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ALL THAT WILL BE ALREADY IS!

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Do you enjoy riddles? They can be both fun and frustrating, and most people find them entertaining, as long as the answer is forthcoming after sufficient effort is exerted. It may be that you solve the mystery yourself, or possibly the mystery-bearer rewards you with the meaning because of your honest effort. Either way, everyone involved can celebrate that what was once mysterious or misunderstood has now been made plain to see for all.

What is common in the riddle game, and because it is a game, is that the participants are all voluntary. Do you want to hear a riddle? If not, you are happily permitted to turn down the invitation. Maybe you are just not willing to invest the mental energy; perhaps you don't have the time, or it could be that you're just not interested—or not good at riddles. Some people find the challenge exhilarating—others irritating; no worries, it's voluntary anyway.

But, what if the riddle-solving was mandatory, part of your job description? And what if you were never given full disclosure when you took the job? And what if quitting the job is literally impossible? Literally! Suddenly the game is no longer voluntary and not at all amusing. You are not a volunteer, but are instead being volunteered, or better said “voluntold!”

It looks something like this; “It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” What does that even mean? There are three parts to this riddle. First there’s a part that is very easy to miss, and quite contrary to how it looks. “It has been given...” This piece appears a bit like a gift, and isn’t accepting of a gift voluntary? Yes it is. But, this is NOT actually a gift; it’s a demand. Read it this way; “You are required to...” Ah, the gift that keeps on giving, or should I say taking. Then there is “...to you...” Who is the “you” in the riddle? This is the obvious part that anyone can solve, even those not good at riddles. You might not like the obvious, but nonetheless, the you is you! And finally, the third part, which has all the makings of a classic, almost impossible-to-solve riddle; “...to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” What is that? And where do you even begin? And why do you suddenly have a pit in your stomach?

Let me explain. The pit is because knowing the answer is not at all voluntary; it’s required of every Christian. When you took the job

as a Christian, no one told you that this was part of the job description. There are two common reasons for that. First, you wouldn't have understood, and God designed it as such. Then, it's likely no one around could accurately explain anything intelligible about the mysteries of the kingdom anyway, even those who had been in your same job for many years. That part is sad, but true. So, let me help you out. You have been voluntold to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

You must begin by defining the kingdom. And that is why Y'shua spoke in parables; and that is what you must learn. Let's do a practice run before we begin. Parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like immortal fish that multiply in the ocean..." Think it through like this: If all the fish in the sea never died, would they eventually multiply so much that they raise the level of the ocean? The answer is no! Why? Because everything that makes a fish is ALREADY in the ocean! In other words, everything that will ever be, already is! That is what the kingdom of heaven is like. Meditate on that and then think about how Y'shua fed thousands of people with a few morsels of food, and had an excess left over. You won't ever be relieved from your job requirement to know the mysteries of the kingdom; but, as you become skilled at unraveling those mysteries, you will get relief from that pit in your stomach.

PROPHETIC SEED:

“He answered and said to them, “Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given.” Matthew 13:11 NKJV

“Then He said to them, “Therefore **every scribe instructed** concerning the **kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure **things new and old.**”” Matthew 13:52 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. **And Jonah was in the belly of the fish** three days and three nights.”
Jonah 1:17 NKJV

“Then He said to them, “**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.” Matthew 4:19-20 NKJV

“So they picked up Jonah **and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.**” Jonah 1:15 NKJV

“Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught [Peter], and said, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And **when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.**” Matthew 14:31-32 NKJV

“Jesus said to **Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah**, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Feed My lambs.**”” John 21:15 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

Introduction

Last week in [Religionship or Relationship](#) Y'shua launched from His famous words... *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* A life of faith in Christ is NOT a heavy burden. Sure if your salvation depends on your own abilities to obey, it is a heavy weight. But, with Christ, you can tap His grace for your redemption and the heart of God to guide you on your way. When you do, those seemingly complicated situations suddenly get so simple. Sure it's okay to pick some kernels of wheat on the Sabbath if you are in need of food. And of course it's permitted to heal a man of his infirmities, even on the Sabbath. All you have to do is know God's heart and the choice is easy! Y'shua is the Lord of the Sabbath; He has a perfect grasp on His Father's heart.

And what of those who prefer the religion of a father over a relationship with the Father? They will become quite irritated and even violent when you expose such truths. They might even get accusatory—claiming your miracles are in partnership with the Devil. It's absurd, but a hard heart will lead people into dark places.

And Y'shua exposes how ugly those dark places can get. At times, those who love the darkness go so far down, too far, to a place where repentance becomes impossible. Y'shua calls that destination unforgivable sin!

The fruit of your life will expose you; there is no hiding who you really are and for what you really stand. In fact, your very words will either prove you are justified, or convict and condemn you because you are not. When you prefer the darkness, even the evidence all around you will prove nothing—you will seek signs that will never convince you of anything. Even if someone with a hard heart is miraculously delivered from his demonic strongholds, his refusal to fill his new empty heart with God will make that deliverance temporary, leaving space for many more demonic influences to take root.

In the end, one thing is certain, your true family are those who share your faith. Sure, blood is thicker than water, but faith is like cement!

This week we enter the third discourse in the Gospel of Matthew, the Parabolic Discourse of Matthew 13. This teaching is thought by some to parallel the nature of the Book of Leviticus. Leviticus provides instructions, guidelines and the job description for the priesthood of God and provides critical details about the Word of God. It's not just laws; it's the heart of God.

Matthew is doing the same as he begins to introduce the many-sided dimensions of God's heart as expressed through the Kingdom of Heaven. Might we even see Christians as His Royal Priesthood, fulfilling our priestly duties as explorers of the mysteries of the kingdom, who uncover secrets and bear exponential fruit.

We are called to discern counterfeits and how they are separated from the real. We are anointed to understand how God's Word spreads, to appreciate its immeasurable value, and how we must amalgamate both what is old and what is new in order to really understand the kingdom.

We will explore the following parables: The Sower and Soil; The Wheat and Tares; The Mustard Seed; The Leaven; The Hidden Treasure, The Pearl of Great Price; and The Dragnet. We will learn about the purpose of parables; prophecy and parables; and how Y'shua was rejected in His own country! "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

But most importantly is that this sermon itself is what it looks like to be a participant, a human initiative partner, in what it means to solve the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Contained within the words of this message is a secret God has wished to reveal to all His people—and now is the time!

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Sower

1. Y'shua sat in a boat and taught the multitudes who stood on the shore. He spoke many things to them in parables...
2. Sowing seeds into four types of soil:
 - (a) **Soil One:** by the edge of the road where there is just a dusting of soil. The seeds sit right up on top and the birds eat them.
 - (b) **Soil Two:** in rocky soil with a very shallow layer of soil on rock and very little dirt between the stones. They sprout quickly, but the roots hit rock just below the surface and can't get enough water, so when the sun scorches down they shrivel up.
 - (c) **Soil Three:** among thorns and thistles which choked the plant as it grows.
 - (d) **Soil Four:** on good fertile ground which allows plants bearing fruit to grow and multiply in abundance.

The Purpose of Parables

3. His disciples then want to understand why He teaches in parables and His answer is really the key to understanding all parables.
 - (a) A parable is a simple or allegorical story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

- (b) He explains that His chosen are equipped to discover the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven
 - (c) Those not of His flock have no such abilities.
4. Here is how it works?
- (a) Believers will spend a lifetime uncovering and explaining God's mysteries.
 - (b) Unbelievers will, over time, lose even the little they understand.
5. Y'shua then explains, using Isaiah 6:9-10, that parables lead unbelievers to think they understand and perceive a message, but they are completely off.
- (a) The people can physically hear and see with their senses, but they they don't understand or perceive the truth in their hearts.
 - (b) Why? Because their deafness and blindness is a result of their hard hearts!
 - (c) If their hearts change, then their deafness and blindness would change also.
6. Then to those with renewed hearts, Y'shua reveals to them that what they are presently experiencing with His arrival, and their belief in Him, is what everyone, all the prophets and righteous men of the past, have been waiting for.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

7. This is the revelation of the four soils (for those with hearts prepared to uncover mysteries):
- (a) **Soil One:** by the edge of the road where there is just a dusting of soil. The seeds sit right up on top and the birds eat them.
 - (b) The Word never gets in the heart!
 - (a) You hear the word of the Kingdom.
 - (b) You can't understand as per Isaiah 6 (a hard heart).
 - (c) The devil snatches the truth before it gets in, because it never penetrates the hard outer shell of your heart.
 - (c) **Soil Two:** in rocky soil with a very shallow layer of soil on rock and very little dirt between the stones. They sprout quickly, but the roots hit rock just below the surface and can't get enough water, so when the sun scorches down they shrivel up.
 - (d) Difficulties and oppression take precedent!
 - (a) You physically hear the Word.
 - (b) The Word sounds good, like wholesome G-rated entertainment.
 - (c) But it only sounds good until adhering to it will cost you something.
 - (d) Then you opt out!
 - (e) **Soil Three:** among thorns and thistles which choked the plant as it grows.

- (f) The attraction of worldly things and wealth!
 - (a) Again, the Word sounds good, like wholesome G-rated entertainment.
 - (b) But this time, when they have to navigate obeying it in a world that has completely opposite priorities, the pleasures of the world win out and strangle anything godly.
- (g) **Soil Four:** on good fertile ground which allows plants bearing fruit to grow and multiply in abundance.
- (h) Seeds planted in a truly changed heart!
 - (a) A soft heart hears the word, understands and want to live by it. (The opposite of Isaiah 6!)
 - (b) The fruit multiples in abundance.
 - (c) You will know them by their fruit!

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

- 8. Another parable with seeds in it. (This time it is the seed and the sower that are the focus, not the soil!
- 9. “The kingdom of heaven is like...” this becomes the hallmark of Y’shua’s storytelling. In this case the kingdom lesson in about seeds and those who plant them!
- 10. Two types of Seeds...
 - (a) Good Seed: (Wheat) a cereal grain used for food
 - (b) Bad Seed: (Tares) an injurious weed resembling wheat when in its immature state.

11. Two types of Sowers...
 - (a) Good Sower... sows wheat (Y'shua who sows in the daylight.)
 - (b) Bad Sower... sows tares (Satan who sows in the dark and then hides.)
12. You must wait for the fruit... when there is none then you know definitively which are the tares!
13. Why? Because the wheat will sprout berries (fruit) and the tares will not (no fruit).
14. You will know true believers by their fruit just as a tree is known by its fruit!
15. You cannot attempt to separate the wheat from the tares until it is harvest time because they look too similar and they will get mixed together.
16. Wait and when harvest time comes, you we will gather the wheat grown from the seeds of light and bring them into God's house.
17. Then gather the tares grown from the seeds of darkness and
BURN THEM!

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

18. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed..."
19. The kingdom seems so inconspicuous at first but when it takes root it will grow into a tree that will become the structure of your whole life.

20. It will dominate your life and support everything and everyone around you.

The Parable of the Leaven

21. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven..."

22. A yeast organism is imperceptible with the naked eye, but when added to dough it multiplies wildly and changes the nature of its host, until there is a complete transformation.

Prophecy and Parables

23. Y'shua used parables to connect with His followers as a fulfillment of prophecy...

24. It shows us that Y'shua wants to reveal secret things to us.

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained

25. First Y'shua sends the multitudes away. Why? It is not for the multitudes to understand!

26. Then His disciples ask for an explanation of the parable of the tares.

27. Explanation...

(a) He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

(b) The field is the world.

(c) The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom.

(d) The tares are the sons of the wicked one.

(e) The enemy who sowed them is the devil.

(f) The harvest is the end of the age.

