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**Mysteries in the New Testament  
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Excerpts from [The Revelation of Jesus Christ (1)](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Revelation%20of%20Jesus%20Christ%20(1)).

Numerous things in the New Testament are referred to through the use of the word “mystery.”

Examples:

The “mystery” of the kingdom [[Mark 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Mark+4.11&t=NKJV);

"mysteries" in [Matthew 13:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.11&t=NKJV); [Luke 8:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+8.10&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of Israel’s blindness [[Romans 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+11.25&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of the rapture of the Church [[1 Corinthians 15:51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+15.51&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” revealed to Paul [[Ephesians 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+3.3&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of Christ [[Ephesians 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+3.4&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of Christ and the Church [[Ephesians 5:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.32&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of God [[Colossians 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+2.2&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of iniquity [[2 Thessalonians 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Thessalonians+2.7&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of the faith [[1 Timothy 3:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+3.9&t=NKJV)],

the “mystery” of godliness [[1 Timothy 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+3.16&t=NKJV)],

and the “mystery” of the woman and the beast [[Revelation 17:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+17.7&t=NKJV)].

The “mystery of God” is brought to a completed state in the book of Revelation ([Revelation 10:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+10.7&t=NKJV)).

The word “mystery” is a translation [more of an Anglicized form] of the Greek word musterion. The word, as it is used in Scripture, has to do with that which cannot be explained by man, requiring an opening up by divine means. The word has to do with something revealed in the Old Testament, which is later more fully opened up and developed in the New Testament. Apart from divine revelation in the Old Testament, man couldn’t know about the mystery in the first place; then, apart from divine revelation in the New Testament, the mystery would not be opened up and further revealed.

In the preceding respect, a mystery, contrary to common teaching and thought in certain circles, cannot be something completely new, separate from and unknown in the Old Testament. The fallacy behind that type of reasoning has previously been discussed in this chapter, [The Revelation of Jesus Christ (1)](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Revelation%20of%20Jesus%20Christ%20(1)). There is nothing in the New that is not in the Old; else, as previously stated, the Word made flesh before the New was penned would have to be separated from the New — an impossibility.