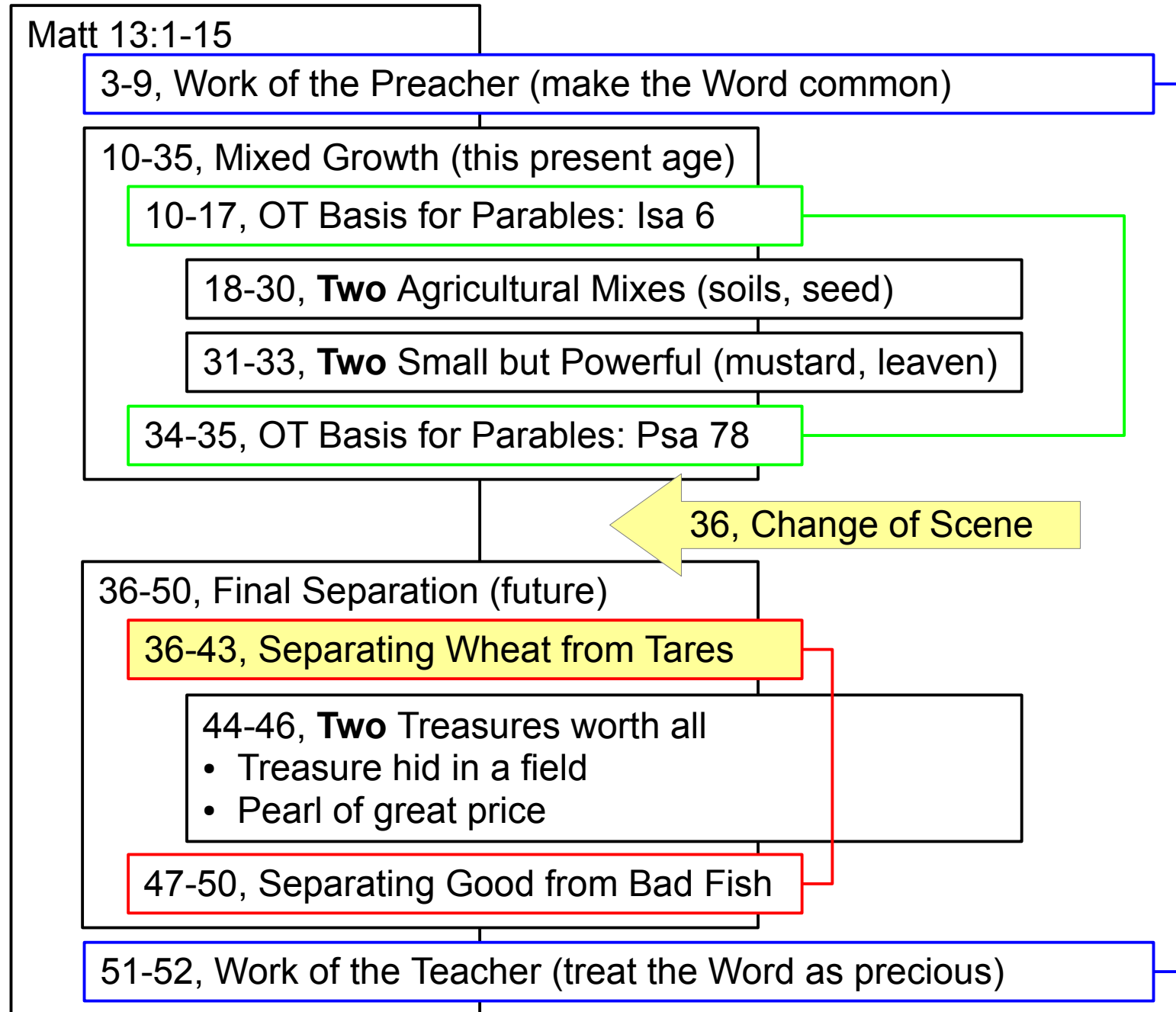


Treasure Hunt

- What is the significance of our Lord's movement "into the house" in v. 36?
- What should we learn from the disciples' question about the parable of the tares?
- How is the sower different from the parable of the sower, and why?
- What does the field represent? What does it not represent?
- What is "the end of the world" (v. 39)?
- What happens right before the end of the world, and right after?
- How do the two worlds/ages differ from one another?
- What detail of the parable does the Lord not interpret?
- Where does Scripture teach a fiery punishment for the wicked?

Structure of Matt 13:1-52



36 Jesus ... went into the house

Matt 5:14 Ye are the light of the world.

- A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. *Preaching*
- 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are **in the house**. *Teaching*

Matt 12:46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood **without**, desiring to speak with him. 47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand **without**, desiring to speak with thee.

Mar 10:2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. ... 10 And **in the house** his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

Key to the Parable of the Tares

vv. 37-39

Symbol	Meaning
Sower	Son of Man
Field	World
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Enemy	Devil
Harvest	End of the world [age]
Reapers	Angels

The field is the world

Under the state-church:

The visible church, up till the day of judgment, is to comprise within its pale those who are not members of the invisible church, and who shall have no part in the kingdom that is to be established. The separation is not a thing with which man is competent to deal, but must be left in the hands of the Judge. (Meyer on v. 30, “let both grow together until the harvest”)

Our Lord:

Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

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The good seed ... The tares ...

Only the Lord can sow this kind of seed:

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.

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Two kinds of “children of the kingdom”:

Mat 8:10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But **the children of the kingdom shall be cast out** into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Joh 8:39 [The pharisees] answered and said unto him, **Abraham is our father**. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. ... 44 **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

The harvest is the end of the world [age αἰων 165]

The unbeliever's view:

2Pe 3:3 there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, **all things continue** as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

The two ages in the NT:

Mat 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in **this world**, neither in the **world to come**.

Eph 1:20 he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in **this world**, but also in **that which is to come**:

In Isaiah:

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create **new heavens and a new earth**: and **the former** shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa 66:22 For as the **new heavens and the new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

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The End of the Age in the Revelation

Sequence of Events in the Revelation

- 19:11-16 Return of Christ with his saints
- 19:17-21 Defeat of beast and false prophet
- 20:1-3 Satan bound
- 20:4-6 Millennial reign
- 20:7-10 Final rebellion and defeat of Satan
- 20:11-15 Second resurrection and final judgment
- 21:1 “the 1st heaven and 1st earth were passed away”
- 21:2-22:5 Vision of new heavens and new earth

Matt 24:39 the harvest is the **end of the world**

2 Pet 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein **the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

2 Pet 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth,** wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Differences between the Two Ages

This World, Genesis	New Heavens and New Earth. Revelation
<p>1:4 God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.</p> <p>8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.</p>	<p>21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.</p> <p>22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.</p>
<p>1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry <i>land</i> appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry <i>land</i> Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas:</p>	<p>21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.</p>

Final Judgment as Fire

Isa 66:24 for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.