- (g) The reapers are the angels.
- (h) The tares are gathered and burned in the fire.

28. If you have ears to hear (you now know that means a soft converted heart), then your righteousness will be obvious and His kingdom will be manifesting in you!

29. The Kingdom manifesting in mankind is what Y'shua looked like. For us it means Christlikeness!

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

30. "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field..."

- (a) It should be the MOST important priority possible—worth giving up everything—even your life.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

31. "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price..."

- (a) DUPLICATE: It should be the MOST important priority possible—worth giving up everything—even your life.

The Parable of the Dragnet

32. "The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet..."

- (a) Cast your fishing net wide
- (b) Gather all you can, and at the end of the age they will be sorted out (like the wheat and tares above).
- (c) Some will come into My house, and some will be thrown in the furnace of fire.

Have you understood all these things?

33. Yes? Then, Y'shua puts an exclamatory remark on the Kingdom!

- (a) Even scribes, who are biblical law experts, must be trained to understand the Kingdom of Heaven like He is training His Disciples (using these parable and many others).
- (b) You will know if they are well trained if they can uncover the mysteries of the Kingdom by accessing their knowledge of the law and the prophets, and then infusing their understanding with His power (grace) and deeper revealed truths.

Y'shua Rejected at Nazareth

34. Y'shua goes from teaching these parables to teaching in their synagogue in in His own country.

35. The people are amazed at His wisdom and mighty works.

36. They are confused because this is the same "Jesus" who grew up as a child and young man in their midst...

- (a) Is this not the carpenter's son?
- (b) Is not His mother called Mary?
- (c) And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?
- (d) And His sisters, are they not all with us?
- (e) Where then did this same Man become this anointed teacher and healer?

37. It actually offended them... But Jesus knows, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

38. He leaves His childhood region and performs very few miracles there because of their unbelief.

CLANDESTINE AFFAIRS

1. **The kingdom of heaven is like...**

A. **The Parable of the Sower**

(1) Different Hearts

(a) Four Soils

1. "On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. **Then He spoke many things to them in parables**, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, **some seed fell by the wayside**; and the birds came and devoured them. **Some fell on stony places**, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

And **some fell among thorns**, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But **others fell on good ground** and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Matthew 13:1-9 NKJV

(2) The Parable of the Sower Recap

(a) Y'shua sat in a boat and taught the multitudes who stood on the shore. He spoke many things to them in parables...

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- d) **Soil Four:** on good fertile ground which allows plants bearing fruit to grow and multiply in abundance.

(3) The Parable of the Sower Explained

(a) Y'shua does not do this very often...

1. ""Therefore hear the parable of the sower: **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is he who received seed by the wayside. But **he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;** yet he has **no root** in himself, but endures only for a while. For when **tribulation or persecution** arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who **received seed among the thorns** is he who hears the word, and **the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who **received seed on the good ground** is he who **hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit** and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.""

Matthew 13:18-23 NKJV

(4) The Parable of the Sower Explained Recap

(a) This is the revelation of the four soils (for those with hearts prepared to uncover mysteries):

1. **Soil One:** by the edge of the road where there is just a dusting of soil. The seeds sit right up on top and the birds eat them.
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3. **Soil Three:** among thorns and thistles which choke the plant as it grows.
- a) The attraction of worldly things and wealth!
- 1) “**Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.” 1 John 2:15-16 NKJV
 - 2) Again, the Word sounds good, like wholesome G-rated entertainment.
 - 3) But this time, when they have to navigate obeying it in a world that has completely opposite priorities, the pleasures of the world win out and strangle anything godly.
 - 4) “For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: “Break up your fallow ground, And **do not sow among thorns.** Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, **And take away the foreskins of your hearts,** You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can

quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.””

Jeremiah 4:3-4 NKJV

4. **Soil Four:** on good fertile ground which allows plants bearing fruit to grow and multiply in abundance.

a) Seeds planted in a truly changed heart!

1) A soft heart hears the Word, understands and wants to live by it. (The opposite of Isaiah 6!)

2) The fruit multiplies in abundance.

3) “Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

Matthew 7:20 NKJV

(b) Prophetic Moment: It shows something when we connect the four soils to the parable of the talents!

1. ““For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability;** and **immediately he went on a journey.** Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord’s money. After a long time the Lord of those

servants came and settled accounts with them. “So he who had received five talents came and **brought five other talents**, saying, ‘Lord, **you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more** talents besides them.’ His Lord said to him, ‘**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you were faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, **you delivered to me two talents**; look, **I have gained two more talents** besides them.’ His Lord said to him, ‘**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you have been faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ “Then he who had received the **one talent** came and said, ‘**Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed**. And I was afraid, and went and **hid your talent in the ground**. Look, there you have what is yours.’ “But his Lord answered and said to him, ‘You **wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed**. So you ought to have deposited my

money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" Matthew 25:14-30 NKJV

- a) You should notice that the servants knew this man was a "sower" of seed.
- b) You should notice that some seed bears fruit and some do not.
- c) And we now know the variable is the heart in which the seed is sown.
- d) There is so much more here, but for our purposes, in connecting the two parables, the takeaway is this: you must return to the Lord MORE than He has sown into your heart.
- e) Both Parables also connect to what comes next!

B. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

- (1) Another Seed Parable...
 - (a) What has sprouted?

1. “Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like **a man who sowed good seed in his field**; but while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat** and went his way. But **when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared**. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”**’ ”” Matthew 13:24-30 NKJV

(2) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Recap

(a) Another parable with seeds in it. (This time it is the seed and the sower that are the focus, not the soil!)

1. “The kingdom of heaven is like...” this becomes the hallmark of Y’shua’s storytelling. In this case the

kingdom lesson in about seeds and those who plant them!

(b) Two types of Seeds...

1. Good Seed: Wheat: a cereal grain used for food
 - a) Joseph redeemed the world with wheat: (Genesis 45:6-7) Also see Genesis 37-50.
2. Bad Seed: Tares: an injurious weed resembling wheat when in its immature state.
 - a) It's a counterfeit or an imposter.
 - b) The plant takes space and resources from the soil but offers nothing back, no food or fruit.
 - c) Much like a cancer cell: a cell that is so mutated from its original state that it uses resources (energy and nutrients) from the body, but offers nothing in return (performs zero functions of its original purpose).

(c) Two types of Sowers...

1. Good Sower... sows wheat (Y'shua sows in the daylight.)
 - a) He is the light of the world (John 8:12).
2. Bad Sower... sows tares (Satan who sows in the dark and then hides.)

- a) Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14).

(3) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained

- (a) Wait until the proper time to separate them.

1. “Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” He answered and said to them: **“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Matthew 13:36-43 NKJV

(4) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained Recap

(a) First Y'shua sends the multitudes away. Why? It is not for the multitudes to understand!

1. The narrow road leads to life—and wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction...

(Matthew 7:13-14)

(b) Then His disciples ask for an explanation of the parable of the tares.

1. Explanation...

a) He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

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f) The harvest is the end of the age.

g) The reapers are the angels.

h) The tares are gathered and burned in the fire.

(c) You will know true believers by their fruit just as a tree is known by its fruit! (Matthew 7:15-20)

1. You must wait for the fruit... when there is none then you know definitively which are the tares!

a) Why? Because the wheat will sprout berries (fruit) and the tares will not (no fruit).

- b) You cannot attempt to separate the wheat from the tares until it is harvest time because they look too similar and they will get mixed together.
- c) Wait, and when harvest time comes you we will gather the wheat grown from the seeds of light and bring them into God's house.
- d) Then gather the tares grown from the seeds of darkness and BURN THEM!
 - 1) This unfortunately is what the modern-day church looks like.
 - 2) It is filled with those who look like believers but are not.
 - 3) They are like either of the middle two soils in The Parable of the Sower—they temporarily look like believers but when the challenges come and their faith will cost them something, or when the pleasures of the world have to be surrendered, their lack of fruit becomes evident!
- e) The Sinners Prayer deception:
 - 1) People are convinced to make a confession to be saved as opposed to being taught that the Holy Spirit will inspire a confession because they are saved.

2) No man can convince someone into a true confession, nor should the attempt to do so with persuasive words! “And I, brethren, when I came to you, **did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And **my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom,** but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”** I Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV

(d) At the end of this age.

1. ““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**’” Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

- a) If you have ears to hear (you now know that means a soft converted heart), then your righteousness will be obvious and His kingdom will manifest in you!
- b) The Kingdom manifesting in mankind is what Y'shua looked like. For us it means Christlikeness!
- (e) Righteousness shining forth as the sun...
 - 1. **“But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”** Proverbs 4:18 NKJV

C. The Parable of the Mustard Seed

(1) More seeds

(a) Seeds into Trees

- 1. “Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but **when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree**, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.””

Matthew 13:31-32 NKJV

a) The Parable of the Mustard Seed Recap

- 1) The kingdom seems so inconspicuous at first but when it takes root it will grow into a tree that will become the structure of your whole life.
- 2) It will dominate your life and support everything and everyone around you.

D. The Parable of the Leaven

(1) More planting...

(a) More multiplying!

1. "Another parable He spoke to them: **"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,** which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Matthew 13:33 NKJV

a) The Parable of the Leaven Recap

- 1) A yeast organism is imperceptible with the naked eye, but when added to dough it multiplies wildly and changes the nature of its host, until there is a complete transformation

E. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

(1) Treasure

(a) Worth Everything!

1. ""Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,** which a man found and hid; and

for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44 NKJV

- a) The Parable of the Hidden Treasure Recap
 - 1) It should be the MOST important priority possible—worth giving up everything—even your life.
 - 2) “So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” Luke 14:33 NKJV

F. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

(1) More Treasure

(a) Beautiful pearls

- 1. **““Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”** Matthew 13:45-46 NKJV

- a) The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price Recap
 - 1) REPEAT: “The kingdom of heaven should be the MOST important priority possible—worth giving up everything—even your life.

STORIES WITH A PURPOSE

2. The Mysteries of the Kingdom

A. The Purpose of Parables

(1) Why do you speak in parables?

(a) Prophets and Righteous Men

1. “And the disciples came and said to Him, **“Why do You speak to them in parables?”** He answered and said to them, **“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,** but to them it has not been given. For **whoever has, to him more will be given,** and he will have abundance; but **whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.** Therefore **I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.** And in them the **prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled,** which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, **Lest they should see** with their eyes **and hear** with their ears, **Lest they should understand with their hearts** and turn, So that I should heal

them.' **But blessed are your eyes** for they see, and **your ears** for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired** to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." Matthew 13:10-17 NKJV

(2) The Purpose of Parables Recap

(a) His disciples then want to understand why He teaches in parables and His answer is really **the key to understanding all parables**. Y'shua also designates a truth of monumental importance!

1. A parable is a simple or allegorical story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
2. He explains that His chosen are **equipped to discover the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**.
3. Those not of His flock have no such abilities.
4. Interconnection...
 - a) Mysteries: the Deep things of God (I Corinthians 2:6-16)
 - b) The Kingdom: The perfect manifestation of God in man. Christ in you, the hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)

- c) ***Deciphering mysteries is why we interconnect parables like the soils, talents, and tares and why we must also blend the New and Old Testament together (More coming on that later).***
5. Here is how it works?
 - a) Believers will spend a lifetime uncovering and explaining God's mysteries.
 - b) Unbelievers will, over time, lose even the little they understand.
 6. Y'shua then explains, using Isaiah 6:9-10, that parables lead unbelievers to think they understand and perceive a message, but they are completely off.
 - a) The people can physically hear and see with their senses, but they they don't understand or perceive the truth in their hearts.
 - b) Why? Because their deafness and blindness is a result of their hard hearts!
 - c) If their hearts change, then their deafness and blindness would change also.
 7. Then to those with renewed hearts, Y'shua reveals that what they are presently experiencing with His arrival, and their belief in Him, is what everyone, all

the prophets and righteous men of the past, have been waiting for.

