



## “JESUS CHRIST’S 40 PARABLES”

**Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness ...  
a parable for every unbelieving year  
spent in the desert!**

It’s as if Christ says ... “For your rebellion for 40 years I will give you 40 parables that will entertain you ... but you will not understand their meaning ... and in addition will add to the judgment.”

*“Therefore speak I to them in **parables**: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.” ([Matthew 13:13](#))*

It’s as if Christ says “My parables are a judgment upon your disobedience, rebellion and unbelief. You have always been that way and will continue to be so till I open your eyes and ears in the seven year tribulation ... in Daniels’ 70 week” ([Zechariah 12:10](#); [Hebrews 12:1](#))

Christ came to show Israel that he was “...*a **man approved of God among you** (Israel) by miracles and wonders and signs...*” ([Acts 2:22](#)) but they rejected him.

As a result, although Christ continues with further miracles, Christ proceeds to instruct and teach Israel with **parables** .... lest they see and hear and be converted ... lest they make the connection that Christ is talking and instructing them about himself.

Christ tells them stories about himself ... without naming himself as the main characters ... **with ‘parallel’ meanings** ... eg “There was a man who had a lot of money and he had six servants etc etc and he went away and so on.” Christ talks in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

Is Christ being vindictive? ... Is he ‘pouring salt into their wounds’ of unbelief?

**Nay!** God is never vindictive! They have rejected him in the flesh ... and so he adds to their judgment ... such that **greater will be Christ’s glory** with their rescue by him in the seven year tribulation!

Then, they will really, really, really, trooly, rooly understand ... by having their eyes opened by God ... Israel crucified God himself ... God manifest in the flesh ([1 Timothy 3:16](#))!

They will not open their own eyes ... as being cast sheep ... helpless and hopeless ... God will miraculously do that for them ([Zechariah 12:10](#)).

Following is a **Table listing all the parables** ... and where they can be found in the Bible.

	<b>40 parables</b> Which includes the <b>13</b> kingdom of heaven parables	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
1	Two Debtors ... Woman with alabaster box			7:41-43	<b>N O  P A R A B L E S  N O  P A R A B L E S</b>
2	Lamp under a bushel	5:14-16	4:21	8:16-17; 11:33-36	
3	Wise man on rock & foolish man on sand	7:24-27		6:47-49	
4	Old and new cloths on garments	9:16	2:21	5:36	
5	Old and new wine in bottles	9:17	2:22	5:37-38	
6	<b>The Sower #1 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b> also kingdom of God parable	13:3-23	4:2-20	8:4-15	
7	<b>The tares #2 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	13:24-30			
8	<b>Mustard Seed #3 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b> also kingdom of God parable	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19	
9	<b>Leaven #4 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b> also kingdom of God parable	13:33		13:20-21	
10	<b>Hidden treasure #5 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	13:44			
11	<b>Pearl of great price #6 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	13:45-46			
12	<b>The dragnet #7 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	13:47-50			

13	<b>THE SCRIBE #8 HOUSEHOLDER ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	13:52			<b>N O  P A R A B L E S</b>
14	Lost sheep	18:12-14		15:3-7	
15	<b>The unforgiving servant #9 kingdom of heaven parable</b>	18:23-35			
16	The workers in the vineyard	20:1-16			
17	The two sons	21:28-32			
18	<b>The Vineyard Labourers #10 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	21:33-45	12:1-12	20:9-19	
19	<b>The Wedding Ceremony #11 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	22:2-14			
20	The Fig Tree	24:32-44	13:28-32	21:29-33	
21	<b>The wise and foolish Virgins #12 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	25:1-13			
22	<b>The Talents #13 ... kingdom of heaven parable</b>	25:14-30			
23	The Growing Seed		4:26-29		
24	The absent householder		13:33-37		
25	The creditor and two debtors			7:41-43	
26	The good Samaritan			10:30-37	
27	A friend in need			11:5-13	
28	The rich fool			12:16-21	
29	Faithful servant and evil steward			12:35-40	

					<b>N O P A R A B L E S</b>
30	Faithful and wise steward			12:42-48	
31	The barren fig tree			13:6-9	
32	The great supper			14:16-24	
33	Building a tower & king making war			14:25-35	
34	The Lost coin			15:8-10	
35	The Lost son			15:11-32	
36	The unjust steward			16:1-13	
37	Unprofitable servants			17:7-10	
38	The Persistent widow & unjust judge			18:1-8	
39	The Pharisee and the tax collector			18:9-14	
40	The Pounds nobleman and servants			19:11-27	

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