

Parables and the the New Mystery Form of the Kingdom - The "Church Age"



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Matthew 13

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

Question! The same day as what?

The National Rejection!

Matthew 12

²² Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. ²³ And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

²⁴ Now when the Pharisees heard *it* they said, “This *fellow* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”

Baal Zevuv – Lord of the Flies

Matthew 12

²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

“The Unpardonable Sin”

The Unpardonable Sin

1. Is a National Sin not a Personal Sin.
2. Is specific to That Generation.
3. Negated the Kingdom Offer to that Generation.
4. Changed Yeshua's Method of Teaching;
 - a. From Clear Propositional Teaching.
 - b. To a New Parabolic Method.
5. The Kingdom is now Postponed until a later generation that is prepared to receive the Messianic Person.

Facets of the God's Kingdom Program

1. God's Universal Kingdom
2. Monarchy of Israel
3. Mystery Form of the Kingdom
4. Messianic Kingdom

Mystery form of the Kingdom

Secret form of the kingdom not revealed before.

“The Church Age”

Or the “Age of the Gospel”

A New Age

Or

Dispensation

Matthew 3:10

And the disciples came
and said to Him,

“Why do You speak to
them in parables?”

Psalm 78

- 1 Give ear, O my people, *to* my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,
- 3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will not hide *them* from their children,
Telling to the generation to come the
praises of the Lord,
And His strength and His wonderful works
that He has done.

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ He answered and said to them,
“Because it has been given to you to know the
mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,
but to them it has not been given.

¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because
seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not
hear, nor do they understand.

Mark and Luke uses the phrase
“Kingdom of God”

Harmony of the Gospels

Matthew Uses Kingdom of God

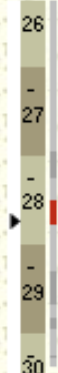
Mark and Luke use Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew

Mark

Luke

Parable of the Sower



◀ 13:1 On that day Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the seaside.

13:2 Great multitudes gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat, and sat, and all the multitude stood on the beach.

13:3 He spoke to them many things in parables, saying, "Behold, a farmer went out to sow.

13:4 As he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and devoured them.

13:5 Others fell on rocky ground, where they didn't have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth.

13:6 When the sun had risen, they were scorched. Because they had no root, they withered away.

13:7 Others fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked

◀ 4:1 Again he began to teach by the seaside. A great multitude was gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat in the sea, and sat down. All the multitude were on the land by the sea.

4:2 He taught them many things in parables, and told them in his teaching,

4:3 "Listen! Behold, the farmer went out to sow,

4:4 and it happened, as he sowed, some seed fell by the road, and the birds came and devoured it.

4:5 Others fell on the rocky ground, where it had little soil, and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of soil.

4:6 When the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

4:7 Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up,

◀ 8:4 When a great multitude came together, and people from every city were coming to him, he spoke by a parable.

8:5 "The farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the road, and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the sky devoured it.

8:6 Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

8:7 Other fell amid the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it.

8:8 Other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit one hundred times." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

The Church Age is a Mystery.

Secret Form of the kingdom not revealed before.

“The Church Age”

Romans 11:25

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved....

Romans 16:25

²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations

1 Corinthians 2:6

⁶ However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 15:51

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery:

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Mystery form of the Kingdom

Secret form of the Kingdom
not revealed before now.

“The Church Age”

Or the “Age of the Gospel”

The New Mystery form of the Kingdom - The "Church Age"

1. The Sower -

Good Ground

Wayside

Stony Ground

Thorny Ground



Matthew 13:18

¹⁸ “Therefore hear the parable of the sower:

The Wayside

¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Matthew 13:18

The Stony Places

²⁰ But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Matthew 13:18

The Thorns

²² Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Matthew 13:18

The Good Soil

²³ But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

The New Mystery form of the Kingdom - The "Church Age"

1. The Sower -

Wayside

Stony Ground

Thorny Ground

Good Ground

Preparation of the Soil is Key

Cultivation of the Crop is Key

The New Mystery form of the Kingdom - The "Church Age"

1. Christendom- Christianity in all of its forms and institutions
2. Mystery Kingdom contains both believers and unbelievers.
3. Contains Jews and Gentiles.
4. Mystery Kingdom begins in Acts Chapter 2.
5. Last for an known period of time concluding with the rapture.
6. Mystery Kingdom proceeds the tribulation period.
7. Mystery Kingdom proceeds the postponed 1000 year Messianic Kingdom.

Parable of the Wheat and Tares

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”

³⁷ He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

2. The Wheat and the Tares

Wheat represents believers in the Church Age.

Tares represent unbelievers in the Church Age

3. The Mustard Seed

³¹ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, ³² which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

3. The Mustard Seed

The Birds are Agents of Satan,
Planted in the Large Overgrown Church
consuming the Gospel Seed.