(b) **“Why do You speak to them in parables?”** A

contemplation of Asaph...

1. “Give ear, O my people, to my law; **Incline your ears [hearts] to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable;** I will **utter dark sayings** of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. **We will not hide them from their children,** Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, **And appointed a law in Israel,** Which He **commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them,** The children who would be born, **That they may arise and declare them to their children,** That they may set their hope in God, And **not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;** And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set

its heart aright [*who had hard hearts*], And whose spirit was not faithful to God." Psalms 78:1-8 NKJV

- a) Parables are used because He wants just His children to understand.
- b) There is no greater joy than His children walking in the truth.
- c) For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have **no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**" III John 1:3-4 NKJV

B. Prophecy and Parables

(1) Secret things...

(a) Prophecy Fulfilled

1. "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret** from the foundation of the world."" Matthew 13:34-35 NKJV

(2) Prophecy and Parables Recap

- (a) Y'shua used parables to connect with His followers as a fulfillment of prophecy...(obviously Y'shua saw Asaph, one of King David's musicians as a prophet.)

1. "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter **things kept secret** from the foundation of the world."
2. Matthew 13:35 shows us that Y'shua would reveal secret things, things Asaph called "dark sayings or hidden things."
3. Secret things are for God's children!
 - a) "I will open my mouth in a parable; I will **utter dark sayings** of old," Psalms 78:2 NKJV
 - b) "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, **But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.** As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable." Proverbs 25:2-3 NKJV
 - c) "Surely the Lord God does nothing, **unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**" Amos 3:7 NKJV
 - d) "However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,** which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not

have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. **For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.**” I Corinthians 2:6-10 NKJV

C. Y’shua Rejected at Nazareth

(1) Hometown Heroes Villains

(a) “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.”

1. “Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. **When He had come to His own country,** He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?” So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, **“A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.”** Now He did

not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matthew 13:53-58 NKJV

(2) Y'shua Rejected at Nazareth Recap

(a) Y'shua goes from teaching these parables to teaching in their synagogue in His own country.

1. The people are amazed at His wisdom and mighty works.

a) They are confused because this is the same "Jesus" who grew up as a child and young man in their midst...

1) Is this not the carpenter's son?

2) Is not His mother called Mary?

3) And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

4) And His sisters, are they not all with us?

5) How then did this same Man become this anointed teacher and healer?

2. It actually offended them... But Jesus knows, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

3. He leaves His childhood region and performs very few miracles there because of their unbelief.

SON OF JONAH

3. Things OLD and things NEW

A. The Parable of the Dragnet

(1) The Parable of the Dragnet

(a) Fishermen and Fish

1. **““Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”** Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He said to them, **“Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”**” Matthew 13:47-52 NKJV

a) The Parable of the Dragnet Recap

- 1) Cast your fishing net wide

- 2) Gather all you can, and at the end of the age they will be sorted out (like the wheat and tares above).
- 3) Some will come into My house, and some will be thrown in the furnace of fire.
- 4) Remember this: *“And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, **casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.** Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”* Matthew 4:18-20 NKJV

(2) Have you understood all these things?

(a) Yes? Then, Y’shua places an exclamatory remark on the Kingdom! We will spend the rest of this study exploring what this means!

1. Even scribes, who are biblical law experts, must be trained to understand the Kingdom of Heaven like Y’shua is training His Disciples.

a) He used parables to connect the NEW to the law and the prophets! That is why....

- b) “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill.**”
Matthew 5:17 NKJV
- c) ““You have heard that it was said to those of **old...**
But I say to you (**new**)... Matthew 5:21-22; 27-28;
31-32; 33-34; 38-39; 43-44
- d) You will know if disciples are well trained if they can uncover the mysteries of the Kingdom by infusing their understanding of deeper revealed truths with His power (grace) and applying it to their **knowledge of the law and the prophets.**
- e) In other words, *“bring out of their treasure things new and old.”*

B. The Testimony

- (1) *“Tell your testimony and God will give you more testimonies to tell!” DJH*
 - (a) Twenty years ago (2003) I sat at my dining room table with the men with whom I consistently studied the Bible. I taught a message that day called “Who are the Bread-makers?” I was integrating the story of Joseph and how he redeemed the world with wheat (bread) and how God gave him the opportunity, the strategy, and then the favor with Pharaoh to implement the plan to

feed the world during a time of famine. Pharaoh wondered, “Who is the faithful and discerning servant who I can make ruler over Egypt and my household to feed the people during the famine?” He placed Joseph in command to store the grain and to feed the people when the time of hunger came.

- (b) I connected that story with how Y’shua fed 5000 men plus women and children with a few morsels of food and had plenty left over. I particularly emphasized John’s narrative on the topic, the only Gospel account that tells us why Y’shua asked His disciples to feed the hungry people; it was to “test them.” Then I offered this idea: “There will come a time at the end-of-the-age, when just as Y’shua says, He will be looking for wise and faithful servants to become rulers over His household, to feed the people at the proper time, a time of hunger and famine.” Y’shua used those thousands of hungry people, who were in a desolate place, as an object lesson, and where His disciples failed in the moment, He showed us that there is another way, beyond growing wheat, and storing grain, and baking bread, to feed hungry people. Y’shua showed us a supernatural way to bypass the growing process and to

create “bread from heaven.” I knew then that this is what we must be able to do when the “test comes,” the time of famine that comes at the end-of-the-age. I just did not know how. Until Now!

- (c) Many years later (2015-2017) I was being pressed by a number of friends to help plant and pastor a church, and after much resistance on my part, Kingdom Embassy Ministries (KEM) was launched in 2019. It took a good amount of time to plan, even after I finally agreed, most of that time was in preparing a liturgy modeled around the elements we see in the first century church: worship, teaching, sharing, prayer, and fellowship. But what took the most time was the ongoing discussions, you might even say arguments, about the teaching schedule. Most of the founding board members wanted to use the ancient Torah Portion reading schedule each year to build the sermons around. Specifically, that means reading Genesis through Deuteronomy each year, and inserting the yearly Biblical Feasts when they arrive, just like they have been doing in Judaism since the exile.
- (d) Why? KEM was founded on four pillars, and “Remembering our Hebrew Roots” was one of them.

My faith had been completely transformed when I discovered the relevance of our Christian Roots, but I was also concerned the congregation would look too “rabbinic” and that is not my style. Of course, we would explore the entire Bible with a heavy emphasis on what the New Testament had to say about these Torah Portions, but I still feared it would take on a certain “legalistic” flavor that I vehemently wished to avoid. I had been in the “Hebrews Roots Movement” long enough to know the potholes in the journey and I did not want to bring that distraction into a congregation that had three other pillars of equal importance: To restore the authority of the prophetic office in the Church; to make mature biblically-literate disciples, not just converts; and to explain and advance the kingdom of heaven—to remove the mystique and confusion about the kingdom.

- (e) Meeting after meeting I argued that the Torah Portion reading schedule was the wrong direction. I wanted the congregation to read the whole Bible, and even though we’d be exploring the whole Bible by using the Torah as a backbone, I still insisted it was not the best approach. I even divided the Bible into my own version of a one-

year reading program and offered it to the board as an alternative. I explained how we could do sermons on whichever Bible passages naturally landed on our meeting days. I also had agreed to submit to any ruling by the board as part of accountability. I eventually lost the vote and we launched KEM in October of 2019 using the Torah Portions as our schedule.

- (f) It did not take long for me to realize I was VERY WRONG. We explored the entire Bible with the Torah as our guide and for three consecutive years we cycled from Genesis through Deuteronomy, with deep revelations weekly, as we integrated the New Testament into those readings. But then something extraordinarily happened in September 2022. God told me to NOT go back to Genesis again after Deuteronomy, at the end of this annual cycle, but to go into Joshua. It was time to leave the Wilderness and to enter the Promised Land. So many deep, life-altering downloads took place in those transition weeks. It would be well-worth five hours of your time to review them. See: ([09/09 Seeker Friendly](#); [09/16 Available](#); [09/23 Scorched Earth](#); [09/30 Post Mortem Imperative](#); [10/07 The End of the Beginning](#)).

- (g) It was as clear as if I was sitting on God's lap. This year you will do Joshua, Matthew and Acts. And in five minutes I had divided those Books into an entire year, still with the Feasts schedule teachings staying in tact. How fast it happened was itself miraculous. And even some dates that certain chapters landed aligned with the Feasts, and I did not do that consciously.
- (h) The overall message was this; the next cycle is about holiness unto the Lord. It would be a year of intense stripping away of all things not of God, an intense year of preparation. And then the next cycle after that would be Promised-Land-Magnitude. I can't wait to see what that holds for us. It was clear that God was orchestrating the entire thing and that we were just "players in His gilded cage." The whole journey has been organized by Him, even when it seemed to be in error.
- (i) Along with our weekly church service, I had been teaching through various books in the Bible to our young adults on Saturday mornings. That portion of the ministry actually launched three months prior KEM's Friday Night Service. As each book came to an end, God gave me revelation of what to teach next and in November of 2020 it was Jonah. I woke that Saturday

morning to prepare Jonah chapter one and after about four hours I was making good progress with two hours remaining before the young people would arrive. And that is when things went sideways. I left my document to grab a Bible verse and when I went to paste it in, my document WAS GONE! Well, the document was there; it was just that all the writing from the past four hours was gone. Okay, don't panic; it's somewhere, right? So, I hit that undo button fifty times and nothing happened. Well, maybe it got deleted by accident. No worries right? In an iPad, even a deleted file is still there for 30 days unless I go to the deleted file folder and remove it intentionally. Plus, I did NOT delete it!

- (j) Nope! No deleted file, no undo feature available, no updated document, JUST GONE! A little research later, with the bead of sweat that forms on an anxious forehead, and I find that everything that is stored in the cloud is still there, and I learn how to go retrieve it. What a relief! Well, until I go there to find that in iCloud, you not only have your latest document, but every iteration of that document at various times of being saved. HOWEVER, my document only had a few options available. A few from four hours earlier, and a

few from four hours later, the blank versions created by thinking I could undo something by hitting the “rewind arrow.” Now, those beads of sweat had become streams of sweat and with an hour wasted I finally realized... I WAS WRONG. GOD DOES NOT WANT ME TO TEACH JONAH TODAY!

- (k) I retreated from my preparation and used that day to have an informal discussion with the group on such matters, and while in the midst of that discussion I realized that GOD DOES NOT WANT ME TO TEACH JONAH AT ALL! We moved on to other books over the years and at the end of each I asked, “Jonah now?” And it was not until the end January 2023, twenty-seven months later, that it was time for Jonah.
- (l) Pause and consider what was different now from the first time I thought to teach Jonah. We had left the Torah portions, already completed Joshua, and were well into the Book of Matthew. And with a few scheduling delays for traveling and officiating a wedding, we arrived in this amazing place.
- (m) The first week, on February 4, 2023, I prepared for Jonah but never got to Chapter One. Why? As I worked on the introduction for hours that morning, I realized

that to teach the theme of Jonah and its outline was a teaching unto itself called [Repentance over Punishment](#). The next week was the wedding and the following week it was on the schedule for one of the Young Disciples to present a message, when mid-week he asked if he could delay his presentation one more week for further preparation. So, I prepared on the morning of February 18, to teach Jonah Chapter One ([Three Days and Three Nights: Turn the Boar Around](#)), It was the Saturday morning after the Friday evening service, February 17, that I taught from Matthew Chapter 12 ([Religionship or Relationship](#)), the chapter that contains these words of Y'shua, "*An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except **the sign of the prophet Jonah.***" What happened that morning, on February 18, 2023, as I prepared Jonah Chapter One, was a download from heaven I would NOT have been prepared for, or able to contain, had I taught it in November 2020. No, it was not a mistake that I thought I was supposed to teach Jonah then; it was all part of God's magnificent plan, a testimony in the making, if we are sober and watching. You know, I always say,

“Tell your testimonies, and God will give you more testimonies to tell.”

