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¹ 13:1-52 Title - Mystery: The "Mystery" Form of the Kingdom of the Heavens is that portion of the King's reign marked by (a) general rejection by Israel and the world, (b) steady growth from a small beginning, and (c) infiltration by unregenerate people masquerading as true subjects. It is bounded by the First and Second advents of the King. The term "Mystery" comes from 13:11.)

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