



"THE 41 PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST"

28 general and 13 kingdom of heaven parables

Parable #6 - "THE SOWER"

READ [Matthew 13:3-6,7-10,11-14,15-18,19-22,23](#)

This is the 1st of the 13 kingdom of heaven parables

It also has application to the kingdom of God dispensation in [Mark 4:2-5,6-9,10-13,14-17,18-20;](#)
[Luke 8:4-7,8-11,12-15](#)

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 x 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.

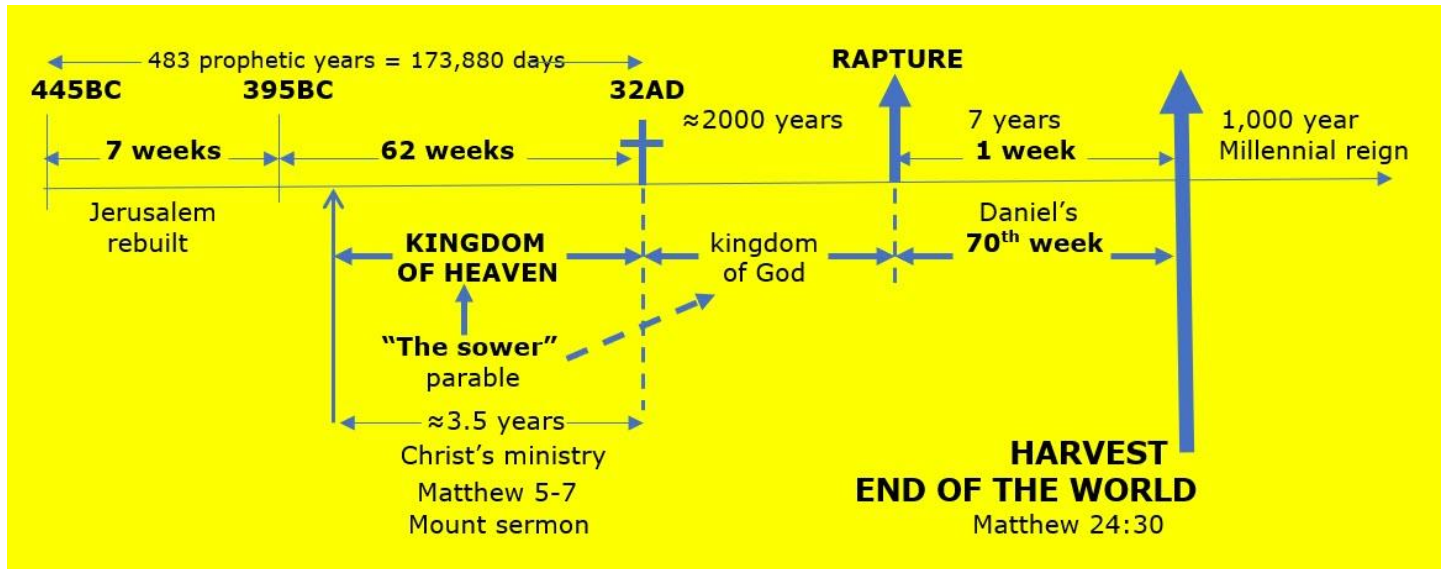
#3. The church age of approximately 2,000 years

#4. **One week** of years is **1 x 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 70th 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** ..."



"THE SOWER PARABLE" READ [Matthew 13:3-23](#); [Mark 4:2-20](#); [Luke 8:4-15](#)

Dear Reader, people who hear about some new self-improvement program ... say "The U-Beaut Diet" or "Get Fit in 10 Days" ... respond in one of four ways as follows:

- #1. A **total rejection** ... "Nah! What a load of rubbish! That's not for me!"
- #2. Started excitedly but don't **last long** ... maybe got bored?
- #3. Begin with purpose, but the **pressures of modern life** prove too much.
- #4. Start, persist and **produce results**

Christ gets the **same responses** from his sowing of **his salvation gospel seed** of the **kingdom of heaven works program** (Matthew [chapters 5-6-7](#)) as follows:

- #1. On the **way side** ... birds eat the seeds immediately ... no root no fruit ([Matthew 13:4](#))
- #2. On **stony places** ... the seed has minimal root growth ... no plant no fruit ([Matt 13:5](#))
- #3. **Thorns** choke the delicate emerging plants ... still no fruit ([Matthew 13:7](#))
- #4. The seed on **good ground** produces fruit ([Matthew 13:8](#))

So what were the works they had to undertake for salvation?