- (n) What follows in today’s teaching, and because of what Y’shua reveals here in Matthew 13, that we must know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, is an integrated message that blends the new and the old, just as we are instructed to do. *“Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”* But notice how it is paramount that even “experts” receive instruction concerning the kingdom!
- (o) Questions poured fourth from my mind. What happened when Jonah slept and eventually leapt from that boat? What happened when Y’shua was also asleep on that boat? And then what happened later in another boat incident when Peter leapt from the boat, like Jonah, and temporarily walked on the water? And what happened when they got back in the boat? All these contemplations integrate into one message, not what is a story or parable, but what can only be described as our true destiny to uncover the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

(p) There is a reason a man can walk on water and turn water into wine; there is a reason why a man can create bread out of thin air; and the secret lies in this. All things that will ever be already are. And every fish that will ever live in the ocean is already there; you just can't see them because they are still spread throughout the water as molecules and minerals. Bread too is contained in every element of the air and soil that eventually come together to make the bread, and it's time to bypass the growing season. Fish and loaves, oceans and air, what does it matter unless we become like Y'shua and walk on water, stay in the boat, calm the raging seas with a word, and feed the masses without placing a single kernel of wheat in the ground!

1. The question: Why this testimony?
2. The answer: *"Because it has been given to you **to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given."* Matthew 13:11 NKJV

C. Things new and things old!

(1) Special Forces and Covert Ops Training

(a) Discovering Mysteries of the Kingdom

1. "Then He said to them, "Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven** is like

a householder who **brings out of his treasure things new and old.**” Matthew 13:52 NKJV

- a) Let’s look and the New and the Old and then let’s unlock the mystery by seeing them as one!

(2) Things NEW

(a) Incident #1: Y’shua and His Disciples get in the Boat.

- 1. “Now **when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.** And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. **But He was asleep.** Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”” Matthew 8:23-25 NKJV

- a) Y’shua gets in a boat with His disciples...
- b) A great storm threatens the boat...
- c) His disciples fear for their lives...
- d) Y’shua is asleep!

- 1) There is more to this story in Matthew 8:26-27 where we see Y’shua’s response.

(b) Incident #2: Y’shua tells His disciples to leave in the a boat without Him.

- 1. “Immediately **Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him** to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the

multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. **But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.** Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. *[Mark 6:48 "Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. ...He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by."].* And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." **And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."** So He said, "Come." And when **Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.** But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, **"Lord, save me!"** And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And **when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.** Then those

who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV

- a) Y'shua tells His disciples to leave in the a boat without Him so He can go pray...
- b) The boat gets caught in a storm...
- c) The waves and wind make it impossible for them to make any progress...
- d) Y'shua walks out onto the water towards them (Mark's version says He would have walked right past them had they not called out!)
- e) Only Matthew's version includes the narrative of Peter getting out of the boat walking on the water.
- f) Note: Y'shua does not ask Peter to leave the boat; it is Peter who asks to leave the boat, "*command me to come to You on the water.*"
- g) He does so, and as long as his eyes are on Y'shua (not fleeing from the Lord), things are good!
- h) But, take special note that the storm ends only when they get back into the boat.
 - 1) Prophetic moment to notice: Both Peter and Jonah left the boat! (More on this later)

(c) Simon Peter is often called the son of Jonah. Why?

1. “And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, **“You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas”** (which is translated, A Stone).” John 1:42 NKJV
 - a) Peter is called the Son of Jonah by Christ in three areas of Scripture. This is likely because Peter was constantly resisting the Lord. Peter had Jonah-like tendencies.
 - b) Plus as you will see—Peter will hold the “Keys to the Kingdom!”
 - c) Prophetic connection:
 - 1) TO PETER **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** They **immediately** left their nets and followed Him.” (Matthew 4:19-20)
 - 2) TO JONAH **“Arise, go to Nineveh... But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish** from the presence of the Lord...” (Jonah 1:2-3)
 - 3) One became a fisher of men, the other became a food of fish!
 - (d) Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?
 1. “When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”** So they said,

“Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in **heaven,** and whatever you loose on **earth** will be loosed in heaven.”” Matthew 16:13-19 NKJV

- a) Peter knows His Lord (like Jonah)
- b) Keys to the Kingdom: Peter is the central figure in unlocking the mysteries of the kingdom and his connection to Jonah is the key!
- (e) But then when he does not like the message...
 1. “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that **He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,** and be raised the third day. Then **Peter took**

Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” But He turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind Me, Satan!** You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”” Matthew 16:21-23 NKJV

- a) Peter resists the Lord like Jonah
 - b) He is obstinate to the point where he literally rebuked Y’shua!
- (f) Peter is told that he would deny the Lord three times...
1. “Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” **Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”** Jesus said to him, “**Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**” Peter said to Him, “**Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!**” And so said all the disciples.” Matthew 26:31-35 NKJV

(g) And he does...

1. “Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” **But he denied it** before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.” **But again he denied with an oath**, “I do not know the Man!” And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.” Then he began to curse and swear, saying, **“I do not know the Man!”** Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, **you will deny Me three times.**” So he went out and wept bitterly.” Matthew 26:69-75 NKJV

a) Peter Denies Y’shua...

(h) Peter has a long list of Jonah-like tendencies...

a) No wonder he was called Simon Son of Jonah!

Follow me and I will make you a fisher of men! If you don’t, I will make you be a “man in a fish.”

1) Peter won’t stay in the boat!

- 2) Peter won't agree that Christ would suffer!
 - 3) Peter won't believe he will deny Christ!
 - 4) Peter won't preach to the gentiles (Acts 10).
- (i) All that and STILL Y'shua makes him the source of FOOD for his sheep!
1. "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon, son of Jonah**, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Feed My lambs.**" He said to him again a second time, "**Simon, son of Jonah**, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**" He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "**Feed My sheep.** Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you **and carry you where you do not wish [in a BIG FISH].**" This He spoke, signifying by what death he

would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." John 21:15-19 NKJV

- a) Peter is restored (like Jonah)
- b) Peter must see himself as a source of food for God's sheep! Keep that in mind!
- c) Like Jonah was a source of food for a BIG FISH that carried him where he did not wish to go!

(3) Things OLD (See: [Three Days and Three Nights: Turn the Boat Around](#))

(a) Jonah is Obstinate

1. "Now **the word of the LORD came to Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and **cry out against it**; for their wickedness has come up before Me." But Jonah arose **to flee** to Tarshish **from the presence of the LORD**. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD."

Jonah 1:1-3 NKJV

- a) Don't tell me how it's going to be!
- b) I will do things my way! (So Peter-like)

(b) Panic on the Hight Seas...

1. **“But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. So the captain came to him, and said to him, “What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.” And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” So he said to them, “I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land. ””** Jonah 1:4-9
NKJV

- a) The boat is caught in a storm.
- b) The boat is coming apart.

- c) The men are afraid for their lives...
- d) And the man they need to talk to is sleeping!
 - 1) Jonah must have something to do with this.
 - 2) What do you do and where do you come from?
- e) This is where they go sideways!
 - 1) The men are in full panic mode.
 - 2) They roll some dice to figure out the cause of their trouble!
 - 3) Of course this is not by chance, but by design.
 - 4) Yahweh wants to get Jonah's attention.

2. Questions and Answers

- a) Questions...
 - 1) What is causing this trouble?
 - 2) What is your occupation?
 - 3) Where do you come from (country and nationality)?
- b) Answers...
 - 1) I am a Hebrew.
 - 2) I fear Yahweh.
 - 3) He is the God of heaven, the one who made the sea and the land...
 - 4) "The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land." Psalms 95:5 NKJV

(c) Jonah exits the boat!

1. **“Then the men were exceedingly afraid,** and said to him, **“Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD,** because he had told them. Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?”—for the sea was growing more tempestuous. And he said to them, **“Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.”**

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, **“We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood;** for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You.” **So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.** Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows.” Jonah 1:10-16 NKJV

- a) Throw me out of the boat (Jonah says)...

- b) They would prefer not to, but they see no other option! Was there another option?
 - c) What could have Jonah done instead?
 - d) He could have stayed in the boat, but how?
- (d) The Last words of Jonah Chapter One!
- 1. “Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three days and three nights.**” Jonah 1:17 NKJV
 - a) Jonah was swallowed by a fish and was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
 - 1) He chose to be a man in a fish instead of a fisher of man!
 - 2) Jonah was going to be carried where he did not wish to go!
- (e) The sign of the Prophet Jonah!
- 1. “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But He answered and said to them, **“An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the**

earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here." Matthew 12:38-42 NKJV

- a) Only one sign: Why is the sign of Jonah for "an evil and adulterous generation?"
- b) Because Jonah was an obstinate disobedient prophet.
- c) Nevertheless, God uses all things to His benefit.
 - 1) "But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." Genesis 50:20 NKJV
 - b) "And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV

- (f) How is it possible you could miss something so obvious?
1. “Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it **except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**” And He left them and departed.” Matthew 16:1-4 NKJV
 - a) You can predict the weather, but you can’t count to three (three days **AND** three nights)!
 - 1) Jonah was swallowed by a great fish and was “entombed” deep in its gut for three days and three nights—then he was released.
 - 2) Y’shua will also be “entombed” three days and three nights before He is released.
 - 3) Ironically multiple generations of Christians, even to the present day, cannot count three days

and three nights in their death, burial and resurrection narrative.

- 4) The sign of Jonah has eluded them, even as it did those trapped in religionship in the first century—what Y’shua called an evil and adulterous generation!
- 5) [Passover Teachings](#) for three days/three nights!

D. What happens when things new and things old collide!

(1) They make one new story and they reveal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven! *“And I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on **earth** will be bound in **heaven**, and whatever you loose on **earth** will be loosed in **heaven**.”* Matthew 16:19

(a) You suddenly realize that all the fish and all the bread are ALREADY THERE! (From our Introduction)

1. “The kingdom of heaven is like immortal fish that multiply in the ocean...” Think it through like this: If all the fish in the sea never died, would they eventually multiply so much that they raise the level of the ocean? The answer is no! Why? Because everything that makes a fish is ALREADY in the ocean! In other words, everything that will ever be, already is! That is what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Meditate on that and then think about how Y'shua fed thousands of people with a few morsels of food, and had an excess left over. You won't ever be relieved from your job requirement to know the mysteries of the kingdom; but, as you become skilled at unraveling those mysteries, you will get relief from that pit in your stomach.

(2) Why? How?

(a) Creation finished things!

1. "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished**. And on the seventh day **God ended His work** which He had done, and **He rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then **God blessed the seventh day** and sanctified it, **because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**" Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV

2. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made** that was made." John 1:1-3 NKJV

a) After God completed creation...it was finished.

- b) It is now a closed system!
 - c) Without Him, nothing was made!
 - d) Nothing new will be created, but things can change!
- (b) The law of conservation of mass...
1. The law of conservation of mass or principle of mass conservation states that for any **system closed to all transfers of matter and energy**, the mass of the system **must remain constant over time**, as the system's mass cannot change, so the quantity can neither be added nor be removed. The law implies that mass (and energy) can neither be created nor destroyed, although it **may be rearranged in space**, or the entities associated with it may be changed in form.
- a) Everything that will be made was made at creation.
 - b) After Creation it became a closed system.... matter will neither be created nor destroyed only changed.
 - 1) Mystery: how does that change take place?
 - 2) One: a process that can be explained by observable physical laws!

