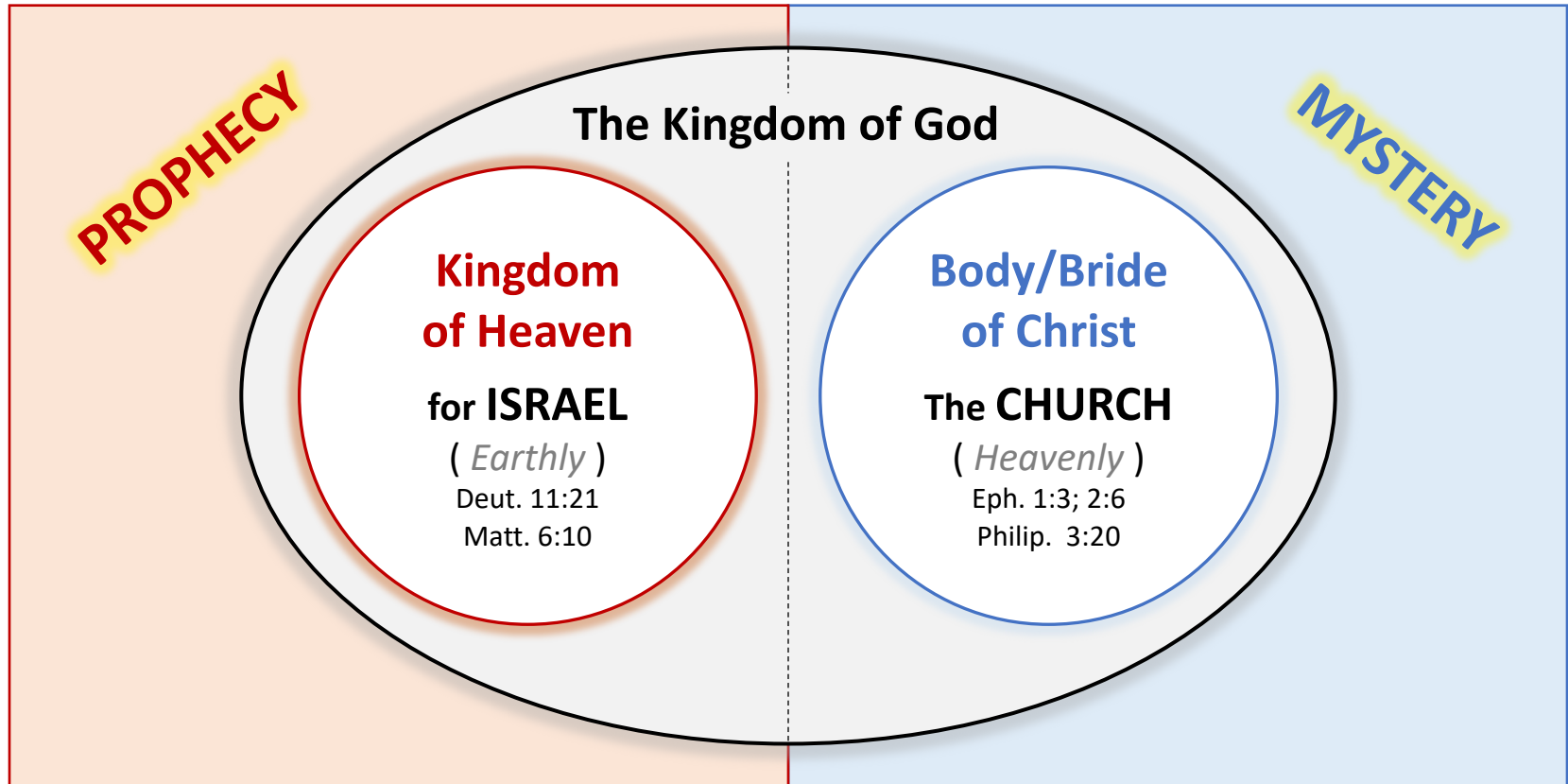


Rightly Dividing the Kingdom of God



Because the Church was still an *unrevealed mystery* (Rom. 16:25-26; 1 Cor. 2:7-8)

- 1) **In the O.T.**, "kingdom" always and only refers to the "kingdom of heaven".
- 2) **In the Gospels**, the "kingdom of God" is used interchangeably with the "kingdom of heaven", but its meaning is restricted to the earthly, prophetic aspect of the Kingdom of God.
- 3) **In the Pauline epistles**, the "kingdom of God" is expanded in meaning to include its heavenly, mystery aspect, which is the Body/Bride of Christ.