah – Still Divided



NKJ 2 Kings 17:23 . . . the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day.



Fig. 3

ESV Daniel 9:7 & 11 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you . . . ⁷ "Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

NKJ **Leviticus 26:33** I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

NKJ **Deuteronomy 28:64** " Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other Gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known -- wood and stone."



2 Maccabees 1:27 Gather those together that are scattered from us, deliver them that serve among the heathen, look upon them that are despised and abhorred, and let the heathen know that thou art our God.

JOE Ant 11:133 . . . there are but two (Jewish) tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers.

JOE Jwr 2:388 “Where then are those people whom you are to have for your auxiliaries? Must they come from the parts of the world that are uninhabited? for all that are in the habitable earth are [under the] Romans. Unless any of you extend his hopes as far as beyond the Euphrates, and suppose that those of your own nation that dwell in Adiabene will come to your assistance?”



Fig. 4

"I was not sent except
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house of Israel."

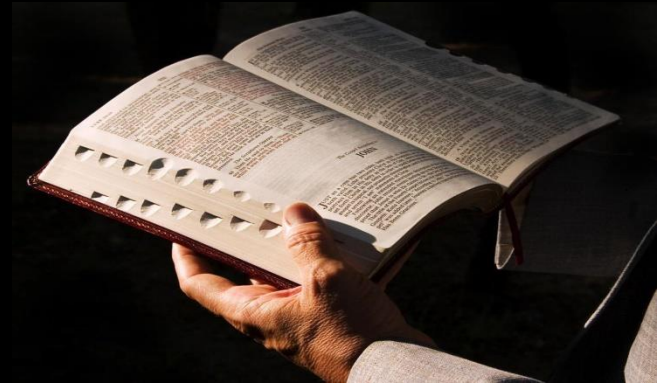
NKJ Matthew 15:24

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⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you
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ESV John 11:51-52 ... He did not say this of his
own accord, but being high priest that year he
prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,
⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather
into one the children of God who are scattered
abroad.

YLT Genesis 48:19 And his father refuseth, and saith, 'I have known, my son, I have known; he also becometh a people, and he also is great, and yet, his young brother is greater than he, and his seed is the fullness of the nations;'



NKJ Acts 1:6 . . . "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"



Fig. 5

NKJ James 1:1 James, a bondservant of God
and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve
tribes which are scattered abroad: **Greetings.**

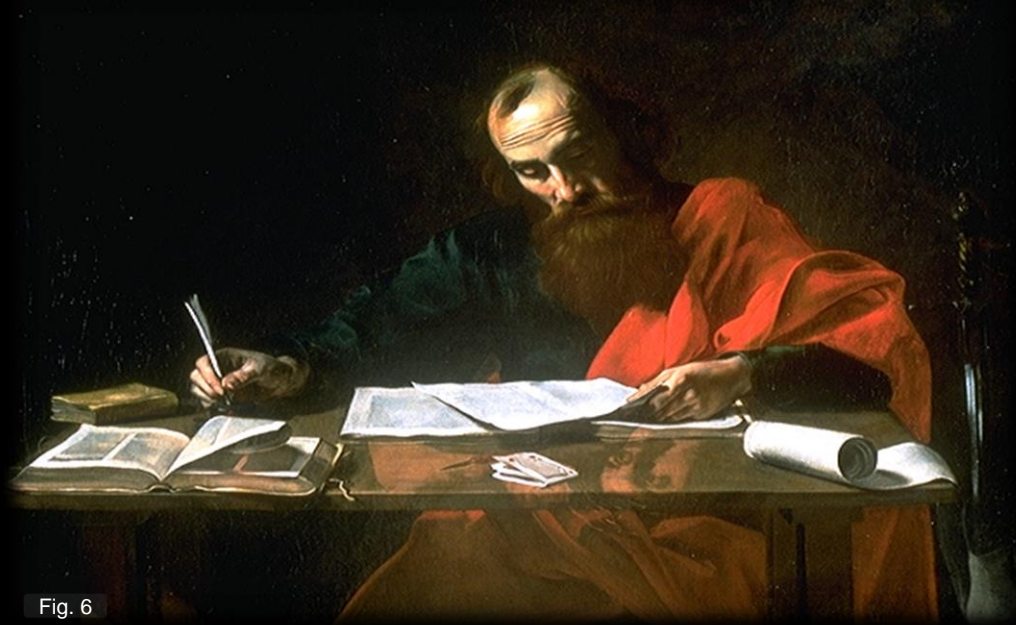


Fig. 6

ESV 1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cap-padocia, Asia, and Bithynia . . .



ESV 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

NKJ 1 Peter 2:10 ... who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

"And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. ⁷ "To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain ..."

NKJ Acts 26:6-7



Fig. 7

Part 3

The Mystery Revealed



Review -

- God will sometimes conceal the understanding of His plans until things are in place for it to be revealed.
- To 'solve' a Biblical mystery requires wisdom, and wisdom comes from obeying God's word.
- Paul began to reveal the understanding of the mystery to the messianic congregation in Rome that was composed of both Jews and non-Jewish Israelites.
- 'Gentile Inclusion' was not the mystery since God always provided a pathway by which a 'gentile' could become a part of the Hebrew people.

Review -

- Israel was given a responsibility that they have yet to fulfill
- A key to understanding the mystery is to understand that it is about the Kingdom of God. The united kingdom of Israel and Judah under King David is the pattern for that kingdom.
- Israel only began to fulfill her purpose when she became one nation under the reigns of King David and King Solomon
- Israel has been a divided for the past 3000 years, and thus unable to fulfill her responsibility

So how can these two peoples – Israel and Judah – ever join back together as they were under King David? The answer is simple:

THEY CAN'T!