- 3) Two: a process that takes place outside of what can be explained by observable physical laws!

E. Nothing new—just transformed!

(1) Let's integrate the new and old stories to create something "new" or "changed!"

(a) The Lord sent out a great wind on the sea...

1. "Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. **And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea [Jonah: and there was a mighty tempest on the sea.],** so that the boat was covered with the waves **[Luke 8:23 they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.] [Jonah: the ship was about to be broken up.].** But He was asleep **[Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.]** Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" **[Jonah: What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.]** Matthew

8:23-25 NKJV

a) Jonah and Y'shua

- 1) Jonah's name means "Dove"

- 2) Y'shua said... "Behold, I send you out as **sheep in the midst of wolves**. Therefore be wise **as serpents and harmless as doves**." Matthew 10:16 NKJV
- 3) As gentle as Jonah was supposed to be!
- 4) Both are in the boat as the storm rages.
- 5) Both are fast asleep.
- 6) Both are awakened by panicked passengers in fear for their lives.

(2) In the other stormy incident when Y'shua and Peter walked on the water in Matthew 14:22-33...

- (a) The disciples were straining against the wind and waves.
- (b) In contrast to Jonah hiding from the presence of the Lord, the Lord was walking into the presence of His disciples.
- (c) In contrast to the wind ceasing **when Jonah is tossed from the boat**, when Y'shua **gets into the boat** the wind ceases!
- (d) The underlying message here, as we look back at Jonah's story is this: If he would have STAYED IN THE BOAT and told the sailors to turn the boat around and head back toward Nineveh, the waters would have calmed

instantly, like when Y'shua got into the boat. But he chose instead... *"Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you."*

- (e) And remember how in Mark 6:48, as Y'shua walked on the water toward His fearful disciples, He would have passed them by had they noticed Him. And that in Matthew 14:28, it is Peter who insists (in son of Jonah-like fashion) that he go into the water.
- (f) It is easy to see the amazing faith part of Peter walking on water and what happens when you take your eyes off the Lord. And it is just as easy to miss the kingdom mystery—He should have stayed in the boat and calmed the sea himself!
- (g) Why? Because in contrast to Jonah calming the water by being tossed in, something he **COULD HAVE WHOLLY AVOIDED**, the Kingdom Lesson is this! **HAVE FAITH AND STAY IN THE BOAT!** *"And when they **got into the boat**, the wind ceased."* Matthew 14:32 NKJV
- (h) Jonah should have stayed in the boat and instructed the navigators to "turn the boat around" and the storm would have ceased! Peter could have stayed in the boat and "had faith to rebuke the winds" and the storm would have ceased!

(3) How do we know?

(a) All we have to do is go back to our first incident with Y'shua sleeping in the boat and the raging sea...

(b) Kingdom Mystery (as the New and the Old collide).

1. Between these verses in the NEW...

a) *"Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!""*

(Matthew 8:25)

b) **and what came next...** *"He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then **He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.** "* (Matthew 8:26)

c) **...was all the OLD drama of Jonah 1:4-16...**

2. In the NEW it's this simple...

a) Y'shua simply rebuked the wind and it was calm.

b) Peter could have stayed in the boat and rebuked the wind—he already saw it happen!

c) But, instead he wanted to enter the water—like Jonah who touched the water with his body and calmed the storm!

d) However, that was not his best choice (and not the only lesson)—it would be better to exercise faith, stay in the boat and simply turn it around!

- e) The Kingdom Mystery revealed is this! “**Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.**”” (Matthew 13:52)
- f) When you take the New and add the Old, you get the right answer!
- g) If you simply repeat the old, it’s like going around the mountain all over again!

F. Let’s blend the NEW and the OLD one more time

(1) This changes everything!

(a) This is the OLD Way!

1. “And let them **gather all the food of those good years** that are coming, and **store up grain** under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. Then that food shall be **as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine** which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”” Genesis 41:35-36 NKJV

- a) How do you feed hungry people at the time of famine (read Genesis 37-50)
- b) You grow wheat in abundance during fertile years.
- c) You store it intelligently.

- d) You distribute it to the people when the famine comes!
 - e) You need to be aware of this because at the end of the age this will be critical...“**Who then is a faithful and wise servant**, whom his master made ruler over his household, **to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant** whom his master, when he comes, **will find so doing**. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him **ruler over all his goods**.” Matthew 24:45-47 NKJV
- 1) As Jesus teaches His end-of-the-age-sermon, He refers to the narrative of Joseph, and how he was the faithful and wise servant, who helped Pharaoh store up grain during the time of abundance to feed the people during the time of famine.
 - 2) Joseph was made ruler over Pharaoh’s house.
 - 3) We are called to be like Joseph at the end of the age and His disciples had some Joseph-like training on the subject matter.
 - 4) How did they do?
 - 5) How will you do when the time comes?

(2) This is a TEST

(a) This is the NEW Way!

1. “When Jesus heard it, He **departed from there by boat to a deserted place** by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. **When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”** But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**” And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. **And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.** Now those who had eaten were about five

thousand men, besides women and children.”

Matthew 14:13-21 NKJV

2. **Important clarification in John:** “Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, **He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.”** John 6:4-6

NKJV

- a) We learn in the prophetic Gospel of John that this is a Joseph-like test.
 - 1) *“Who then is a faithful and wise servant who will give them food in due season?”*
 - b) We also see that Y’shua is certain they will fail the test!
 - 1) *“He knew what He would do.”*
 - c) It’s a deserted place like the wilderness where bread must come from heaven (Exodus 16).
 - 1) It’s a place of famine; they have no food and it’s time to eat (due season).
 - 2) What should they do?
- (3) What should they do?

- (a) Let's use what has been revealed to us by "knowing the mysteries of the kingdom."
1. The Old...Plant seed, grow wheat, harvest grain, grind into flour, bake bread, feed the people!
 2. The Test...We have no time to go through the natural process!
 3. The New...bypass the growing process and extract all the ingredients from "heaven" and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!

G. A Modern-Day Parable (*"I made it up!" DJV*)

(1) The Parable of the Fisherman

- (a) The kingdom of heaven is like a fisherman who was commanded by his king to go on a journey in one of his many fishing vessels to feed some very bad people in one of the territories of his kingdom. However, because of the bitterness in his heart, the man sailed in a different fishing vessel going in the opposite direction to a far off land. That boat became trapped in a hurricane and was about to sink when the vessel's navigators confronted him. He admitted he was on the wrong boat and pretended to be humble and contrite by allowing himself to be thrown into the sea. At the moment his body touched the water that boat was spared.

(b) But, the king knew the man's heart was evil because he acted sorrowful, while still refusing to go feed those very unlikable people. So, the king sent a third fishing boat to rescue him from the sea. And as soon as he was pulled from the water, the storm resumed. The king's fisherman thought to toss himself into the sea a second time when the man realized that instead, the right thing to do was to turn the boat around. As soon as the boat charted its new course toward those he was assigned to feed, the storm ended.

(2) The Parable of the Fisherman Explained

(a) Some of My disciples will be told many things they do not want to hear, one truth will even cause them to rebuke Me. They will be shown things like, "how to become fishers of men," or "an assignment to bring the good news to the Gentiles," or that "the Messiah must suffer many things and be killed, or that "they will eventually deny the Messiah three times." These disciples will insist I command them to leave the boat, when in reality the lesson is that they are supposed to stay in the boat. It's like Jonah. He should have remained in the boat and simply turned the boat around to head toward the people I wish to feed. He would

have become a “fisher of men” instead of a “man in a fish.” “Simon, son of Jonah, feed my people.” How?

1. The Old...Plant seed, grow wheat, harvest grain, grind it into flour, bake it into bread, then feed the people!
2. The Test...We have no time to go through the natural process!
3. The New...extract all the ingredients and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE! It is the reason a man can walk on water and turn water into wine; there is a reason why a man can create bread out of thin air; and the secret lies in this. All things that will ever be already are. And every fish that will ever live in the ocean is already there; you just can't see them because they are still spread throughout the water as molecules and minerals. Bread too is contained in every element of the air and soil that eventually come together to make the bread, and it's time to bypass the growing season. Fish and loaves, oceans and air, what does it matter unless we become like Y'shua and walk on water, stay in the boat, calm the raging seas with a word, and feed the masses without placing a single kernel of wheat in the ground!

- (3) So when Y'shua says to you one day, *"Simon, son of Jonah, if you love Me, feed My people, you won't ask... "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?""* (John 21:15-19; 6:1-14)
- (a) You won't think about... planting seed, growing wheat, harvesting grain, grinding it into flour, and baking bread to feed the people!
 - (b) WHY? *"Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven...**"* Matthew 13:11
 - (c) AND... *"...**every scribe instructed** concerning the **kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure **things new and old.**"* Matthew 13:52
 - (d) AND... Because you have been given *"**the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on **earth** will be bound in **heaven**, and whatever you loose on **earth** will be loosed in **heaven.**"* Matthew 16:19
 - (e) HOW? Put the key in the lock and you will discover this; stay in the boat and bypass the growing season!
 - (f) *"But he **who endures to the end [stay in the boat!]** shall be saved. And **this gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."* Matthew 24:13-14 NKJV

- (g) ““Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, **reaping where you have not sown [bypass the growing season]**, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ “But his Lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, **you knew that I reap where I have not sown [I call you to bypass the growing season]**, and gather where I have not scattered seed.” Matthew 25:24-26 NKJV
- (h) You will simply extract all the ingredients from “heaven” and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!
- (i) Because as Peter finally learned... “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power **has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

Summary: CLANDESTINE AFFAIRS

1. The kingdom of heaven is like...

A. The Parable of the Sower

(1) Different Hearts

(a) Four Soils

(2) The Parable of the Sower Recap

(a) Y'shua sat in a boat and taught the multitudes who stood on the shore. He spoke many things to them in parables...

1. Sowing seeds into four types of soil:

- a) **Soil One:** by the edge of the road where there is just a dusting of soil. The seeds sit right up on top and the birds eat them.
- b) **Soil Two:** in rocky soil with a very shallow layer of soil on rock and very little dirt between the stones. They sprout quickly, but the roots hit rock just below the surface and can't get enough water, so when the sun scorches down they shrivel up.
- c) **Soil Three:** among thorns and thistles which choke the plant as it grows.
- d) **Soil Four:** on good fertile ground which allows plants bearing fruit to grow and multiply in abundance.

(3) The Parable of the Sower Explained

(a) Y'shua does not do this very often...

(4) The Parable of the Sower Explained Recap

(a) This is the revelation of the four soils (for those with hearts prepared to uncover mysteries):

1. **Soil One:** by the edge of the road where there is just a dusting of soil. The seeds sit right up on top and the birds eat them.

a) The Word never gets in the heart!

1) You hear the word of the Kingdom.

2) You can't understand it as per Isaiah 6 (a hard heart).

3) The devil snatches the truth before it gets in, because it never penetrates the hard outer shell of your heart.

2. **Soil Two:** in rocky soil with a very shallow layer of soil on rock and very little dirt between the stones. They sprout quickly, but the roots hit rock just below the surface and can't get enough water, so when the sun scorches down they shrivel up.

a) Difficulties and oppression take precedent!

1) You physically hear the Word.

