



# MATTHEW

*Messiah Has Come*



# Outline

## Matthew 1-10

Prove that Jesus was the prophesied Messiah of Israel.

## Matthew 11-13

Demonstrate that both the message and the works of Messiah Jesus were evaluated and rejected by Israel.

## Matthew 14-28

Demonstrate how Messiah Jesus prepared his disciples for the new plan (Church) that would begin after his death, burial, and resurrection.

# Principle

Jesus calls on the people of God to reorient themselves toward him, accepting his authority and direction and laying aside expectations of him.

## Matthew 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

<sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

### ***1 Kings 9:7***

*...and Israel will become a **proverb** and a byword among all peoples.*

παραβολή | parabolē | **parable**

“something cast alongside another thing”  
an allusion to/illustration of something else  
an expression of irony or contempt

## Matthew 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “To **you** it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to **them** it has not been given. <sup>12</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>13</sup> This is why I speak to **them** in parables, because seeing **they** do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

***Ephesians 3:4-6***

*the mystery of Christ...that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

“ ‘ “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” <sup>15</sup> For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

<sup>16</sup> But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup> For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

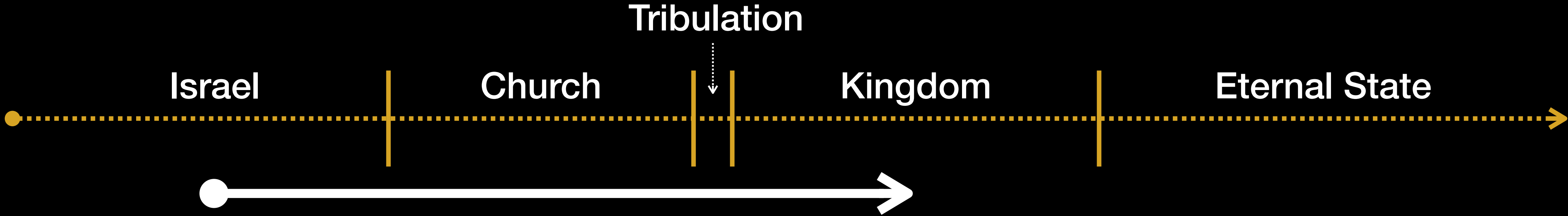
## Matthew 13:18-23

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

<sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

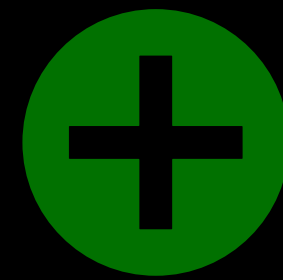
# Kingdom or Church?

The Church and the Kingdom are not the same, but the Church is working unto the Kingdom.

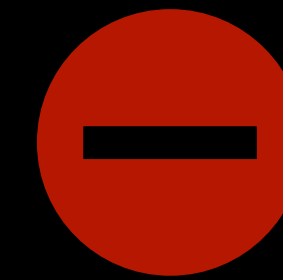


# Weeds

*Vs. 24-30, 36-43*



The Kingdom will surely come, but only those who believe in Jesus will be citizens of it.



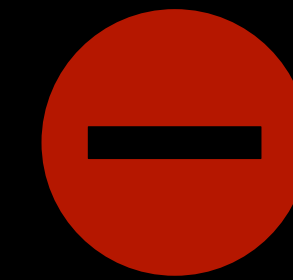
It looks like no Kingdom anymore for Israel. Why waste our time worrying about it or pursuing it!

# Mustard Seed & Leaven

*Vs. 31-33*



Although its beginnings are small, the Kingdom will multiply exponentially.



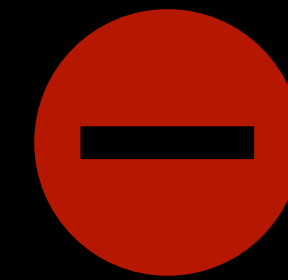
It seems like only those who have believed are in for the Kingdom, so why bother telling anyone else?

# Hidden Treasure & Priceless Pearl

*Vs. 44-45*



Potential citizens of the Kingdom are of inestimable value and worth pursuing



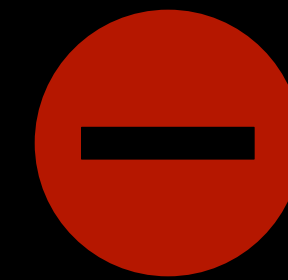
Those who believe are “good” with God, but those who have rejected are definitely “out”. They lost their chance.

# Net

*Vs. 44-45*



The Kingdom is open to  
but not occupied by all;  
only the righteous by faith  
will reside there.



I guess things with the  
Kingdom will just “work  
themselves out” and all will  
be good in the end.

*Embracing Jesus would require a total submission to His authority over His unpredictable plan.*

Actors

Would those who believed in Him remain committed to the new and unexpected thing He would establish?

Recipients

Would the recipients trust His plan to use them to reach those who brought their fiercest persecution?

Us

Will we continue to follow Jesus when His plan leads us into increasingly uncomfortable and sacrificial living?

# Principle

Jesus exhorts his people to boldly follow Him into His unpredictable plan for redeeming and restoring humanity; choosing a lifestyle of humble teachability, and honest self-awareness of worldly and prideful inclinations.

# Next Week

Matthew 14:1-16:12