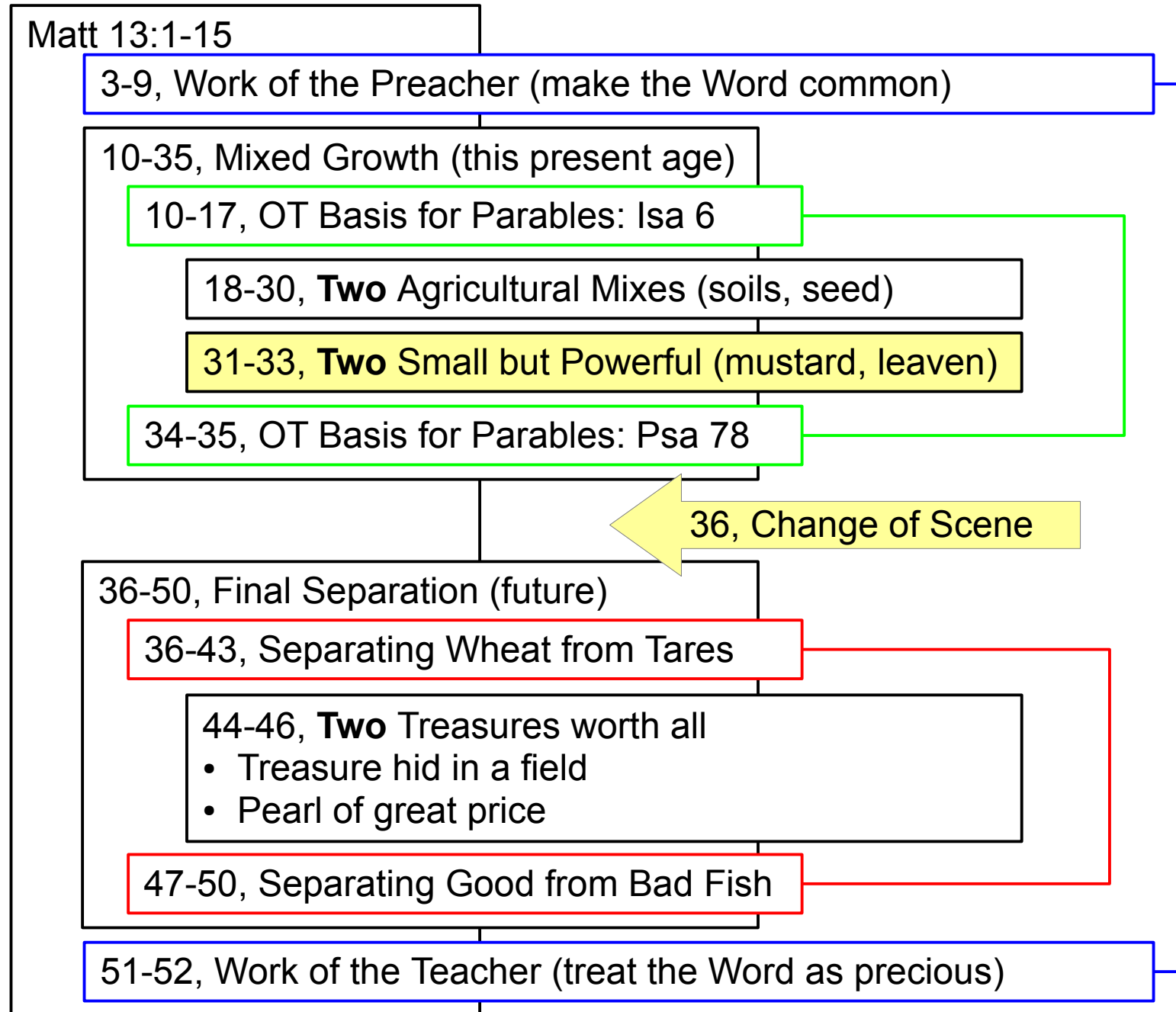


Treasure Hunt

- Does the leaven in v. 33 symbolize evil? Why or why not?
- In what sense does the kingdom of heaven leaven all the earth?
- What are the four steps in the cycle of God's dealings with Israel that Asaph invites us to consider?
- Where else do we see these cycles?
- How is Ps 78 relevant to Matthew 13?

Structure of Matt 13:1-52



Does Leaven = Evil?

