

Treasure Hunt

- What two images from the OT does the Lord invoke in the parable of the houses?
- How does the OT context of these images help us relate the parable to the preceding context?
- What is the correct response for us to make to the word of God?
- What is the source of the foundation needed to withstand storms, according to Isaiah 28?
- What is the foundation that Isaiah promised—the Lord, or the Lord's words?
- What three OT writers develop the theme of the falling wall?

The Structure of the Sermon

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| | Setting | 4:25-5:2 | 7:28-8:1 |
| Consequences Deut 27-28 | Blessings & Warnings | 5:3-12 | 7:13-27 |
| | Our Mission | 5:13-16 | |
| | Law & Prophets | 5:17-19 | 7:12b |
| Conduct Deut 5 | Toward Man | 5:20-48 It was said ... but I say | 7:1-12a |
| | Toward God | 6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites | 6:19-34 |

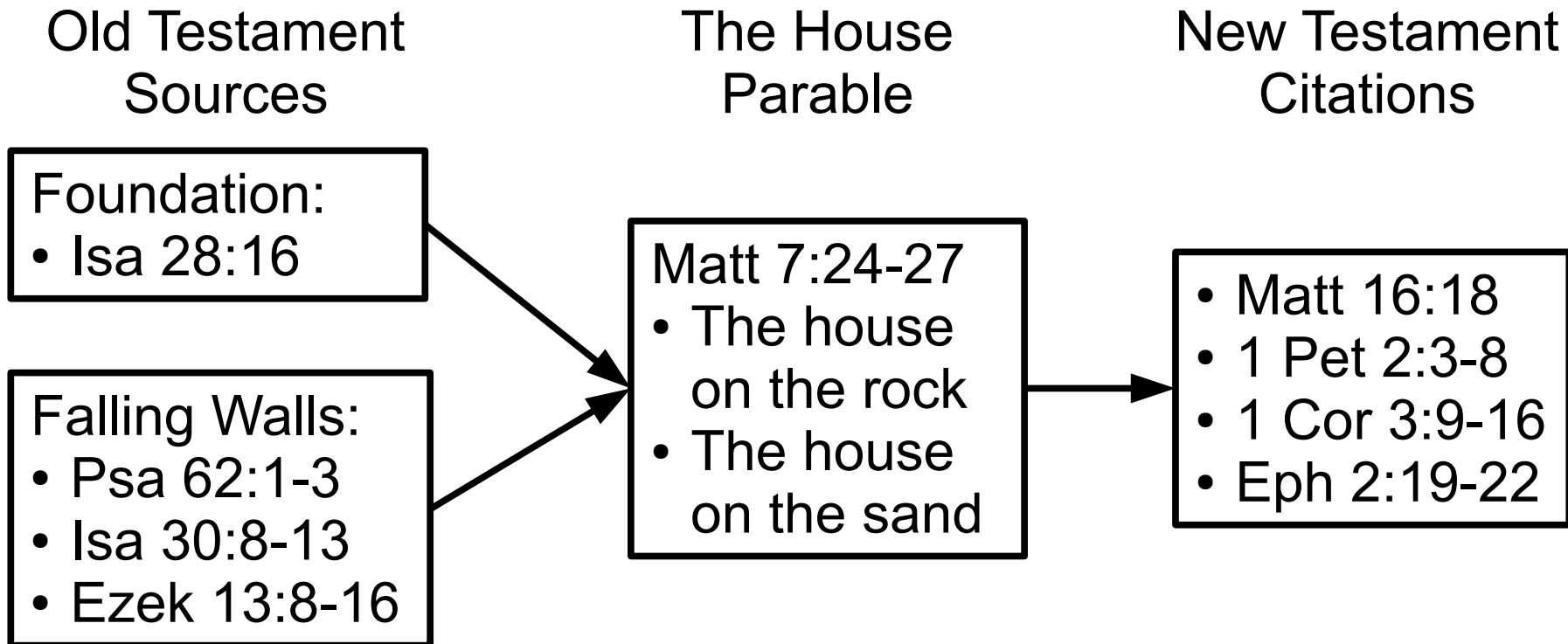
Architectural Images of Good and Evil Fruit, 7:24-27