- 2) The Word sounds good, like wholesome G-rated entertainment.
 - 3) But it only sounds good until adhering to it will cost you something.
 - 4) Then you opt out!
3. **Soil Three:** among thorns and thistles which choke the plant as it grows.
- a) The attraction of worldly things and wealth!
 - 1) Again, the Word sounds good, like wholesome G-rated entertainment.
 - 2) But this time, when they have to navigate obeying it in a world that has completely opposite priorities, the pleasures of the world win out and strangle anything godly.
4. **Soil Four:** on good fertile ground which allows plants bearing fruit to grow and multiply in abundance.
- a) Seeds planted in a truly changed heart!
 - 1) A soft heart hears the Word, understands and wants to live by it. (The opposite of Isaiah 6!)
 - 2) The fruit multiplies in abundance.
 - (b) Prophetic Moment: It shows something when we connect the four soils to the parable of the talents!

1. You should notice that the servants knew this man was a “sower” of seed.
2. You should notice that some seed bears fruit and some do not.
3. And we now know the variable is the heart in which the seed is sown.
4. There is so much more here, but for our purposes, in connecting the two parables, the takeaway is this: you must return to the Lord MORE than He has sown into your heart.
 - a) Both Parables also connect to what comes next!

B. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

- (1) Another Seed Parable...
 - (a) What has sprouted?
- (2) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Recap
 - (a) Another parable with seeds in it. (This time it is the seed and the sower that are the focus, not the soil!)
 1. “The kingdom of heaven is like...” this becomes the hallmark of Y’shua’s storytelling. In this case the kingdom lesson is about seeds and those who plant them!
 - (b) Two types of Seeds...
 1. Good Seed: Wheat: a cereal grain used for food

- a) Joseph redeemed the world with wheat:
- 2. Bad Seed: Tares: an injurious weed resembling wheat when in its immature state.
 - a) It's a counterfeit or an imposter.
 - b) The plant takes space and resources from the soil but offers nothing back, no food or fruit.
 - c) Much like a cancer cell: a cell that is so mutated from its original state that it uses resources (energy and nutrients) from the body, but offers nothing in return (performs zero functions of its original purpose).
- (c) Two types of Sowers...
 - 1. Good Sower... sows wheat (Y'shua sows in the daylight.)
 - a) He is the light of the world (John 8:12).
 - 2. Bad Sower... sows tares (Satan who sows in the dark and then hides.)
 - a) Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14).
- (3) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained
 - (a) Wait until the proper time to separate them.
- (4) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained Recap

- (a) First Y'shua sends the multitudes away. Why? It is not for the multitudes to understand!
 - 1. The narrow road leads to life—and wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction...
- (b) Then His disciples ask for an explanation of the parable of the tares.
 - 1. Explanation...
 - a) He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
 - b) The field is the world.
 - c) The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom.
 - d) The tares are the sons of the wicked one.
 - e) The enemy who sowed them is the devil.
 - f) The harvest is the end of the age.
 - g) The reapers are the angels.
 - h) The tares are gathered and burned in the fire.
- (c) You will know true believers by their fruit just as a tree is known by its fruit! (Matthew 7:15-20)
 - 1. You must wait for the fruit... when there is none then you know definitively which are the tares!
 - a) Why? Because the wheat will sprout berries (fruit) and the tares will not (no fruit).

- b) You cannot attempt to separate the wheat from the tares until it is harvest time because they look too similar and they will get mixed together.
- c) Wait, and when harvest time comes you we will gather the wheat grown from the seeds of light and bring them into God's house.
- d) Then gather the tares grown from the seeds of darkness and BURN THEM!
 - 1) This unfortunately is what the modern-day church looks like.
 - 2) It is filled with those who look like believers but are not.
 - 3) They are like either of the middle two soils in The Parable of the Sower—they temporarily look like believers but when the challenges come and their faith will cost them something, or when the pleasures of the world have to be surrendered, their lack of fruit becomes evident!
- e) The Sinners Prayer deception:
 - 1) People are convinced to make a confession to be saved as opposed to being taught that the Holy Spirit will inspire a confession because they are saved.

- (d) At the end of this age.
 - 1. If you have ears to hear (you now know that means a soft converted heart), then your righteousness will be obvious and His kingdom will manifest in you!
 - 2. The Kingdom manifesting in mankind is what Y'shua looked like. For us it means Christlikeness!
- (e) Righteousness shining forth as the sun...

C. The Parable of the Mustard Seed

- (1) More seeds
 - (a) Seeds into Trees
 - 1. The Parable of the Mustard Seed Recap: The kingdom seems so inconspicuous at first but when it takes root it will grow into a tree that will become the structure of your whole life. It will dominate your life and support everything and everyone around you.

D. The Parable of the Leaven

- (1) More planting...
 - (a) More multiplying!
 - 1. The Parable of the Leaven Recap: A yeast organism is imperceptible with the naked eye, but when added to dough it multiplies wildly and changes the nature of its host, until there is a complete transformation

E. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

(1) Treasure

(a) Worth Everything!

1. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure Recap: It should be the MOST important priority possible—worth giving up everything—even your life.

F. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

(1) More Treasure

(a) Beautiful pearls

1. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price Recap: “The kingdom of heaven should be the MOST important priority possible—worth giving up everything—even your life.

Summary: STORIES WITH A PURPOSE

2. The Mysteries of the Kingdom

A. The Purpose of Parables

(1) Why do you speak in parables?

(a) Prophets and Righteous Men

(2) The Purpose of Parables Recap

- (a) His disciples then want to understand why He teaches in parables and His answer is really **the key to understanding all parables**. Y’shua also designates a truth of monumental importance!

1. A parable is a simple or allegorical story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
2. He explains that His chosen are **equipped to discover the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.**
3. Those not of His flock have no such abilities.
4. Interconnection...
 - a) Mysteries: the Deep things of God.
 - b) The Kingdom: The perfect manifestation of God in man. Christ in you, the hope of Glory.
 - c) Deciphering mysteries is why we connect parables together like the soils, talents, and tares and why we must also connect the New and Old Testament together (More coming on that later).
5. Here is how it works?
 - a) Believers will spend a lifetime uncovering and explaining God's mysteries.
 - b) Unbelievers will, over time, lose even the little they understand.
6. Y'shua then explains, using Isaiah 6:9-10, that parables lead unbelievers to think they understand and perceive a message, but they are completely off.

- a) The people can physically hear and see with their senses, but they they don't understand or perceive the truth in their hearts.
 - b) Why? Because their deafness and blindness is a result of their hard hearts!
 - c) If their hearts change, then their deafness and blindness would change also.
7. Then to those with renewed hearts, Y'shua reveals that what they are presently experiencing with His arrival, and their belief in Him, is what everyone, all the prophets and righteous men of the past, have been waiting for.
- (b) **“Why do You speak to them in parables?”** A contemplation of Asaph...
- 1. Parables are used because He wants just His children to understand.
 - 2. There is no greater joy than His children walking in the truth.

B. Prophecy and Parables

- (1) Secret things...
 - (a) Prophecy Fulfilled
- (2) Prophecy and Parables Recap

- (a) Y'shua used parables to connect with His followers as a fulfillment of prophecy...(obviously Y'shua saw Asaph, one of King David's musicians as a prophet.)
 - 1. "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter **things kept secret** from the foundation of the world."
 - 2. Matthew 13:35 shows us that Y'shua would reveal secret things, things Asaph called "dark sayings or hidden things."
 - 3. Secret things are for God's children!

C. Y'shua Rejected at Nazareth

(1) Hometown Heroes Villains

- (a) "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

(2) Y'shua Rejected at Nazareth Recap

- (a) Y'shua goes from teaching these parables to teaching in their synagogue in His own country.

- 1. The people are amazed at His wisdom and mighty works.

- a) They are confused because this is the same "Jesus" who grew up as a child and young man in their midst...

1) Is this not the carpenter's son?

2) Is not His mother called Mary?

- 3) And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?
 - 4) And His sisters, are they not all with us?
 - 5) How then did this same Man become this anointed teacher and healer?
2. It actually offended them... But Jesus knows, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."
 3. He leaves His childhood region and performs very few miracles there because of their unbelief.

Summary: SON OF JONAH

3. Things OLD and things NEW

A. The Parable of the Dragnet

(1) The Parable of the Dragnet

(a) Fishermen and Fish

1. The Parable of the Dragnet Recap

- 1) Cast your fishing net wide
- 2) Gather all you can, and at the end of the age they will be sorted out (like the wheat and tares above).
- 3) Some will come into My house, and some will be thrown in the furnace of fire.

(2) Have you understood all these things?

- (a) Yes? Then, Y'shua places an exclamatory remark on the Kingdom! We will spend the rest of this study exploring what this means!
- 1. Even scribes, who are biblical law experts, must be trained to understand the Kingdom of Heaven like Y'shua is training His Disciples.
 - a) He used parables to connect the NEW to the law and the prophets!
 - b) You will know if disciples are well trained if they can uncover the mysteries of the Kingdom by infusing their understanding of deeper revealed truths with His power (grace) and applying it to their **knowledge of the law and the prophets**.
 - c) In other words, *"bring out of their treasure things new and old."*

B. The Testimony

- (1) *"Tell your testimony and God will give you more testimonies to tell!" DJH*
 - (a) Twenty years ago (2003) I sat at my dining room table with the men with whom I consistently studied the Bible. I taught a message that day called "Who are the Bread-makers?" I was integrating the story of Joseph and how he redeemed the world with wheat (bread) and

how God gave him the opportunity, the strategy, and then the favor with Pharaoh to implement the plan to feed the world during a time of famine. Pharaoh wondered, “Who is the faithful and discerning servant who I can make ruler over Egypt and my household to feed the people during the famine?” He placed Joseph in command to store the grain and to feed the people when the time of hunger came.

- (b) I connected that story with how Y’shua fed 5000 men plus women and children with a few morsels of food and had plenty left over. I particularly emphasized John’s narrative on the topic, the only Gospel account that tells us why Y’shua asked His disciples to feed the hungry people; it was to “test them.” Then I offered this idea: “There will come a time at the end-of-the-age, when just as Y’shua says, He will be looking for wise and faithful servants to become rulers over His household, to feed the people at the proper time, a time of hunger and famine.” Y’shua used those thousands of hungry people, who were in a desolate place, as an object lesson, and where His disciples failed in the moment, He showed us that there is another way, beyond growing wheat, and storing grain, and baking

bread, to feed hungry people. Y'shua showed us a supernatural way to bypass the growing process and to create "bread from heaven." I knew then that this is what we must be able to do when the "test comes," the time of famine that comes at the end-of-the-age. I just did not know how. Until Now!

- (c) Many years later (2015-2017) I was being pressed by a number of friends to help plant and pastor a church, and after much resistance on my part, Kingdom Embassy Ministries (KEM) was launched in 2019. It took a good amount of time to plan, even after I finally agreed, most of that time was in preparing a liturgy modeled around the elements we see in the first century church: worship, teaching, sharing, prayer, and fellowship. But what took the most time was the ongoing discussions, you might even say arguments, about the teaching schedule. Most of the founding board members wanted to use the ancient Torah Portion reading schedule each year to build the sermons around. Specifically, that means reading Genesis through Deuteronomy each year, and inserting the yearly Biblical Feasts when they arrive, just like they have been doing in Judaism since the exile.

