

No, it means that the grace and truth have come in stronger, clearer phase than ever before. It doesn't mean they were completely absent by any means. There certainly was a great deal of grace and truth. But the emphasis was on the law of Moses. The emphasis on grace and truth now. And here there is a mystery which Paul understands which previously was not as fully revealed as it is now. That is *not to say* that it may not have been revealed, but perhaps revealed in such a way that it would be not clear on just a casual reading. Yes? (8 1/2) It seems to me that there isn't much one could take objection to in that statement there, at all. He says, thus the Gentiles were to be saved was no mystery. That is clearly made known in the Old Testament. But the details as to just how it is to be made known were hinted at, were suggested, but were not clearly brought out. And now they are clearly brought out and explained through Paul. And I would say that reading chapter 7, studying, getting the full teaching of it, and then reading chapter 29, seeing the parallel, one in Isaiah's day ought to be able to get out of it the message. But I'm not saying that every one do it, not necessarily that any one would do it. But I say it's there. It is there. And you either say well here's a lot of interesting sentences but I don't quite catch what it's all about, or you see what it is about. And of course Paul explains these things in clear language because the time has now come for their outworking, and the same is true ~~is~~ with many things about Christ, they're hinted at, they're suggested, ground is given for faith, for study, and to looking forward with hope, but when it comes to understanding the full detail, the time has to come <sup>before</sup> ~~for~~ that full detail (9 3/4)

So that it's very good statement, that the fact that Gentiles were to be saved, is repeatedly taught in the Old Testament. There is nothing that is mysterious about the fact, but as to the details, that would be something that, because in the Old Testament it is constantly stressed, and there are certain prescribed methods of entering the people of God. There is the circumcision, there are the services in the Temple, there is all this. Well, all this looks forward to the coming