Good Fruit

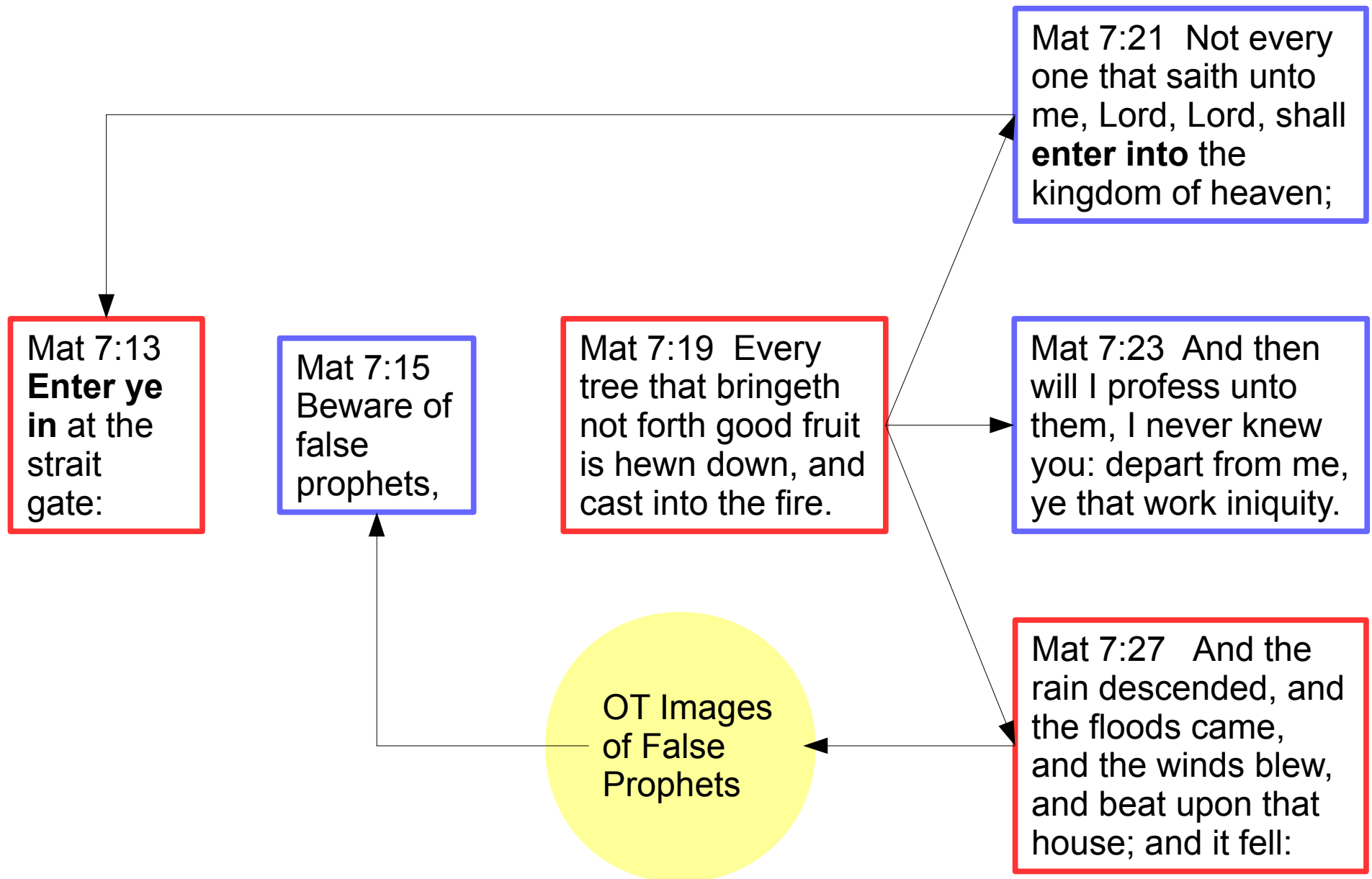
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Sources and Citations of the Parable of the Houses



Linked Metaphors and Explanation



Christ's Words and the Father's Words

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven.



Deu 29:29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, **that we may do** all the words of this law.

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Joh 7:16 My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

Joh 8:28 as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Joh 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father:

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

Joh 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;

The Need for a Firm Foundation

Isa 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem. 15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies

our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:** he that believeth shall not make haste. 17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the **hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies**, and the **waters** shall overflow the hiding place. 18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

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Images of the Falling Wall: David (1000 BC)

Psa 62:1 Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation. **2 He only is my rock** and my salvation; *he is* my defence; **I shall not be greatly moved.** 3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: **as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.** ... **6 He only is my rock** and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved. 7 In God *is* my salvation and my glory: **the rock of my strength, and** my refuge, *is* in God.

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What is the Rock? The Lord, or his words?

Luk 6:46 And why call ye **me**, Lord, Lord, and do not **the things which I say?**

Luk 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of **me** and of **my words**, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Joh 12:48 He that **rejecteth me**, and **receiveth not my words**, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Images of the Falling Wall: Isaiah (700 BC)

Isa 30:8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: 9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that will not hear the law of the LORD*: 10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, **smooth things, prophesy deceits**: 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye **despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness**, and stay thereon: 13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, **swelling out in a high wall**, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

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Images of the Falling Wall: Ezekiel (600 BC)

Eze 13:8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord GOD. 9 And mine hand shall be upon **the prophets that see vanity**, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and **one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar**. 11 Say unto them which daub *it* with untempered *mortar*, that **it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it***. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*? 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **I will even rend *it* with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in *my* fury to consume *it***. 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *mortar*, and will say unto you, The wall *is* no *more*, neither they that daubed it; 16 **To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord GOD.**

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The “Falling Wall” Metaphor

| | Psa 62:1-3 | Isa 30:8-13 | Ezek 13:8-16 | Matt 7:24-25 | Matt 7:26-27 |
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| Enemies | v. 3 ye imagine mischief | v. 10 false prophets | vv. 9, 16 false prophets | 15 beware of false prophets | |
| (True or) deceptive teaching | | v. 10 smooth things | 10-12, 15-16, visions of peace = plaster | 24 Therefore whosoever heareth (these sayings of mine,) | 26 And every one that heareth (these sayings of mine,) |
| (Obedient or) sinful people | | v. 9 a rebellious people | | (and doeth them,) | (and doeth them not,) |
| Builder of the wall | | | v. 10 “one” | 24 I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house ... | shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house ... |
| Rock (or sand) foundation | v. 2 [God] is my rock | | | ... upon a rock: ... 25b For it was founded upon a rock. | (... upon the sand:) |
| A storm | | | vv. 11, 13 | 25 = 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; | |
| Falling wall | v. 3 | v. 13 | vv. 11, 13-14 | (and it fell not:) | and it fell: |