

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

4. The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53

(Matthew 13:44-50)

“The price and purity of the kingdom”

1- Biblical usage of parables

C. Rules for parables:

- 1) The author's argument is prioritized over theological comparison.
- 2) The reality behind the parable must be understood.
(ex. Agricultural imagery, wedding imagery)
- 3) Details must not be unnecessarily stressed
(especially over the main point).
- 4) Context is king!

The Context:

- The soils describe the various responses to the kingdom.
- The wheat and tares describes Jewish Judgment.
- The mustard seed describes the inevitability of kingdom establishment.
- The leaven describes the inability of kingdom establishment.

Outline –

1. The price of the kingdom v. 44
2. The price of the citizenry vv. 45-46
3. The purging of the Gentiles vv. 47-50

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➤ The Text:

- “the kingdom of heaven is like”
- “treasure hidden in a field”
- “which a man found and hid”
- “for joy over it sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Summary: a valuable thing was found, hidden, and purchased by a man.

1. The price of the kingdom v. 44

➤ The Text:

- In past explanation:
 - 1) Field = world
 - 2) Man = “Son of Man” (Jesus)

Summary: Jesus came to establish His kingdom and He now alludes to a purchase that is going to be required to acquire the kingdom.

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2. The price of the citizenry vv. 45-46

➤ The Text:

- “the kingdom of heaven is like”
- A merchant seeking beautiful pearls
- Found one of great price
- Sells everything and bought it.

Summary: a valuable thing was sought and when found purchased.

2. The price of the citizenry vv. 45-46

➤ The Text:

- Merchant = Son of Man
- Beautiful pearls = Sons of the kingdom
- Purchase = some sort of sacrifice must be made to acquire the beautiful pearls.

Summary: Jesus came to establish His kingdom that would be inhabited by His people. He now alludes to a purchase that is going to be required to acquire the sons of the kingdom.

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➤ The Text:

- “the kingdom of heaven is like”
- A dragnet
 - 1) Cast into the sea cf. Is. 60:5; Rev. 17:1, 15
 - 2) Gathered some of every kind
 - 3) Drawn to shore
 - 4) Good is gathered into vessels
 - 5) Bad is thrown away

3. The purging of the Gentiles vv. 47-50

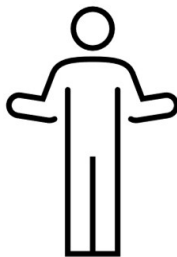
➤ The Text:

- Explanation: (cf. Mt. 13:39-42)
 - 1) “so it will be at the end of the age”
 - 2) “angels... will separate the wicked from among the just”
 - 3) “cast them into the furnace of fire”
- Cf. Mt. 25:31-46 “Sheep and Goats Judgment”

Kingdom Entrance Judgments:



Jewish Entrance:



Gentile Entrance:

Sheep & Goats



Jewish Kingdom Entrance Judgment:

➤ The Text:

- Daniel 12:8-13
- Ezekiel 20:34-38
- Parable of the slaves, Mt. 24:45-51
- Parable of the 10 Virgins, Mt. 25:1-13
- Parable of the talents, Mt. 25:14-30
- Parable of the wheat and tares, Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43; 47-50

Gentile Kingdom Entrance Judgment:

➤ The Text:

- Matthew 25:31-46 Sheep and Goats

Application: teach, rebuke, correct, train

- SotK are purchased by Jesus (cf. 1 Cor. 6:20)
- The kingdom is purchased by Jesus (cf. Rev. 5)
- Gentiles will enter the kingdom after judgment.
- Avoid shallowness!
- Avoid worldliness!
- Be fruitful until He comes!



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