

Study Questions
Matthew 13 Parables – Part Eight
The Parable of the Treasure
Sunday January 31st 2010

1). Mt 13:36 *Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house.*

a). The first four of our parables are given outside of the house by the sea – what period of time is prophetically covered in these four parables?

b). Within the chronology that God gives within the scriptures, what comes at the end of this dispensation?

c). What are we to learn from the fact that Jesus goes back into the house?

2). Mt 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.*

a). Who found and hid the treasure?

b). Who would this man have to be and why?

c). Where does He hide the treasure?

d). What does scripture tell us the field is?

e). What is the treasure and how would we know?

f). Where do we find the nation of Israel today?

3). Re 1:10 *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.*

a). What do we see taking place in this scripture?

4). Re 4:1 ¶ *After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.*

a). What do we see taking place in v1? What makes the scene presented in the verses that follow this different from that which we saw in Revelation Chapter 1?

b). What do the 24 Elders do next and why do they do it?

5). Ru 3:9 *And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." 10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.*

a). What is taking place here in Ruth in the type that is then presented in the antitype in our scriptures from Revelation?

b). Ru 4:1 ¶ *Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.*

c). What is Boaz about to do here?

d). At what point does Ruth become his wife?

- e). So, what has to happen before Ruth becomes Boaz's wife?
- 6). What event is recorded in Revelation Chapter 5?
- 7). What event is recorded in the first 8 verses of Revelation Chapter 19?
- a). And so, remembering what we have seen with Ruth and Boaz what event takes place between Revelation Chapter 5 and Chapter 19?
- b). At what point does the Bride of Christ become the wife of Christ?
- 8). *Es 1:15 "What shall we do to Queen Vashti, according to law, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus brought to her by the eunuchs?" 16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes: "Queen Vashti has not only wronged the king, but also all the princes, and all the people who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. 17 "For the queen's behavior will become known to all women, so that they will despise their husbands in their eyes, when they report, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in before him, but she did not come.' 18 "This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media will say to all the king's officials that they have heard of the behavior of the queen. Thus there will be excessive contempt and wrath. 19 "If it pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes,*

so that it will not be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.

a). How do the events described here form a picture of what we have seen in Matthew Chapter 12 that provided the basis for our parables?

9). *Es 3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. 6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus-the people of Mordecai.*

a). Who does Haman represent?

b). What is this scripture describing in the form of a type?

10). *Re 6:1 ¶ Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."
2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. 3 ¶ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."*

4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

a). Our scripture here from Revelation Chapter 6 begins the fulfillment of the type given to us in Esther Chapter 3. Can you explain the events of Revelation 6:1-4 to show how this is indeed the case?

b). *Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.*

c). *Mt 24:21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

d). What name do we give to the events being described here?

e). Which nation is the primary focus of these events?

f). What is God's purpose for Israel in this?

g). What will be the outcome for Israel at the end of the Tribulation?

h). How are the events of the Tribulation and the redemption of the inheritance linked?