- (d) Why? KEM was founded on four pillars, and “Remembering our Hebrew Roots” was one of them. My faith had been completely transformed when I discovered the relevance of our Christian Roots, but I was also concerned the congregation would look too “rabbinic” and that is not my style. Of course, we would explore the entire Bible with a heavy emphasis on what the New Testament had to say about these Torah Portions, but I still feared it would take on a certain “legalistic” flavor that I vehemently wished to avoid. I had been in the “Hebrews Roots Movement” long enough to know the potholes in the journey and I did not want to bring that distraction into a congregation that had three other pillars of equal importance: To restore the authority of the prophetic office in the Church; to make mature biblically-literate disciples, not just converts; and to explain and advance the kingdom of heaven—to remove the mystique and confusion about the kingdom.
- (e) Meeting after meeting I argued that the Torah Portion reading schedule was the wrong direction. I wanted the congregation to read the whole Bible, and even though we’d be exploring the whole Bible by using the Torah as

a backbone, I still insisted it was not the best approach. I even divided the Bible into my own version of a one-year reading program and offered it to the board as an alternative. I explained how we could do sermons on whichever Bible passages naturally landed on our meeting days. I also had agreed to submit to any ruling by the board as part of accountability. I eventually lost the vote and we launched KEM in October of 2019 using the Torah Portions as our schedule.

- (f) It did not take long for me to realize I was VERY WRONG. We explored the entire Bible with the Torah as our guide and for three consecutive years we cycled from Genesis through Deuteronomy, with deep revelations weekly, as we integrated the New Testament into those readings. But then something extraordinarily happened in September 2022. God told me to NOT go back to Genesis again after Deuteronomy, at the end of this annual cycle, but to go into Joshua. It was time to leave the Wilderness and to enter the Promised Land. So many deep, life-altering downloads took place in those transition weeks. It would be well-worth five hours of your time to review them. See: ([09/09 Seeker Friendly](#);

[09/16 Available](#); [09/23 Scorched Earth](#); [09/30 Post Mortem Imperative](#); [10/07 The End of the Beginning](#)).

- (g) It was as clear as if I was sitting on God's lap. This year you will do Joshua, Matthew and Acts. And in five minutes I had divided those Books into an entire year, still with the Feasts schedule teachings staying in tact. How fast it happened was itself miraculous. And even some dates that certain chapters landed aligned with the Feasts, and I did not do that consciously.
- (h) The overall message was this; the next cycle is about holiness unto the Lord. It would be a year of intense stripping away of all things not of God, an intense year of preparation. And then the next cycle after that would be Promised-Land-Magnitude. I can't wait to see what that holds for us. It was clear that God was orchestrating the entire thing and that we were just "players in His gilded cage." The whole journey has been organized by Him, even when it seemed to be in error.
- (i) Along with our weekly church service, I had been teaching through various books in the Bible to our young adults on Saturday mornings. That portion of the ministry actually launched three months prior KEM's Friday Night Service. As each book came to an end,

God gave me revelation of what to teach next and in November of 2020 it was Jonah. I woke that Saturday morning to prepare Jonah chapter one and after about four hours I was making good progress with two hours remaining before the young people would arrive. And that is when things went sideways. I left my document to grab a Bible verse and when I went to paste it in, my document WAS GONE! Well, the document was there; it was just that all the writing from the past four hours was gone. Okay, don't panic; it's somewhere, right? So, I hit that undo button fifty times and nothing happened. Well, maybe it got deleted by accident. No worries right? In an iPad, even a deleted file is still there for 30 days unless I go to the deleted file folder and remove it intentionally. Plus, I did NOT delete it!

- (j) Nope! No deleted file, no undo feature available, no updated document, JUST GONE! A little research later, with the bead of sweat that forms on an anxious forehead, and I find that everything that is stored in the cloud is still there, and I learn how to go retrieve it. What a relief! Well, until I go there to find that in iCloud, you not only have your latest document, but every iteration of that document at various times of

being saved. HOWEVER, my document only had a few options available. A few from four hours earlier, and a few from four hours later, the blank versions created by thinking I could undo something by hitting the “rewind arrow.” Now, those beads of sweat had become streams of sweat and with an hour wasted I finally realized... I WAS WRONG. GOD DOES NOT WANT ME TO TEACH JONAH TODAY!

- (k) I retreated from my preparation and used that day to have an informal discussion with the group on such matters, and while in the midst of that discussion I realized that GOD DOES NOT WANT ME TO TEACH JONAH AT ALL! We moved on to other books over the years and at the end of each I asked, “Jonah now?” And it was not until the end January 2023, twenty-seven months later, that it was time for Jonah.
- (l) Pause and consider what was different now from the first time I thought to teach Jonah. We had left the Torah portions, already completed Joshua, and were well into the Book of Matthew. And with a few scheduling delays for traveling and officiating a wedding, we arrived in this amazing place.

(m) The first week, on February 4, 2023, I prepared for Jonah but never got to Chapter One. Why? As I worked on the introduction for hours that morning, I realized that to teach the theme of Jonah and its outline was a teaching unto itself called [Repentance over Punishment](#). The next week was the wedding and the following week it was on the schedule for one of the Young Disciples to present a message, when mid-week he asked if he could delay his presentation one more week for further preparation. So, I prepared on the morning of February 18, to teach Jonah Chapter One ([Three Days and Three Nights: Turn the Boar Around](#)), It was the Saturday morning after the Friday evening service, February 17, that I taught from Matthew Chapter 12 ([Religionship or Relationship](#)), the chapter that contains these words of Y'shua, *"An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except **the sign of the prophet Jonah.**"* What happened that morning, on February 18, 2023, as I prepared Jonah Chapter One, was a download from heaven I would NOT have been prepared for, or able to contain, had I taught it in November 2020. No, it was not a mistake that I thought I was supposed to teach Jonah then; it was all part of

God's magnificent plan, a testimony in the making, if we are sober and watching. You know, I always say, *"Tell your testimonies, and God will give you more testimonies to tell."*

- (n) What follows in today's teaching, and because of what Y'shua reveals here in Matthew 13, that we must know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, is an integrated message that blends the new and the old, just as we are instructed to do. *"Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."* But notice how it is paramount that even "experts" receive instruction concerning the kingdom!
- (o) Questions poured fourth from my mind. What happened when Jonah slept and eventually leapt from that boat? What happened when Y'shua was also asleep on that boat? And then what happened later in another boat incident when Peter leapt from the boat, like Jonah, and temporarily walked on the water? And what happened when they got back in the boat? All these contemplations integrate into one message, not what is a story or parable, but what can only be described as

our true destiny to uncover the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

(p) There is a reason a man can walk on water and turn water into wine; there is a reason why a man can create bread out of thin air; and the secret lies in this. All things that will ever be already are. And every fish that will ever live in the ocean is already there; you just can't see them because they are still spread throughout the water as molecules and minerals. Bread too is contained in every element of the air and soil that eventually come together to make the bread, and it's time to bypass the growing season. Fish and loaves, oceans and air, what does it matter unless we become like Y'shua and walk on water, stay in the boat, calm the raging seas with a word, and feed the masses without placing a single kernel of wheat in the ground!

1. The question: Why ? *Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.*

C. Things new and things old!

(1) Special Forces and Covert Ops Training

(a) Discovering Mysteries of the Kingdom

1. Let's look and the New and the Old and then let's unlock the mystery by seeing them as one!

(2) Things NEW

(a) Incident #1: Y'shua and His Disciples get in the Boat.

1. Y'shua gets in a boat with His disciples...
2. A great storm threatens the boat...
3. His disciples fear for their lives...
4. Y'shua is asleep!
5. There is more to this story in Matthew 8:26-27 where we see Y'shua's response.

(b) Incident #2: Y'shua tells His disciples to leave in the a boat without Him.

1. Y'shua tells His disciples to leave in the a boat without Him so He can go pray...
2. The boat gets caught in a storm...
3. The waves and wind make it impossible for them to make any progress...
4. Y'shua walks out onto the water towards them (Mark's version says He would have walked right past them had they not called out!)
5. Only Matthew's version includes the narrative of Peter getting out of the boat walking on the water.
6. Note: Y'shua does not ask Peter to leave the boat; it is Peter who asks to leave the boat, "*command me to come to You on the water.*"

7. He does so, and as long as his eyes are on Y'shua (not fleeing from the Lord), things are good!
 8. But, take special note that the storm ends only when they get back into the boat.
 9. Prophetic moment to notice: Both Peter and Jonah left the boat! (More on this later)
- (c) Simon Peter is often called the son of Jonah. Why?
1. Peter is called the Son of Jonah by Christ in three areas of Scripture. This is likely because Peter was constantly resisting the Lord. Peter had Jonah-like tendencies. Plus as you will see—Peter will hold the “Keys to the Kingdom!”
 - a) Prophetic connection: One became a fisher of men, the other became a food of fish!
- (d) Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?
1. Peter knows His Lord (like Jonah)
 2. Keys to the Kingdom: Peter is the central figure in unlocking the mysteries of the kingdom and his connection to Jonah is the key!
- (e) But then when he does not like the message...
1. Peter resists the Lord like Jonah
 2. He is obstinate to the point where he literally rebuked Y'shua!

- (f) Peter is told that he would deny the Lord three times...
 - 1. And he does deny Y'shua...
 - (g) Peter has a long list of Jonah-like tendencies...
 - a) No wonder he was called Simon Son of Jonah!
Follow me and I will make you a fisher of men! If you don't, I will make you be a "man in a fish."
 - 1) Peter won't stay in the boat!
 - 2) Peter won't agree that Christ would suffer!
 - 3) Peter won't believe he will deny Christ!
 - 4) Peter won't preach to the gentiles (Acts 10).
 - (h) All that and STILL Y'shua makes him the source of FOOD for his sheep!
 - 1. Peter is restored (like Jonah)
 - 2. Peter must see himself as a source of food for God's sheep! Keep that in mind!
 - 3. Like Jonah was a source of food for a BIG FISH that carried him where he did not wish to go!
- (3) Things OLD
- (a) Jonah is Obstinate
 - 1. Don't tell me how it's going to be!
 - 2. I will do things my way! (So Peter-like)
 - (b) Panic on the Hight Seas...
 - 1. The boat is caught in a storm.

2. The boat is coming apart.
3. The men are afraid for their lives...
4. And the man they need to talk to is sleeping!
 - 1) Jonah must have something to do with this.
 - 2) What do you do and where do you come from?
5. This is where they go sideways!
 - 1) The men are in full panic mode.
 - 2) They roll some dice to figure out the cause of their trouble!
 - 3) Of course this is not by chance, but by design.
 - 4) Yahweh wants to get Jonah's attention.
6. Questions and Answers
 - a) Questions...
 - 1) What is causing this trouble?
 - 2) What is your occupation?
 - 3) Where do you come from (country and nationality)?
 - b) Answers...
 - 1) I am a Hebrew.
 - 2) I fear Yahweh.
 - 3) He is the God of heaven, the one who made the sea and the land...
 - (c) Jonah exits the boat!

1. Throw me out of the boat (Jonah says)...
 - a) They would prefer not to, but they see no other option! Was there another option?
 - b) What could have Jonah done instead?
 - c) He could have stayed in the boat, but how?
- (d) The Last words of Jonah Chapter One!
 1. Jonah was swallowed by a fish and was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
 2. He chose to be a man in a fish instead of a fisher of man!
 3. Jonah was going to be carried where he did not wish to go!
- (e) The sign of the Prophet Jonah!
 1. Only one sign: Why is the sign of Jonah for “an evil and adulterous generation?”
 2. Because Jonah was an obstinate disobedient prophet.
 3. Nevertheless, God uses all things to His benefit.
- (f) How is it possible you could miss something so obvious?
 1. You can predict the weather, but you can't count to three (three days **AND** three nights)!

