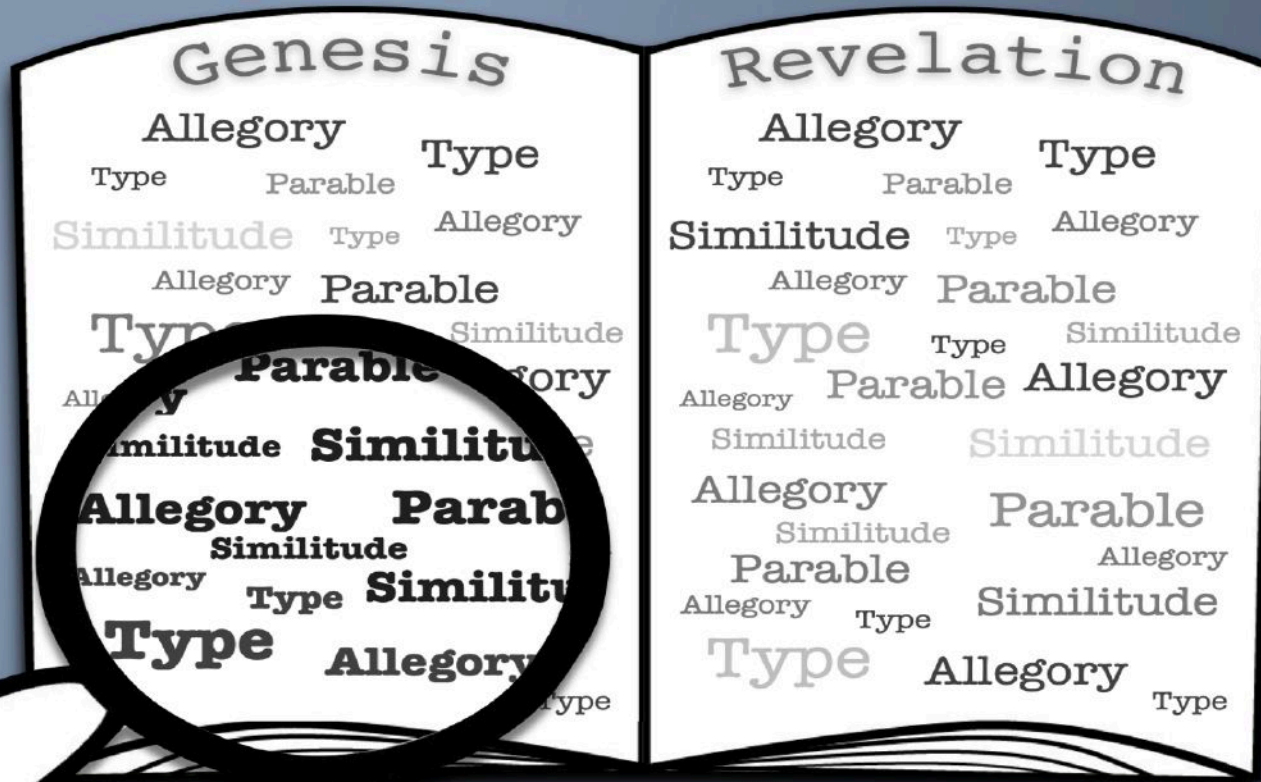


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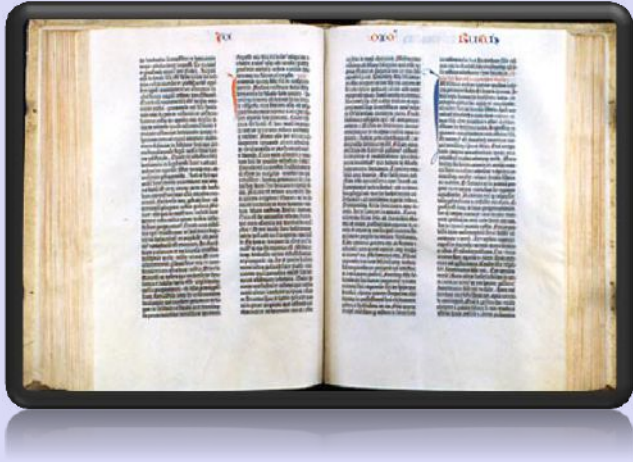
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Study 2

Parables Reveal and Conceal

Parables Reveal and Conceal—Class 2



Psa 12:6-7 “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever”

Heb 4:12-13 “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do”

2Tim 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”

