The Mystery of God

- 1. Paul's reference to the mystery of God.
 - A. I Cor. 2:7 "From the Foundation of the World."

 Rom. 16:25-26
 - B. The mystery of God revealed to Paul. Eph. 3:3-6, 8-10
 - C. That Gentiles would also be saved. See Also, Eph. 6:19
 - D. Prophesied in Isaiah. Isa. 42:1,4, 6-7, 9; Isa. 49:5-7
 - E. Spoken of when Jesus was born. Luke 2:25, 27-32
- 2. But Israel as a nation rejected Christ.
 - A. Prophesied by Jesus. Luke 19:41-44; 21:24 and spoken of by Paul. Rom. 11:25
 - B. Jesus' commandment to His disciples to go to the Gentiles.

 Mk. 16:15-17
 - C. Some early Christian Jews rejected the Gentiles as being saved except through the Old Testament Law. **Acts 15:1-2, 4-6**
- 3. Much of Paul's writings in the New Testament, (he wrote 14 Epistles), was defending this position of not having to keep the law to be saved.
 See Eph. 2:4-8, 11-13 This was God's "mystery" or secret "from the foundation of the world."
- 4. But...it will end. See Rom. 11:25-27 God will turn Israel back to Himself. Rev. 10:17; 11:1-3; Zech. 12:10; Ezk. 39:28-29