

Revelation 2-3 Summary Part IV
Sunday, 3-22-20

Revelation Letters

This week we'll complete the comparison of the final four letters to the churches in Revelation 2&3 to the final four Kingdom Parables in Matthew 13.

Reminder, these are.

Things kept secret from the foundation of the world- vs 34-35.

Things given to the Church to understand, but not the world- vs 10-11

The Parable of the Leaven in three measures of meal

Mat 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: *"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a **woman** took and hid in **three measures of meal**: till it was all leavened."*

Three measures of meal- Fellowship Offering... not for innate sin, nor for sins committed, but for FELLOWSHIP!
(see Genesis 18:1-8, Ruth 3:14-18)

Back to Matt 13:33.

Paraphrasing we could say "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven (SIN), which a WOMAN took and hid in the Fellowship Offering until all was leavened WITH SIN."

The Disciples seemed to understand this.

See Luke 13:10-30

Rev 2:18 **"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, Piercing vision which sees all things, "...For there is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light- Mark 4:22b" and His feet like fine brass: Judgment- Rev 1:14-15, Altar of Burnt Offerings in Exodus 38:1-7 covered in brass, as was the utensils for use there...**

Rev 2:19 **"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.**

Rev 2:20 **Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.**

Rev 2:21 **And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.**

Rev 2:22 **Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.**

Rev 2:23 **I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am**

He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Rev 2:24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

Rev 2:25 But hold fast what you have till I come.

Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

Rev 2:27 'HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO PIECES LIKE THE POTTER'S VESSELS'— as I also have received from My Father.

Rev 2:28 and I will give him the morning star.

Rev 2:29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

**Thyatira- Church Married to the world...
State Church Age...**

The Parable of the Treasure Hidden in a Field

Mat 13:44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Who found the treasure?

Who hid the treasure?

Who sold all that he had to buy the entire field where the treasure was hidden?

Rev 3:1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, "These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

*Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. **Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.***

See 1Thess 5:1-11

What is the treasure that the man (Jesus) hid in a field???

Rev 3:4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.
THESE NAMES are the treasure which Jesus sold all to purchase!!

Rev 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rev 3:6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

Sardis- The Dead Church

Reformation Church Age...

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

Mat 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, Mat 13:46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Who is the merchant?

What is he seeking? Beautiful pearls!

Pearls are NOT Kosher!!! Jews did not value pearls for themselves...

They might have traded them to the Gentiles, but they didn't consider them personally valuable.

Pearls are the only "jewel" that grows out of an irritant,

They are the only valuable gem that comes from an un-clean animal,

They are made precious by continuous layering of translucent material, built up over time, each layer more beautiful than the last...

Who went and sold all that he had to purchase it?

Now let's compare this parable to the Letter to the Church of Philadelphia:

Rev 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS":

Rev 3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Rev 3:9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Rev 3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Rev 3:13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

There have been, and continue to be, many who trade the Church, but don't value it. Who make merchandise out of the flock of God, but don't want to be it themselves.

THESE will come and worship Jesus and know that He has bought the Church, and it IS valuable!

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*

Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the

word,

Eph 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Philadelphia- Missionary Church Age

The Parable of the Dragnet

Mat 13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,

Mat 13:48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels but threw the bad away.

Mat 13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,

Mat 13:50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Who casts the net?

Mat 13:41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

Mat 13:42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Who separates the wicked from the just?

Who casts the wicked into the fire?

Who ORDERS it?

Mat 7:20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Mat 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:35 for I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in.

Mat 25:36 I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Mat 25:37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

Mat 25:38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

Mat 25:39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

Mat 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Mat 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 25:42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me no drink.

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

Mat 25:44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

Mat 25:45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Mat 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Now let's compare to the Church of Laodicea:

Rev 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

Rev 3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Rev 3:17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

Rev 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Rev 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." ' "

During the Tribulation there won't be just a rise in perceived wickedness, there will also be a global, worldwide "religion" which is perceived as good under the Beast, the False Prophet, and the Image.

There will also be a progressive Jewish National conversion; There will be 144,000 Jewish witnesses from the 12 tribes proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, 2 Jewish witnesses proclaiming the Gospel from the Temple in Jerusalem, and Elijah himself returning to the

Nation with the Gospel of Jesus. In addition, there will be angels flying through the air proclaiming the everlasting Gospel and calling for all to worship God and reject the beast.

This will bring about a massive conversion among the Gentiles in the midst of horrible persecution and martyrdom from the "State Church" along with return of the Jewish people to their God through Jesus Christ their Messiah.

The fruit of the Gentile conversion will be how they treated "THESE, MY BRETHREN" –Jews! - during this terrible time.

That is what the Sheep and Goat judgment is all about.

Make no mistake, we have much history among what is called the church of a hatred and malevolence to Jesus's brethren, the Jews, and against God's people, the Nation of Israel.

The Church of Laodicea (the Final lukewarm Church Age) is *outside* of Christ's church, with Him knocking at the door wanting to come into them. They will be caught up in the dragnet with everyone else because they will NOT be raptured out with the Bride!

While this is some heavy teaching, it's necessary for our encouragement and warning!

Just because a building has a "Church" sign, doesn't mean its Christ's church!

Just because we say the right things, or even do the right things, doesn't mean we're righteous before God in Christ.

The single most important thing for each and every person to do is to assure they are Born Again!

Before figuring out what to do, make your calling and election sure as to who you are!

***Joh 3:3* Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

Having done that first, we can then move on to what the Lord would have us do, which He has prepared for us beforehand.

***Eph 2:8* For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,**

***Eph 2:9* not of works, lest anyone should boast.**

***Eph 2:10* For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**