

# The Most Crucial Division in the Bible (Part 1)

## Introduction

1. There are many divisions in the Word of God that the diligent Bible student must recognize.
2. But there is one division that is extremely crucial in understanding the Scriptures.

## The most important division is not between Old and New Testaments.

- Both of these testaments or covenants were actually made with the nation of Israel. Though we are affected, these testaments do not primarily deal with the \_\_\_\_\_. Jeremiah 31:31-34; cf. Hebrews 8:7-13

## The first hint to the most crucial division in the Bible is found in Genesis 1:1.

1. *"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth."*
  - The Bible didn't say, "God created the world or the universe." There is a distinction made between the heaven and the earth.
  - Why is this? Because God would have two, very distinct programs and purposes for both of these.
2. What are these two distinct purposes?
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ would involve the subject of prophecy, that is, Christ one day ruling and reigning over a visible kingdom on the literal earth in Jerusalem. 2 Peter 1:16-19

- The \_\_\_\_\_ would involve the subject of the mystery, that is, a people whose citizenship is in heaven. Philippians 3:20
3. The Bible is basically divided into these two great subjects.
  4. One of the major differences between prophecy and the mystery is found in the way the two were revealed.
    - The subject of prophecy has been revealed by God to His prophets since the world \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 1:68-70; Acts 3:21, 24; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 1:10-12
    - In contrast to this, the mystery of the body of Christ was kept \_\_\_\_\_ since the world began. Romans 16:25; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:26; Ephesians 3:3
  5. God set Israel aside as a nation in the book of Acts.
    - When God set Israel aside, the subject of prophecy ceased, but will be resumed \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ is called out at the end of the church age.
  6. There is currently an \_\_\_\_\_ in the prophetic program, but rest assured, it will resume, and once again it will deal directly with Israel and the nations.