

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN LIKE?



- Why didn't the Jews already know about the Kingdom of Heaven?
- Since the fall from grace of Adam and Eve, the Earth has been Satan's Kingdom
- When John and Jesus appeared, they planted the banner of the Kingdom of Heaven in Satan's territory
- From Adam's fall to Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven existed only in Heaven

GOD PLANTED A SEED

- God never ceased to be the ultimate ruler of His Creation
- The Kingdom of Heaven is a physical shadow of a spiritual Heaven
- Yeshua is the divine invader of an evil kingdom
- The Kingdom of Heaven was a new dynamic that had been unknown to humans



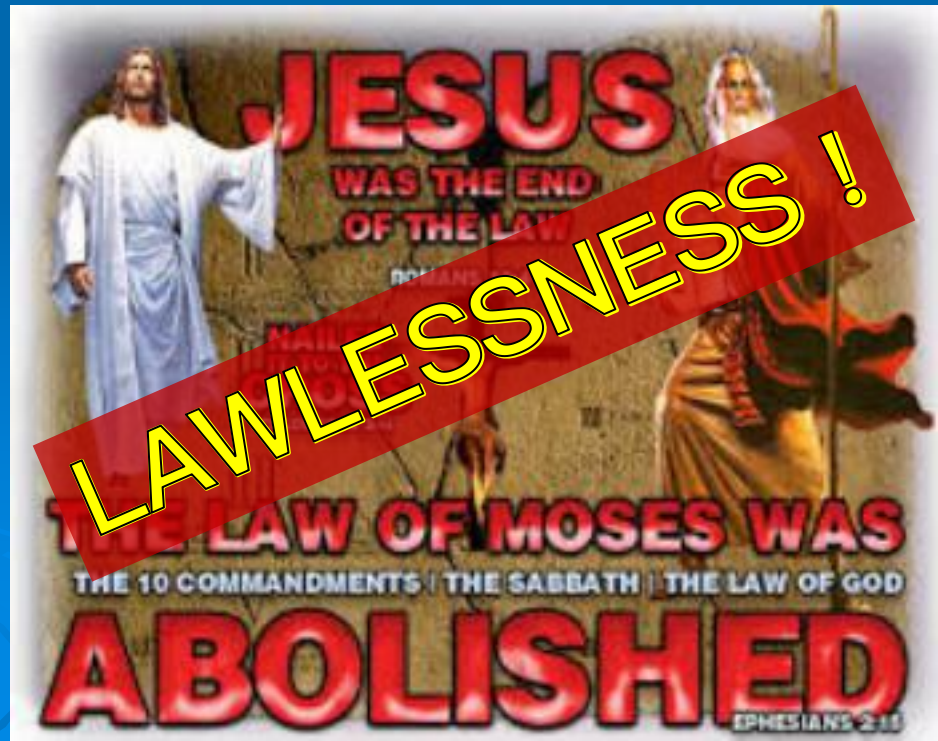
Four Soils Parable



- Parable of 4 Soils teaches that entering the Kingdom of Heaven depends solely on the hearer
- Elements of the Parable of the Tares:
- 1) The field = the world
- 2) Good seed = members of the Kingdom of Heaven
- 3) Weeds = members of Satan's Kingdom
- 4) Harvest of evil and righteous is the terminating act of human history (the present age)

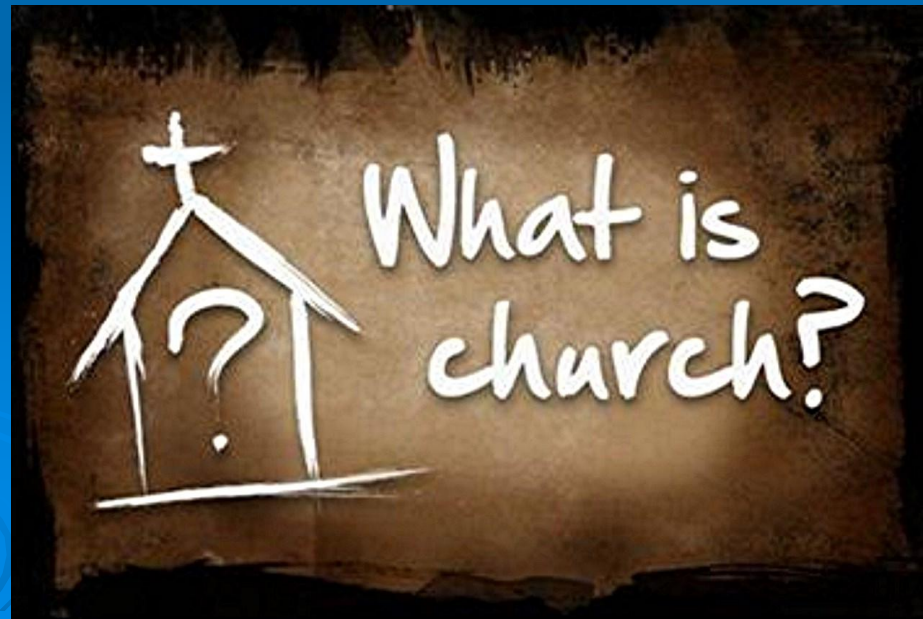
“Those who commit lawlessness”

