

Eight Parables of the Kingdom—Part 6
"The Parables of the Dragnet & the Household"
Matthew 13:34-35, 47-52

The Parable of the Sower = only a remnant will be saved

The Parable of the Tares = Satan will plant false converts in the world

The Parables of the Mustard Seed & the Leaven = the church will start small but grow and permeate the world with the Gospel (cf. Rev. 5:9)

The Parables of the Treasure & the Pearl = "⁷...the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" should make us willing to give up everything in this life to possess Him! (Phil. 3:7-8)

Also, Jesus' teaching in Parables was proof of His Messiahship. In verse 35 Matthew quoted Psalm 78:2 from the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament), to prove it (cf. Ps. 78:2; 1 Chron. 15:17, 19; 16:4-5)

And God is NOT done with His people Israel (cf. Rom. 11:25-26)

I. The Parable of the Dragnet (vs. 47-50)

a. **dragnet** = *sagēnē* (σαγήνη) = "a long seine net"

i. "a large net with sinkers on one edge and floats on the other that hangs vertically in the water and is used to enclose and catch fish when its ends are pulled together or are drawn ashore" (Merriam-Webster; cf. John 21:6-8)

b. **Practical Truth:** a dragnet will catch everything, forcing the fishermen to have sort through them.

c. This parable is very similar to the Tares, sharing: ***the end of the age, angels, the furnace of fire and weeping and gnashing of teeth***

d. Jesus is referring to the Judgment at the end of Israel's age (cf. Dan. 9:24-27; Matt. 21:9; 27:22-23; 24:15-21)

i. A Week = 7 years

ii. 70 weeks = $70 \times 7 = 490$ years

iii. ***seven weeks and sixty-two weeks = 483 years***

iv. Artaxerxes Decree = 14th of March in 445 B.C.

v. Jesus' Triumphant Entry = April 6th, 32 A.D.

e. **Spiritual Truth** = a horrible judgment is coming for all those who will NOT repent and trust in Jesus as their Lord & Savior! (cf. Isa. 32:13-15; Jer. 31:27-28; Hos. 2:21-23; 6:11; Matt. 7:22-23; 16:27; 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30, 41; Mark 9:44; Luke 13:28; 2 Thes. 1:7-10; Rev. 19:15, 20; 20:10, 14)

II. The Parable of the Household (v. 51-52)

a. The Disciples "**Yes**" was sincere, but did not reflect a perfect understanding, which is all that God requires.

i. The key is do we act upon what we do understand (cf. Matt. 7:24-27; Rom. 4:23-24; 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6, 11; 2 Tim. 3:16)

b. **Therefore** = Jesus considers them disciples of ***the kingdom of heaven***

c. As such we are all ***like a head of a household***, stewards and ministers of the Gospel who must intentionally pull God's truth from both the ***old*** Testament and the ***new*** Testament

i. BEWARE Andy Stanley: "Peter, James, Paul elected to unhitch the Christian faith from their Jewish scriptures, and my friends, we must as well."

ii. We cannot "unhitch" what God so carefully woven together!

d. The Bible is THE Word of God and is therefore Inerrant, Infallible, and Totally Sufficient in its original manuscripts!

i. It has 2 Testaments, 66 books, written concisely over 1500 years, with at least 40 human authors and ONE divine author..."Jesus is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end" (Gideons International)