## **Mystery Teachings in the Bible**

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## **Mysteries of the Kingdom**

"He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

- Matthew 13:11

While it had been known in Old Testament times that Christ was going to come and be the King of Israel it was not known that He would come twice. The mysteries of the kingdom reveal this and how this related to the gospel of the kingdom being preached. At His first coming Christ was rejected. When He comes to earth again Old Testament prophecies regarding His kingdom on earth will be carried out.

Matthew 13 contains 7 parables, or stories, used by our Lord to illustrate and teach this. Other chapters in Matthew, Mark, and Luke contain additional parables or stories about it. See for example, Matthew 22:1-14 and Luke 19: 11-27. Revelation 10:7 refers to this mystery being finished, i.e., finally carried out.

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

- Revelation 10:7

