

"THE 41 PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST"

28 general and 13 kingdom of heaven parables

Parable #10 - "HIDDEN TREASURE"

**Matthew 13:44** 

The 5<sup>th</sup> of the 13 kingdom of heaven parables

"Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto **treasure** hid in **a field**; the which when **a man** hath found, he **hideth**, and for **joy** thereof goeth and **selleth** all that he hath, and **buyeth** that field." (Matthew 13:44)

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 445BC, with **one Bible week** equating to **seven years** (a prophetic year being 360 days), God commanded that **seventy weeks** each of **7 years**, would be determined upon Israel, that is ... **70 weeks** x **7 years** = **490 years** (Daniel 9:24-27).

This time frame is broken into **four** time periods of (a) **7 weeks** + (b) **62 weeks** + (c) the mystery church age of about 2,000 years + (d) **1 week** = **70 weeks** and is explained as follows:

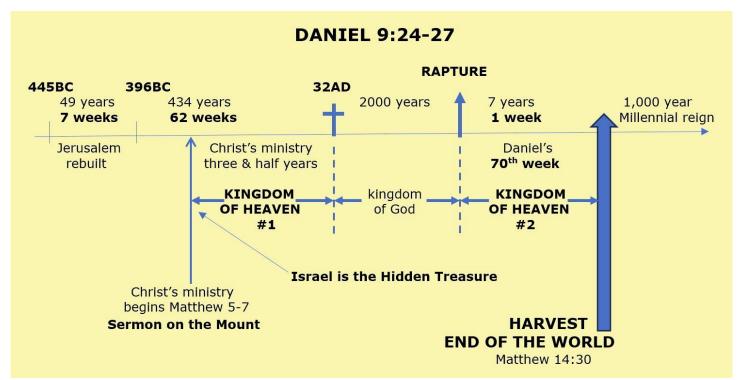
- #1. **Seven** weeks of years is  $7 \times 7 = 49$  years ... the time it takes to restore and build Jerusalem from 445BC to 396BC.
- #2. **Sixty two** weeks of years is **62** x 7 = **434** years ... the time from the building of Jerusalem in 396BC to Christ being cut off at the cross in 32AD.
- #3. The church age of approximately 2,000 years
- #4. **One week** of years is  $1 \times 7 = 7$  years ... this is the seven years of tribulation of God's wrath upon the earth, that takes place after the rapture ... called **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week**.

The following **Timeline** will help (not drawn to scale):

# **DANIEL 9:24-27**

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city ... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks ... after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off ... he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week

....



**kingdom of heaven** = see above diagram

treasure = Israel

a field = the world (Matthew 13:38)

**a man** = God the Father

**hideth** = Although ever-present on the world's stage, Israel has always been '**hidden'** as it were, until God brings it out into the open, having chosen it from all others, in sending his Son to save his people from their sins (<u>Matthew 1:21</u>).

In addition, Israel will also be chosen as the 'hidden remnant' that will have their eyes opened in the seven years of tribulation (Zechariah 12:10)

**joy** = the oil of the gladness of God the Father anointing Jesus Christ (<u>Hebrews 1:9</u>; <u>Psalm 45:7</u>). Furthermore, this is Christ's joy set before him after the cross (<u>Hebrews 12:2</u>)

**selleth all** = God sells all he has ... that is ... Jesus Christ (<u>John 3:16</u>)

**buyeth that field** = God created the world ... he owns it ... but God also buys the world with Christ dying for the sins of the whole world ... and this includes Israel.

### **APPLICATION TO CHRISTIANS**

This parable has been wrongly used by the **Calvinists** aka the recently named **Doctrines** of **Grace** people.

Why? Because they have little clue of the correct dispensational meaning.

They see 'the treasure' as themselves ... that is the selected people in the world, where Jesus has shed his blood only for those that will be **selected** by **Irresistible Grace**.

Dear Reader, the difference is this ... Israel, Jacob, was always the **apple** of God's eye (<u>Deuteronomy 32:10</u>; <u>Lamentations 2:18</u>; <u>Zechariah 2:8</u>).

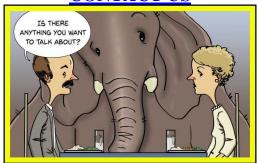
The unsaved world is never mentioned in the above terms.

# Harley Hitchcock October 2023

www.
AustralianBibleMinistries
.com



# "CONTACT US"



Australian Bible Ministries, PO Box 5058 Mt. Gravatt East 4122 Qld, Australia www.AustralianBibleMinistries.com