2. Jonah was swallowed by a great fish and was “entombed” deep in its gut for three days and three nights—then he was released.
3. Y’shua will also be “entombed” three days and three nights before He is released.
4. Ironically multiple generations of Christians, even to the present day, cannot count three days and three nights in their death, burial and resurrection narrative.
5. The sign of Jonah has eluded them, even as it did those trapped in religionship in the first century—what Y’shua called an evil and adulterous generation!

D. What happens when things new and things old collide!

- (1) They make one new story and they reveal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven!
 - (a) You suddenly realize that all the fish and all the bread are ALREADY THERE! (From our Introduction)
 1. “The kingdom of heaven is like immortal fish that multiply in the ocean...” Think it through like this: If all the fish in the sea never died, would they eventually multiply so much that they raise the level of the ocean? The answer is no! Why? Because everything that makes a fish is ALREADY in the

ocean! In other words, everything that will ever be, already is! That is what the kingdom of heaven is like. Meditate on that and then think about how Y'shua fed thousands of people with a few morsels of food, and had an excess left over. You won't ever be relieved from your job requirement to know the mysteries of the kingdom; but, as you become skilled at unraveling those mysteries, you will get relief from that pit in your stomach.

(2) Why? How?

(a) Creation finished things!

1. After God completed creation...it was finished.

a) It is now a closed system!

b) Without Him, nothing was made!

c) Nothing new will be created, but things can change!

(b) The law of conservation of mass...

1. The law of conservation of mass or principle of mass conservation states that for any **system closed to all transfers of matter and energy**, the mass of the system **must remain constant over time**, as the system's mass cannot change, so the quantity can neither be added nor be removed. The law implies

that mass (and energy) can neither be created nor destroyed, although it **may be rearranged in space**, or the entities associated with it may be changed in form.

- a) Everything that will be made was made at creation.
- b) After Creation it became a closed system.... matter will neither be created nor destroyed only changed.
 - 1) Mystery: how does that change take place?
 - 2) One: a process that can be explained by observable physical laws!
 - 3) Two: a process that takes place outside of what can be explained by observable physical laws!

E. Nothing new—just transformed!

- (1) Let's integrate the new and old stories to create something "new" or "changed!"
 - (a) The Lord sent out a great wind on the sea...
 1. Jonah and Y'shua
 - 1) Jonah's name means "Dove"
 - 2) Y'shua said... "Behold, I send you out as **sheep in the midst of wolves**. Therefore be wise **as serpents and harmless as doves**." Matthew 10:16 NKJV
 - 3) As gentle as Jonah was supposed to be!

- 4) Both are in the boat as the storm rages.
 - 5) Both are fast asleep.
 - 6) Both are awakened by panicked passengers in fear for their lives.
- (2) In the other stormy incident when Y'shua and Peter walked on the water in Matthew 14:22-33...
- (a) The disciples were straining against the wind and waves.
 - (b) In contrast to Jonah hiding from the presence of the Lord, the Lord was walking into the presence of His disciples.
 - (c) In contrast to the wind ceasing **when Jonah is tossed from the boat**, when Y'shua **gets into the boat** the wind ceases!
 - (d) The underlying message here, as we look back at Jonah's story is this: If he would have STAYED IN THE BOAT and told the sailors to turn the boat around and head back toward Nineveh, the waters would have calmed instantly, like when Y'shua got into the boat. But he chose instead... *"Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you."*
 - (e) And remember how in Mark 6:48, as Y'shua walked on the water toward His fearful disciples, He would have

passed them by had they noticed Him. And that in Matthew 14:28, it is Peter who insists (in son of Jonah-like fashion) that he go into the water.

- (f) It is easy to see the amazing faith part of Peter walking on water and what happens when you take your eyes off the Lord. And it is just as easy to miss the kingdom mystery—He should have stayed in the boat and calmed the sea himself!
 - (g) Why? Because in contrast to Jonah calming the water by being tossed in, something he **COULD HAVE WHOLLY AVOIDED**, the Kingdom Lesson is this! **HAVE FAITH AND STAY IN THE BOAT!** *“And when they **got into the boat**, the wind ceased.”*
 - (h) Jonah should have stayed in the boat and instructed the navigators to “turn the boat around” and the storm would have ceased! Peter could have stayed in the boat and “had faith to rebuke the winds” and the storm would have ceased!
- (3) How do we know?
- (a) All we have to do is go back to our first incident with Y’shua sleeping in the boat and the raging sea...
 - (b) Kingdom Mystery (as the New and the Old collide).
 1. Between these verses in the NEW...

- a) *“Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”*
 - b) **and what came next...** *“He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then **He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.** ”*
 - c) **...was all the OLD drama of Jonah**
2. In the NEW it's this simple....
- a) Y'shua simply rebuked the wind and it was calm.
 - b) Peter could have stayed in the boat and rebuked the wind—he already saw it happen!
 - c) But, instead he wanted to enter the water—like Jonah who touched the water with his body and calmed the storm!
 - d) However, that was not his best choice (and not the only lesson)—it would be better to exercise faith, stay in the boat and simply turn it around!
 - e) The Kingdom Mystery revealed is this! **“Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”**”
 - f) When you take the New and add the Old, you get the right answer!

g) If you simply repeat the old, it's like going around the mountain all over again!

F. Let's blend the NEW and the OLD one more time

(1) This changes everything!

(a) This is the OLD Way!

1. How do you feed hungry people at the time of famine?
2. You grow wheat in abundance during fertile years.
3. You store it intelligently.
4. You distribute it to the people when the famine comes!
5. You need to be aware of this because at the end of the age this will be critical...
6. As Jesus teaches His end-of-the-age-sermon, He refers to the narrative of Joseph, and how he was the faithful and wise servant, who helped Pharaoh store up grain during the time of abundance to feed the people during the time of famine.
7. Joseph was made ruler over Pharaoh's house.
8. We are called to be like Joseph at the end of the age and His disciples had some Joseph-like training on the subject matter.
9. How did they do?

10. How will you do when the time comes?

(2) This is a TEST

(a) This is the NEW Way!

1. We learn in the prophetic Gospel of John that this is a Joseph-like test.

1) *“Who then is a faithful and wise servant who will give them food in due season?”*

b) We also see that Y’shua is certain they will fail the test!

1) *“He knew what He would do.”*

c) It’s a deserted place like the wilderness where bread must come from heaven (Exodus 16).

1) It’s a place of famine; they have no food and it’s time to eat (due season).

2) What should they do?

(3) What should they do?

(a) Let’s use what has been revealed to us by “knowing the mysteries of the kingdom.”

1. The Old...Plant seed, grow wheat, harvest grain, grind into flour, bake bread, feed the people!

2. The Test...We have no time to go through the natural process!

3. The New...bypass the growing process and extract all the ingredients from "heaven" and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!

G. A Modern-Day Parable (*"I made it up!" DJV*)

(1) The Parable of the Fisherman

- (a) The kingdom of heaven is like a fisherman who was commanded by his king to go on a journey in one of his many fishing vessels to feed some very bad people in one of the territories of his kingdom. However, because of the bitterness in his heart, the man sailed in a different fishing vessel going in the opposite direction to a far off land. That boat became trapped in a hurricane and was about to sink when the vessel's navigators confronted him. He admitted he was on the wrong boat and pretended to be humble and contrite by allowing himself to be thrown into the sea. At the moment his body touched the water that boat was spared.
- (b) But, the king knew the man's heart was evil because he acted sorrowful, while still refusing to go feed those very unlikable people. So, the king sent a third fishing boat to rescue him from the sea. And as soon as he was pulled from the water, the storm resumed. The king's fisherman thought to toss himself into the sea a second

time when the man realized that instead, the right thing to do was to turn the boat around. As soon as the boat charted its new course toward those he was assigned to feed, the storm ended.

(2) The Parable of the Fisherman Explained

(a) Some of My disciples will be told many things they do not want to hear, one truth will even cause them to rebuke Me. They will be shown things like, “how to become fishers of men,” or “an assignment to bring the good news to the Gentiles,” or that “the Messiah must suffer many things and be killed, or that “they will eventually deny the Messiah three times.” These disciples will insist I command them to leave the boat, when in reality the lesson is that they are supposed to stay in the boat. It’s like Jonah. He should have remained in the boat and simply turned the boat around to head toward the people I wish to feed. He would have become a “fisher of men” instead of a “man in a fish.” “Simon, son of Jonah, feed my people.” How?

1) The Old...Plant seed, grow wheat, harvest grain, grind it into flour, bake it into bread, then feed the people!

- 2) The Test...We have no time to go through the natural process!
 - 3) The New...extract all the ingredients and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE! It is the reason a man can walk on water and turn water into wine; there is a reason why a man can create bread out of thin air; and the secret lies in this. All things that will ever be already are. And every fish that will ever live in the ocean is already there; you just can't see them because they are still spread throughout the water as molecules and minerals. Bread too is contained in every element of the air and soil that eventually come together to make the bread, and it's time to bypass the growing season. Fish and loaves, oceans and air, what does it matter unless we become like Y'shua and walk on water, stay in the boat, calm the raging seas with a word, and feed the masses without placing a single kernel of wheat in the ground!
- (3) So when Y'shua says to you one day, *"Simon, son of Jonah, if you love Me, feed My people, you won't ask... "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?""*

- (a) You won't think about... planting seed, growing wheat, harvesting grain, grinding it into flour, and baking bread to feed the people!
- (b) WHY? *"Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven...**"*
- (c) AND... *"...**every scribe instructed** concerning the **kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure **things new and old.**"*
- (d) AND... Because you have been given *"**the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on **earth** will be bound in **heaven**, and whatever you loose on **earth** will be loosed in **heaven.**"*
- (e) HOW? Put the key in the lock and you will discover this; stay in the boat and bypass the growing season!
- (f) He **who endures to the end [stays in the boat!]** shall be saved and preach the **gospel of the kingdom.**
- (g) And be able to **reap where you have not sown [bypass the growing season]!**
- (h) You will simply extract all the ingredients from "heaven" and manifest the bread that is ALREADY THERE!
- (i) Because as Peter finally learned... we have all things that pertain to life and godliness and that through these we may be partakers of the divine nature!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. What do each of the four soils represent in Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23?

- A. How does the Parable of the Sower better explain the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30?
- B. Now relate the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Talents to the Parable of Wheat and the Tares in Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43. How do they function together?

2. What is the great purpose of parables according to Matthew 13:10-17?

- A. Why does Y'shua speak in parables?
- B. How do parables play a role in prophecy according to Matthew 13:34-35 and Matthew 13:53-58?

3. It is critical that every disciple be instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven...

- A. What is surprising in Matthew 13:47-52 about who must get an education about the kingdom?

4. Matthew 13:52 says... "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

- A. Use that admonition to blend the story in Jonah Chapter 1 with the two incidents of Y'shua's disciples being trapped in a

boat in a storm. (See: Matthew 8:23-27 and Matthew 14:22-33) Use the sermon notes to help!

5. At times, Peter was called the son of Jonah.

A. Why? (See: Matthew 4:19-20; Jonah 1:2-3; Matthew 16:13-19; 16:21-23; 26:31-35; 26:69-75; John 21:15-19)

6. Assignment: Read “The Testimony” on pages 43-53 and “The Parable of the Fisherman” on pages 79-82.

A. Use those to explain how Y’shua multiplied the fish and the loaves in Matthew 14:13-21.

B. What was Y’shua teaching His disciples and how do we know. (See John’s account in John 6:4-6)

7. Contemplate how Y’shua multiplied the fish and the loaves, how he walked on the water, and how he calmed the sea and then answer these...

A. What should have Jonah done instead of getting tossed in the water and why?

B. What should have Peter done instead of walking on the water and why?

C. What should have the disciples done when Y’shua asked them to feed thousands of hungry people and why?