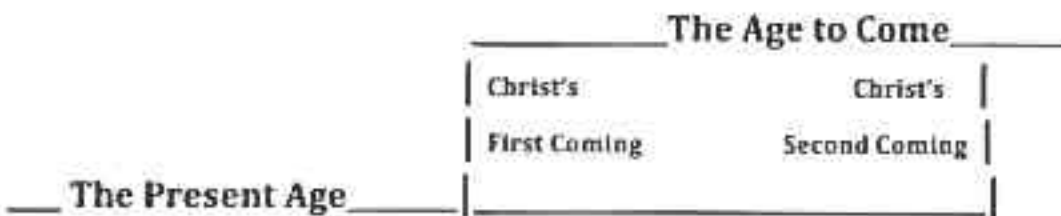


## THE VISION OF THE KINGDOM:

### The Old Testament Perspective:



### The New Testament Perspective:



Each of the Parables in Matthew 13 illustrates this mystery of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is yet to come in full power and glory. Yet it has now come in an unexpected way form. It is actually now present among people in the present evil age, bringing the blessings of the age to come. This is what the diagram above is trying to illustrate.

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

If someone were to ask you, "What was the main focus of Jesus teaching, I believe it would be the words of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount. He said, "Thy \_\_\_\_\_ come, Thy \_\_\_\_\_ be done.

Jesus describes the church \_\_\_\_\_ time(s)?

Jesus talks about the Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ time(s)?

- I. The Basic Kingdom Concepts:
  - A. The meaning of Kingdom- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - B. The Kingdom of God- \_\_\_\_\_
- II. The Basic Kingdom Conflicts:
  - A. The Mystery of the Kingdom (Mark 4:11, Jesus said, "Unto to you is given the knowledge of the Kingdom of God but those outside the knowledge of God, I speak in parables." The great mystery is that the Messiah would not come once but \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
Mystery- Something God kept secret in the past but now has chosen to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The Old Testament Perspective- Saw the Kingdom as a \_\_\_\_\_ Cataclysmic event of \_\_\_\_\_ on God's enemies. Daniel 7 saw the Messiah coming once in a blaze of glory. They didn't understand that He would first come in humility.

**NOTICE THAT GOD'S KINGDOM COMES IN TWO STAGES:**

- A. With the first coming-
- B. With His second coming-

**GOD'S KINGDOM IS A PROGRESSIVE VICTORY OVER SATAN'S DOMAN:**

1. In Christ's first coming-
2. In between comings-
3. Christ's second coming-

## **CRUISE SHIP OR BATTLE SHIP?**

**What is the difference between a Cruise Ship and a Battle Ship?**

<b>On a Cruise Ship</b>	<b>On a Battle Ship?</b>