The Parable *of the Leaven*

³³ Another parable He spoke to them:

“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,
which a woman took and hid in
three measures of meal till it was all
leavened.”

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Treasure represents the Remnant of Israel returning to the land and purchases it. And will be rewarded after a long wait.

The Pearl represents the Church saved one by one after a great deal of labor and sorting.

Clams are not Kosher

But inside there is a Pearl!

Parable of the Dragnet

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

The Sea is a symbol of the Gentile World “All kinds of Gentiles will be gathered.

Parable of the Householder

Matthew 13:51

⁵¹ Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

⁵² Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old."

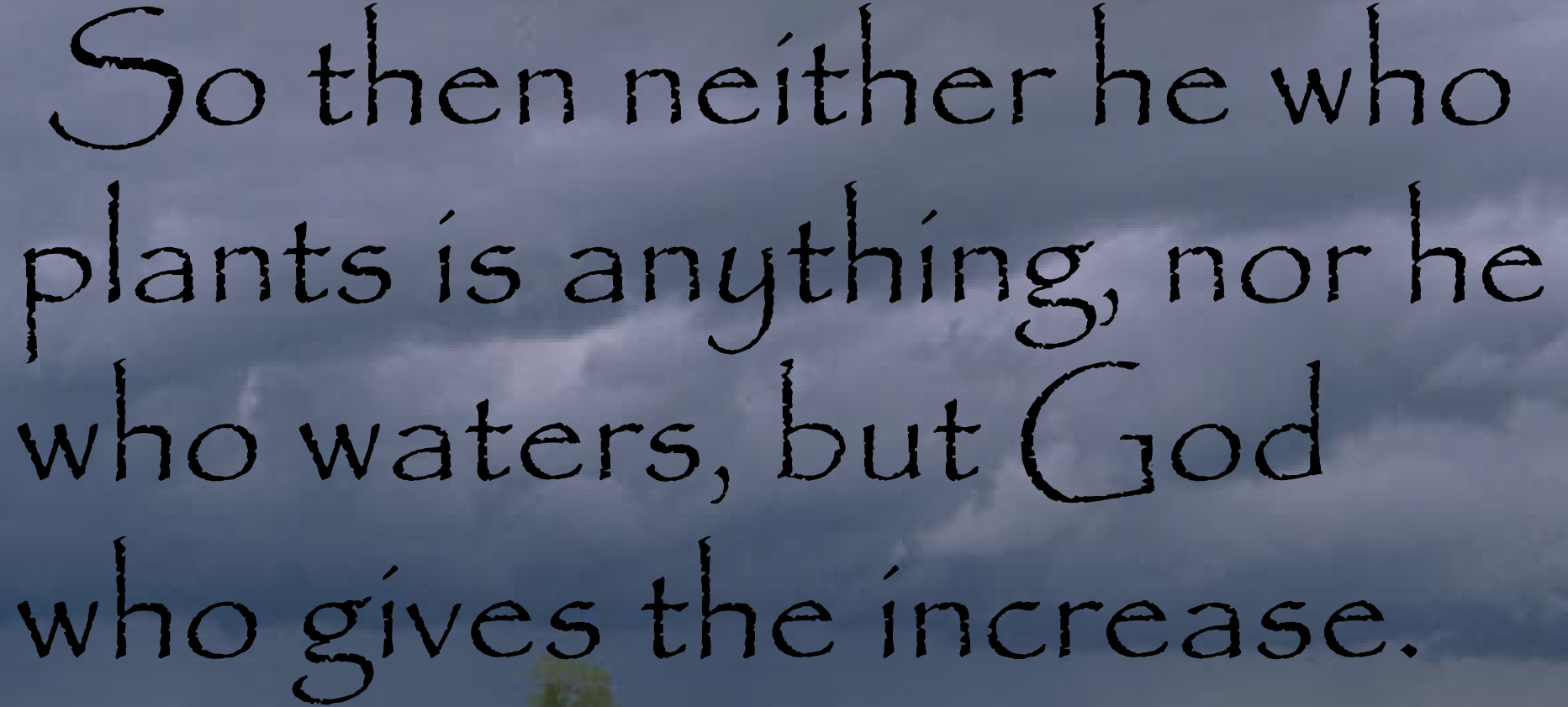
⁵³ Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.

Lift up your eyes and
look at the fields, for
they are already white
for harvest! John 4:33



‘One sows and another reaps.’
I sent you to reap that for
which you have not labored;
others have labored, and you
have entered into their labors.’”



A photograph of a vast, golden wheat field stretching towards a horizon under a dark, overcast sky. The field is filled with ripe wheat stalks, and a path or furrow is visible in the distance. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, suggesting an approaching storm or late afternoon light.

So then neither he who
plants is anything, nor he
who waters, but God
who gives the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:6

John 4:35

Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."



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