

"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 25

Matthew 13

Introduction: Tonight, as we come back to our Kingdom study, we are going to revisit the Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price. Both of these parables were spoken by our Lord to help us to understand that in this age which we are in God will be working and Satan will not stop His plan from coming to fruition. The previous parables, the Sower, the Tares and the Wheat, the Mustard Seed, and the Leaven each made it clear that in this age Satan and his demons would be busy doing all they can to steal away the Seed of the Gospel, to plant false believers in with true believers, to change the identity of Christendom and to make it a comfortable place for wickedness to lodge, and then to spread "leaven" which the Bible always portrays as evil, and mix it into the pure doctrines of Jesus Christ. As we have considered so many times, this evil, wicked influence in Christendom will continue to increase until Jesus returns at the end of the Tribulation.

Matthew 13:8

⁸ *But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*

Matthew 13:39-43

³⁹ *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

⁴⁰ *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

⁴¹ *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

⁴² *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

⁴³ *Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

These are all mysteries that had not been known in the Old Testament. This was new revelation to Jesus' disciples.

Matthew 13:34-35

³⁴ *All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:*

³⁵ *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*

The one thing kept secret from the foundation of the world was the age we live in today. The age that exists between the time Jesus returned to heaven after His resurrection and when He will return in Revelation 19. This entire age was a mystery, in that it was completely unknown and what Jesus speaks of in these parables is what life will be like while the King is away and the Jews wait for His appearing. To begin with tonight I want to go back to the Parable of the Hidden Treasure and consider a few thoughts.

➤ **The Parable of the Hidden Treasure**

Notice Matthew 13:44

Israel is the treasure in this parable and Jesus is the Man who found the treasure. As we considered before the finding of the "treasure" happened when Jesus came and presented to the Jews the offer of the Kingdom. When He came the Jews were hidden in the sense that they were not seen as a prominent people. They were actually hated by many people. They were hidden in the sense that the world did not see their importance. This then raises a question. "What is the Jews importance?"

1. The promise of the Kingdom is to the Jews.

We see this in the Davidic Covenant.

2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16

¹² *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*

¹³ *He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

¹⁶ *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*

We see it also in the Words of Daniel.

Daniel 9:21-24

²¹ *Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

²² *And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*

²³ *At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.*

²⁴ *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

Then there is the prophecy in Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ **For unto us** *a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

It is very clear in these verses that the Kingdom is promised to Israel.

2. The promise of the earthly return of Jesus Christ is to the Jews.

Zechariah 8:7-8, 11-15, 20-23

⁷ *Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;*

⁸ *And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.*

¹¹ But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

¹³ And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

¹⁴ For thus saith the LORD of hosts: As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:

¹⁵ So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

²⁰ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

²¹ And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

²² Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

²³ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

This has yet to be fulfilled therefore the Lord must return to see that all these prophecies are fulfilled to the Jews.

So, the promise of the earthly return of our Lord is to the Jews and not to the church. Our promise is the rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

So, back to the question, "What is the Jews importance?" If the Jews would not exist there would be no Kingdom and there would be no earthly return of Jesus Christ. What would happen then? Satan would forever be the god of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:4

⁴ *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Had the Jews accepted Jesus as their King He would have brought them forth to shine as the stars of heaven.

Notice Matthew 13:44 again.

When The Jews rejected the Kingdom, they were once again lost in the field. That is where they are today, living in the world and the world has no idea that the future is all dependent upon the Jews. They are the future. You see the Kingdom will never be established until the Jews repent and accept Jesus Christ as their King. All the Gentiles in the world could be saved over the next several years and that would not bring the Kingdom into existence. It will NEVER happen until the Jews accept their King.

I want you to notice in this parable that the MAN goes and buys the entire field when the treasure is lost again. The field here represents the world as we saw earlier.

Matthew 13:38

³⁸ *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*

How then are we to understand, the Man in this parable as the Lord, buying the world? This shows His authority over the entire world. Let us remember that in the beginning the world which was created by Him was entrusted to man and man lost it to Satan who is now the god of this world. But there will come a day when our Lord takes possession of this old world.

Psalms 2:7-9

⁷ *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

⁸ *Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

⁹ *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

Revelation 5:1-5

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

² *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

³ *And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*

⁴ *And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*

⁵ *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

The scroll here is the title deed to the earth and only the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed to open the scroll. If it were not for His authority to open the scroll Satan would forever be the god of this old world. Jesus' death, burial and resurrection gave Him the authority to redeem this world and to restore it back to what it was intended to be.

➤ **The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price**

Notice Matthew 13:45-46

It is important to notice that the "Pearl" which is purchased is not purchased from the world here. The idea is that a pearl would be found in the sea. Earlier we looked at how the sea in the Word of God is symbolic of the Gentile nations.

Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The seas here is symbolic of the Gentile nations for that is where the Anti-Christ will rise from.

Acts 15:12-14

¹² Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

¹³ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

¹⁴ Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Conclusion:

The treasure in verse 44 was hidden and it has been 2000 years now and there seems to be no hurry for the Lord to come back and claim that treasure. The reason is because of what we read in verses 45 and 46. He is currently gathering a people for His name from the Gentiles.

2 Peter 3:8-10

⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.