... unless the curse is removed.

And how can the curse be removed?

Well - **THAT'S THE MYSTERY!**

NKJ **Jeremiah 31:31** " Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make (cut) a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ...



Fig. 8

NKJ **Isaiah 54:1-3** "Sing, O barren, You *who* have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You *who* have not labored with child! For more *are* the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman," says the LORD. ² "Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. ³ For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, **And make the desolate cities inhabited ...**

NKJ **Isaiah 54:4-5** "... ⁴ "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. ⁵ For your Maker *is* your husband, The LORD of hosts *is* His name; And your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

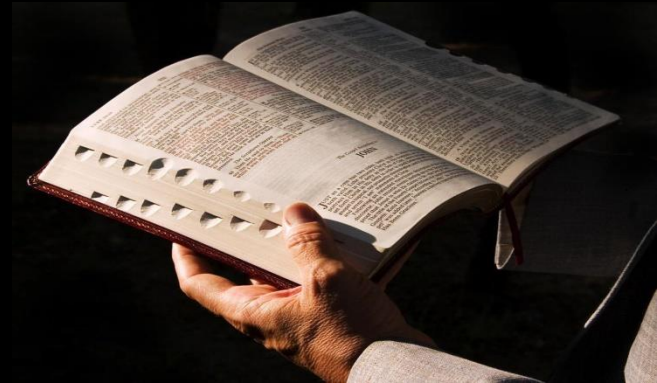
NKJ **Romans 11:25-26** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away unGodliness from Jacob ...



NKJ **Isaiah 60:10** " The sons of foreigners shall
build up your walls, And their kings shall
minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you,
But in My favor I have had mercy on you ..."



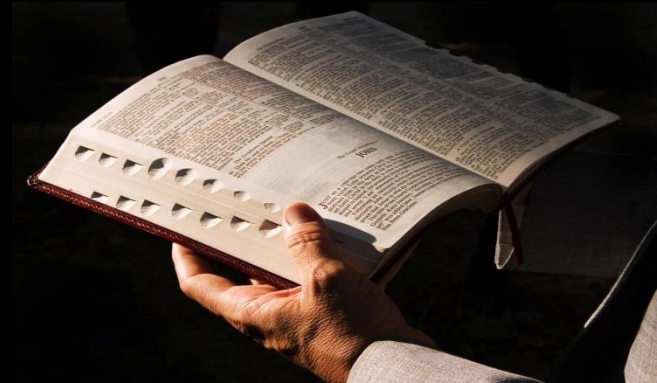
NKJ **Hosea 1:6-7** And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then *God* said to him: "Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, But I will utterly take them away. ⁷ Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah ...



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NKJ **Hosea 2:1** Say to your brethren, '*My people,*' And to your sisters, '*Mercy is shown.*'

NKJ **Isaiah 59:20** "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.



ESV Romans 16:25-27 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith- ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

NKJ **Matthew 10:5-7** "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'



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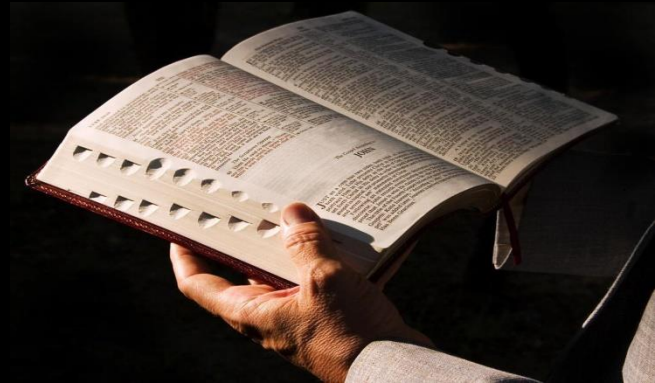
NKJ **Galatians 3:13-14** Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.



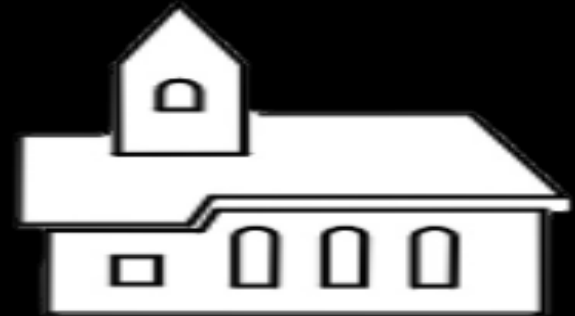
NKJ Ephesians 2:11-13 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh -- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands -- ¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

The Kingdom of God

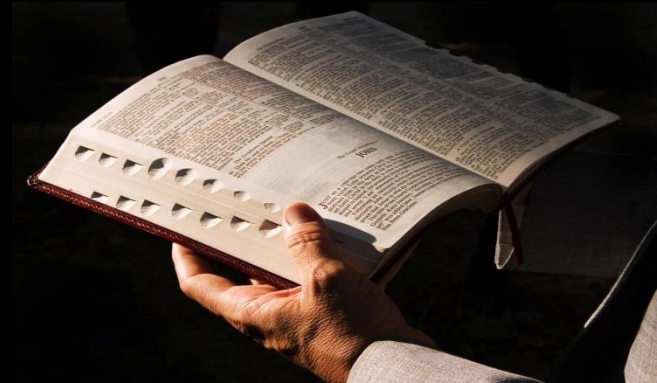
- the King – Messiah Yeshua
- the People – Israel and Judah
- the Territory – the Eretz Israel (land of Israel)
- the Laws – the Torah



The Mystery of the Gospel?



ESV 1 Peter 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully ...



And in this way all Israel will be saved.

ESV Romans 11:26

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