1. You must be **pure in heart** to see God ([Matthew 5:8](#))
2. Your righteousness **must exceed** that of the Pharisees ([Matthew 5:20](#)).
3. Saying "**Thou fool**" with no good cause will mean **hell fire** ([Matthew 5:22](#))
4. **Lusting** after women is adultery and equal to the act ([Matthew 5:27-28](#))
5. **Pluck your eye out if necessary** if it causes you to sin ([Matthew 5:30](#))
6. There will be **no oaths** using heaven's name ([Matthew 5:33](#))

7. **Limit your agreements** to a 'yes' or 'no' ([Matthew 5:37](#))
8. **Don't pay back evil for evil** ([Matthew 5:38-44](#)) but go the extra mile ([Matthew 5:41](#))
9. **You have to be perfect like God** ([Matthew 5:48](#))
10. Give **alms** in secret ([Matthew 6:1-4](#))
11. **Pray in secret** ([Matthew 6:5-8](#))
12. **Forgive** others or God won't forgive you (6:14-1)
13. **Fast** in secret ([Matthew 6:16-18](#))
14. No **hoarding** up **money** or **goods** ([Matthew 6:19-21](#), [24](#))
15. No worrying about **food and drink** ([Matthew 6:25-33](#))
16. Take no **thought** about tomorrow ([Matthew 6:34](#))
17. No **hypocrisy** ([Matthew 7:1-5](#))
18. Beware of **false prophets** ([Matthew 7:15-18,19-22,23](#))

Israel's salvation depended on their 100% perfect completion of the above works ... a mission impossible!

And as his puzzled disciples said "Who then can be saved?" ([Matthew 19:25](#))

But Christ says "I'll fulfil them on your behalf if you **continuously believe** that I can do this for you ([John 3:16](#)) ... plus you'll need to sacrifice **animal blood** for the **remission** of past sins ... to give you a home in Abraham's bosom ([Luke 16:23](#)) upon death. I will then come and take captivity captive into heaven ([Ephesians 4:8](#)) where the kingdom of God is."

Group #4 were the only group to produce fruit.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD APPLICATION ... CHRISTIAN APPLICATION

As a man will have eternal security in this dispensation, it's only the man's works that shall be tried by fire.

*"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and **the fire shall try every man's work** of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: **but he himself shall be saved**; yet so as by fire." ([1 Corinthians 3:13-15](#))*

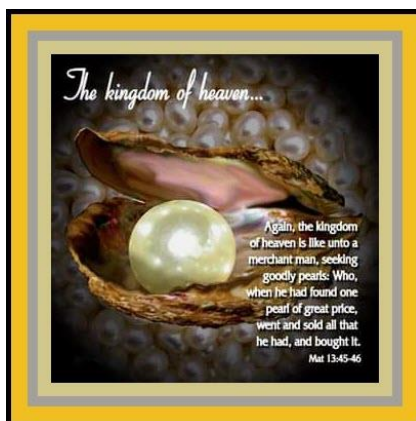
And Dear Reader, have you considered that unlike the kingdom application of only group #4 getting into Abraham's bosom on death, and then eventually the kingdom of God in heaven, groups #2, #3, and along with of course, group #4, under today's kingdom of God dispensation, will directly enter the kingdom of God, being heaven itself.

#2. On **stony places** ... the seed has minimal root growth ... **still has roots** ... **saved** but fruit.

#3. **Thorns** choke the delicate emerging plants ... **has roots and delicate plant** ... **saved** but no fruit

#4. The seed on **good ground** produces fruit ... **saved** with **roots, plant and fruit**.

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**"ARE THERE 12 OR 13
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN PARABLES?"**

ANSWER: "THIRTEEN"

*"... he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is **instructed** unto **THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** is like unto a man that is an **householder**, which **bringeth forth** out of his treasure things **new and old.**" ([Matt 13:52](#))*



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