

Parable of the Net

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- Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.
- Line & Hook
- Matt. 17:27 Go to the lake and throw out your line. Take
 the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a
 four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and
 yours.

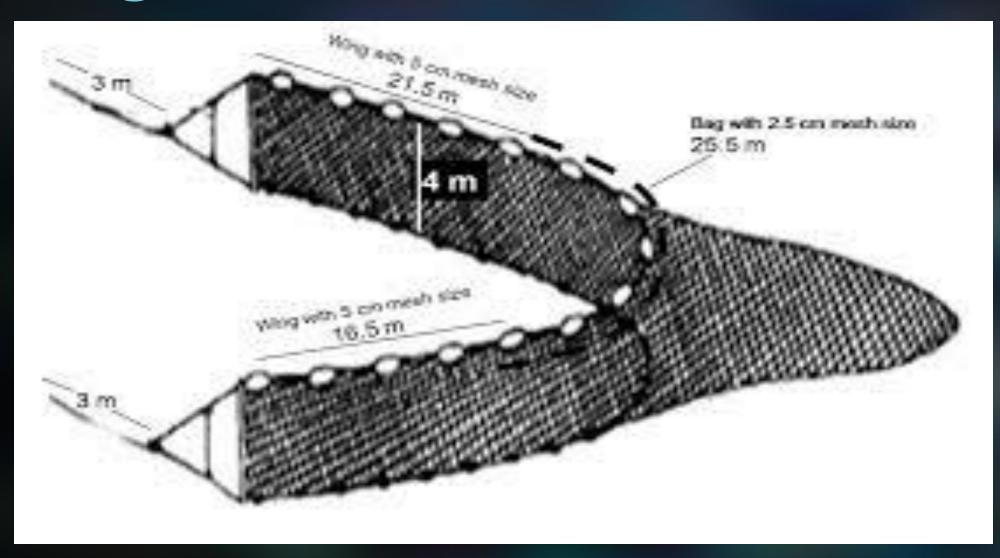
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- The Good were put in vessels.
- The Bad were simply thrown away.

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- End of the age
- Age of the Law & the Prophets

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- The Gospel of the Kingdom is going to go out to all, and then at the end of the Age of the Law & the Prophet, there's going to be a separation.
- The true children of God are going to be separated from the pretenders.
- The Church is going to be separated from apostate Judaism.

Matthew 24:1-2

- Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- "When will this happen? And what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?"

- Matt. 23:36 "Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation."
- Matt. 24:34 "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place."
- A generation is 40 years.
- In exactly 40 years (70 AD) the Romans laid siege to and destroyed Jerusalem.
- "When you see Jerusalem surrounded...."

- Matt. 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."
- Rom. 16:26 "The Gospel has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of the faith."
- Col. 1:6 "The Gospel has come to you, as it has also in all the world."
- "world" = oikoumene

- Luke 2:1 "Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth."
- And now it's time for the separation to begin.
- Matt. 24:31 "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect..."
- Angels = Angelos = Messenger

- The angelos (messengers) are going to gather together His people.
- epi-sunago = synagogue
- "Great sound of a trumpet"
 - 1. Call people together for worship.
 - 2. Set God's people on the march.

