

## Revelation 2-3 Summary Part II

### APPLICATIONS

#### D. Prophetic- outlines the Church Age as a whole

See 7 Kingdom Parables in Matthew 13:

There are 7 Parables- All told in public.

**Mat 13:1** *On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea.*

**Mat 13:2** *And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.*

**Mat 13:3** *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying:*

**The Parable of the Sower**

**The Parable of the Tares among the wheat**

**The Parable of the Mustard seed**

**The Parable of the Leaven in three measures of meal**

**The Parable of the Treasure in the field**

**The Parable of the Pearl of great price**

**The Parable of the Dragnet**

Jesus interprets only 2 of these- *IN PRIVATE to the Disciples.*

We're told why in vs 10-17 and vs 34-35.

Read vs 10-17

**Mat 13:10** *And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"*

**Mat 13:11** *He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.*

**Mat 13:12** *For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.*

**Mat 13:13** *Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

**Mat 13:14** *And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled (Isaiah 6:9), which says: 'HEARING YOU WILL HEAR AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE.*

**Mat 13:15** *FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL (thickened-to fatten, make callous). THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES*

**AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.'**

**Hands...**

**Luk 19:36** And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

**Luk 19:37** Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

**Luk 19:38** saying: " 'BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

**Luk 19:39** And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

**Luk 19:40** But He answered and said to them, "**I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.**"

**Luk 19:41** Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

**Luk 19:42** saying, "**If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.**"

**Luk 19:43** For **days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,**

**Luk 19:44** and **level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.**"

**Mat 13:16** But **blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear.**

**Mat 13:17** for **assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**

**Read vs 34-35**

**Mat 13:34** All **these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them,**

**Mat 13:35** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "**I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS KEPT SECRET FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.**"

**Psalms 78:1-2 Psa 78:1** A **Contemplation of Asaph.** Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**Psa 78:2** I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

**Rom 11:25** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

**Rom 11:26** And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "**THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.**"

**Rom 11:27** **FOR THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."**

*Rom 11:28* Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

*Rom 11:29* For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

**1Co 2:4** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

*1Co 2:5* that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

*1Co 2:6* However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

*1Co 2:7* But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

*1Co 2:8* which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known; they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**Eph 3:8** To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

*Eph 3:9* and to make all see what the fellowship of the mystery is, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ.

*Eph 3:10* to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

*Eph 3:11* according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

**What we see here in Matthew 13- the 7 Kingdom Parables- are things that have NEVER been made known prior to this moment when Jesus delivered them.**

**They are hidden in OT Scripture, but NOT revealed! Nobody could have understood what was hidden until Jesus revealed it here.**

**The key is this:**

*Mat 13:11* He answered and said to them, "**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.**

*Mat 13:12* **For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.**

**There is a change in the way Jesus taught and ministered which begins here in Chapter 13, so what's up??**

**In Chapter 12 the confrontation between the religious rulers and Jesus comes to a head.**

*Mat 12:22* Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

*Mat 12:23* And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

*Mat 12:24* Now when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

**The Pharisees ascribed the work of the Holy Spirit operating in Jesus to Satan. It was their final rejection of Him as their Messiah.**

**But it wasn't only Jesus that they rejected; they also rejected the testimony of the Father and the Holy Spirit as well.**

**From that moment on, their rejection was complete, their path set.**

**Subsequent public teaching was to put the truth out there for those who would seek it but hide it in plain sight from those who rejected Jesus.**

**It was at this point that Jesus only taught in parables so that "seeing they would not see and hearing they would not comprehend". Very similar practice to "not casting your pearls before swine..."**

**Going forward I'm going to rearrange the reading just a bit. Not change or alter it, just read it a bit differently...**

**Mat 13:1** On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea.

**Mat 13:2** And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

**Mat 13:3** Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.

**Mat 13:4** And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

**Mat 13:5** Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

**Mat 13:6** But when the sun was up, they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

**Mat 13:7** And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

**Mat 13:8** But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**Mat 13:9** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

**Mat 13:24** Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

**Mat 13:25** but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

**Mat 13:26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

**Mat 13:27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not so good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

Mat 13:28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

Mat 13:29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.'

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

Mat 13:31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,

Mat 13:32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

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."

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.

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.

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."

**If you were standing on the shore listening to Jesus, this is all you would have heard. The interpretations of two parables were given to the Disciples privately, and later.**

*Mat 13:36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."*

**Interpretation of The Sower in vs 18-23**

*Mat 13:18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower:*

*Mat 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.*

*Mat 13:20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy.*

*Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.*

*Mat 13:22* Now *he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.*

*Mat 13:23* But *he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*

### **Interpretation of the Tares in vs 37-43**

*Mat 13:37* He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

*Mat 13:38* The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.

*Mat 13:39* The *enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.*

*Mat 13:40* Therefore *as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.*

*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.

*Mat 13:43* Then *the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

### **After Jesus explains the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Tares among the wheat, He repeats 5 other parables and asks them:**

*Mat 13:51* Jesus said to them, "**Have you understood all these things?**" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

**Really??? Did they really understand or just say "yes Lord"? I have wished so many times that they told Jesus "*we got the two you explained, can you please explain the other 5?*"**

*Mat 13:52* Then He said to them, "**Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things new and old.***"

*Mat 13:53* Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.