- The Son of Man will order the Angels to harvest; weeds will be burned up
- Lawlessness does not mean to break a nation’s criminal laws
- **Anomia** = without law
- Matt. 7:21 – 23 “...get away from Me you workers of lawlessness”
- Lawlessness is to slander or separate oneself from God’s Torah



HOTTEST FIRE

- Fiery furnace, Gehenna, Lake of Fire illustrate total destruction
- Extreme pain and mourning
- Kingdom of Heaven = Church?
- Not Pretenders, rather the Deceived
- Among the “weeds” will be those who believe they are saved... But are part of a body of manmade doctrine

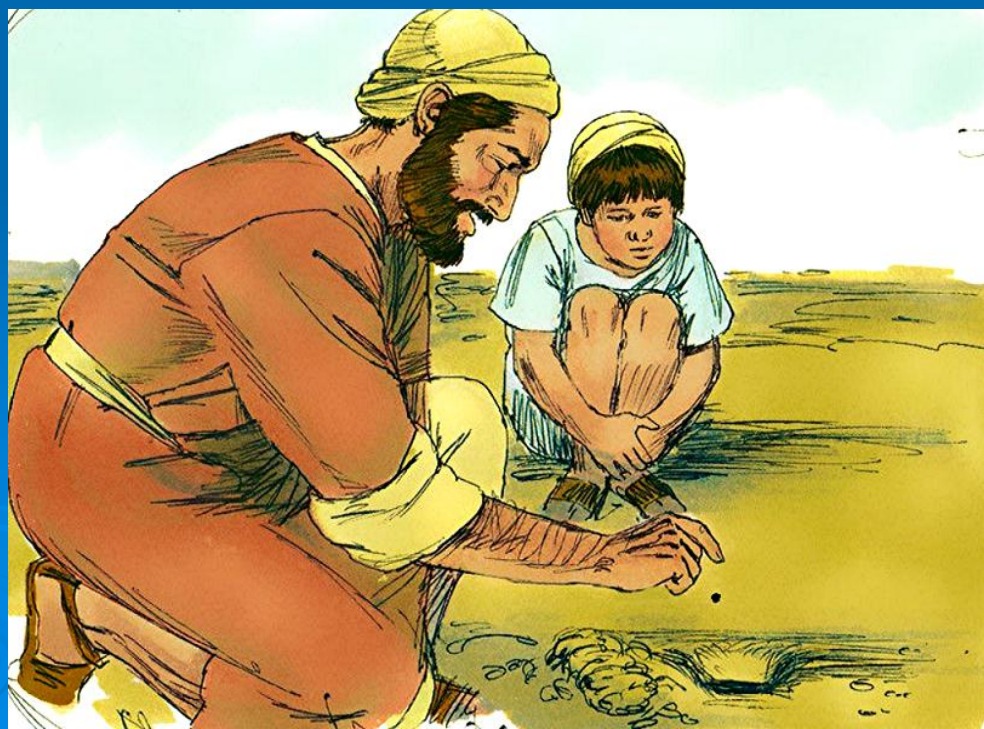


WAIT!



- Matt. 13:30 “...let them both grow together until the harvest...”
- The Lord wants no accidental collateral damage to even one stalk of grain
- Every congregation has a problem child
- Anti-leader = a person who tries to take over a flock someone else has assembled
- Revelation Letters to the 7 congregations

Kila'yim



- Parable of the Mustard Seed
- A Jewish farmer wouldn't intentionally put a mustard seed in his field
- Leviticus 19:19
- Deuteronomy 22:9
- Mustard plants were considered as pests by Jewish farmers
- Mustard plants grew so large they crowded out the grain

BELIEVERS: AN INVASIVE SPECIES



- Don't get caught up in the details of a parable; it's the point of it that matters
- The Earth is Satan's Kingdom, so the field is in Satan's possession
- The seed of God is planted in Satan's field; God has started an invasion
- God has dropped a tiny time bomb into the field
- The seed is hardly noticeable but it's effect will only grow

PARABLE OF LEAVEN



- Leaven is symbolic of sin
- So how is the Kingdom of Heaven like sin ? It's not!
- The parable is NOT about a relationship between sin and leaven
- It is about how a little leaven makes the mixture expand
- Bread making was woman's work
- Yeshua the embodiment of Wisdom (like Solomon)
- Wisdom always of feminine gender



- The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven are all about growing and expansion
- It is also about the idea of concealment
- The seed and pinch of leaven are nearly imperceptible
- But eventually they expand to something visible
- Although the ancients saw what was happening, they didn't understand the process..... but they had faith that what they saw was real and would continue

A WORLD IN CHAOS

- It is the presence of the chaos that is evidence that the Kingdom of Heaven is growing and threatening Satan!
- 2Tim. 3: 12 – 13 John 9:4
- The world puts its hope in material prosperity, human leadership, and a false belief that mankind is inherently good
- The telling of the Gospel has an expiration date