1Co 5:6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

Recall:

- Seed = word (v. 19), person (v. 38), or kingdom (v. 31)
- Lion = Jesus (Rev 5:5) or Satan (1 Pet 5:8)

Lev 7:11 And this *is* the law of the sacrifice of **peace offerings**, which he shall offer unto the LORD. ... 13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer *for* his offering **leavened bread** with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

Lev 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be **baken with leaven**; *they are* the **firstfruits** unto the LORD.

Will the World Gradually Improve?

Alford, 1874: the penetrating of the whole mass of humanity, by degrees, by the influence of the Spirit of God, so strikingly witnessed in the earlier ages by the dropping of heathen customs and worship:—in modern times more gradually and secretly advancing, but still to be plainly seen in the various abandonments of criminal and unholy practices (as e.g. in our own time of slavery and duelling, and the increasing abhorrence of war among Christian men)

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived

Israel's History in Ps 78

Asaph: ca. 1000 BC

Prolog	1-8							
Care		12-16 Red Sea, Water from Rock	23-29 Manna & Quail			38-39	43-55 Exodus & Conquest	65-72 Reign of David
Rebellion	9-11 Ephraim	17-20 Murmuring for Food	30a Lust	32	36-37	40-42	56-58	
Chastisement		21-22	30b-31	33			59-64 Fall of Shiloh	
Repentance				34-35				

Judges 3-16 (ca. 1400-1100 BC)

Rebellion: <i>Did Evil</i> <i>Forsook/served</i>	2:11 :12-13	3:7 :7	3:12	4:1	6:1	10:6 :6	13:1
Chastisement:: <i>Lord angry</i> <i>Spoilers</i> <i>Years</i>	:14 :14-15	:8 :8 <i>Meso-</i> <i>potamia</i> 8	:12-14 <i>Moab</i> 18	:2 <i>Canaan</i> 20	:1-6 <i>Midian</i> 7	:7 :7-9 <i>Philistines,</i> <i>Ammon</i> 18	:1 <i>Philistines</i> 40
Repentance: <i>Cry to Lord</i> <i>Rebuke</i>	:18	:9	:15	:3	:6 :7-10	:10 :11-16	
Care: <i>Judge</i> <i>Land had rest</i> <i>Years</i> <i>He judged Israel</i> <i>Years</i>	:16-19	:9-11 <i>Othniel</i> :11 40	:15-30 <i>Ehud</i> :30 80	:4-5:31 <i>Deborah</i> :31 40	:11-8:28 <i>Gideon</i> :28 40	:17-12:7 <i>Jephthah</i> :7 6	:2-15:19 16:1-31 <i>Samson</i> 15:20, 16:31 20
Supplements:			:32 <i>Shamgar</i>		:29-9:64 <i>Abimelech, 64</i> 10:1,2 <i>Tola, 23</i> :3-5 <i>Jair, 22</i>	:8-10 <i>Ibzan, 7</i> :11-12 <i>Elon, 10</i> :13-15 <i>Abdon, 8</i>	

Isaiah 63 (ca. 680 BC)

Prolog	7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, <i>and</i> the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
Care	8 For he said, Surely they <i>are</i> my people , children <i>that</i> will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
Rebellion	10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit:
Chastisement	therefore he was turned to be their enemy, <i>and</i> he fought against them.
Repentance	11 Then he [Israel] remembered the days of old, Moses, <i>and</i> his people , <i>saying</i> , Where <i>is</i> he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where <i>is</i> he that put his holy Spirit within him? 12 That led <i>them</i> by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, <i>that</i> they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest:
Summary	so didst thou lead thy people , to make thyself a glorious name.

Israel's History in Ps 106

Toward the end of the Exile (v. 47), ca. 540 BC

Prolog	1-6							
Care		8-11 Red Sea						
Rebellion	7 Murmur- ing at Red Sea		13-14 Wilder- ness Lusting	16 Rebel- lion of Dothan	19-22 Golden Calf	24-25 Despised the Land	28-29a Baal- Peor	32-39 Waters of Strife; infant sacrifice
Chastise- ment			15 Lean- ness	17-18	23a Promised destruc- tion	26-27	29b Plague	40-42 Subject to Enemies
Repen- tance		12			23b Moses' inter- cession		30-31 Phine- has	
Summary								43-48