Bible Translations—Understanding Truth



“We have a Bible, published by royal authority, ‘appointed to be read in churches,’ and can read it for ourselves, without the aid of note or comment. We want no other Bible than this in English”—John Thomas

- **Modern translations or Bibles with commentary are often sought in attempts to understand God’s Word, when a comprehension of the Truth of the Gospel of the Kingdom is all that is necessary.**
- **The original compilers of the King James Version were directed not to add commentary to the Bible.—“*No Marginal Notes at all to be affixed, but only for the explanation of the Hebrew or Greek words, which cannot without some *circumlocution, so briefly and fitly be expressed in the Text.*”** ***expansion**

The Truth: Key to Understanding the Word

The Language and construction of Inspired Scripture is directly intended to only provide enlightenment for those of the Truth—

John 18:37 “Every one that is of the Truth heareth my voice”

John 8:43 “Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word” (1John 4:5-6)

- There is no need to minimize or apologize for the Scriptural fact that Yahweh’s recording of His Inspired Word does, in fact, REVEAL and CONCEAL. It requires discerning Truth from error.
- While the Bible is not hard to understand for those who “study” and “rightly divide the Word of Truth” (2Tim 2:15), it is confusion to those who “wrest” it “to their own destruction” (2Pet 3:16).

John 10:4,16,27 “The sheep follow him; for they know his voice ... Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice... My sheep hear my voice”

“... He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith...” Rev 2-3

“The Truth”

In contrast to error

- **Rom 1:18-25**
- **1Tim 3:15**
- **2The 2:1-4,10-13**
- **1Tim 4:1-3**
- **2Tim 2:15-19**
- **2Tim 3:1-8**
- **2Tim 4:1-4**
- **Tit 1:9-14**
- **Jam 5:19-20**
- **1John 1:6-10**
- **1John 2:1-4**
- **John 4:22-24**
- **Rom 2:7-8**
- **Gal 3:1**
- **Gal 5:7**
- **1Tim 2:1-4**

1Joh 4:5-6 “They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. WE ARE OF GOD: HE THAT KNOWETH GOD HEARETH US; he that is not of God heareth not us. *Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error*”

Those who “receive not the love of the Truth” will be led away by the “strong delusion” because they “believed not the Truth”—2The 2:10-12

1Cor 2:12-14 “We have received, NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE SPIRIT WHICH IS OF GOD...Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; *COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL. *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, because they are spiritually discerned*” *Bible interprets itself—*i.e. the Bible Dictionary (1Pet 4:11)*

The Wisdom of This World vs. The Wisdom of God

1Co 2:1-7 “We speak WISDOM among them that are *perfect*: YET NOT THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak THE WISDOM OF GOD IN A MYSTERY, *even* THE HIDDEN WISDOM, which God ordained before the world unto our glory”

- **The “wisdom of God” is set in a “mystery”; meaning secret, or hidden message. It is directly connected with the doctrine of Truth. It is styled “mysteries of the Kingdom of God” or “mystery of the Gospel,” and relates to what is now fully known because it has been revealed by the death and resurrection of Christ. It includes the engrafting of the Gentiles (Mar 4:11; Rom 11:25-28; 16:25-26; Eph 3:1-6; 1:8-11; 6:9-10; Col 1:25-28; 1Cor 15:50-54).**

1Co 1:18-21 “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish FOOLISHNESS; but unto us which are saved it is the POWER OF GOD. For it is written, *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent...*For after that *in the wisdom of God *the world by wisdom knew not God*, *it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” **God enlightens & confounds*

The World Does Not and Cannot understand Divine Language—

- When presented with symbolic language from God, the wisest men “in the world” cannot comprehend the meaning:

Gen 41:8 “And he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; BUT THERE WAS NONE THAT COULD INTERPRET THEM unto Pharaoh”

Dan 2:27-28 “Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, *The secret which the king hath demanded CANNOT the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a GOD IN HEAVEN THAT REVEALETH SECRETS, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days”* (Dan 5:7)

- The wisest of man’s religious, political, scientific and financial institutions stand ignorant when called upon to interpret Divine Language. In the above refs. were two Jews—*rep. the Hope of Israel as the key*—who understood the “secrets” of Yahweh. Mysteries or secrets are revealed to only the closest of friends.

“I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you” (John 15:15)

Parables: Doctrine of the Kingdom is the Key to Understanding

Mar 4:1 And he began again to teach *by the SEA side*: and there was gathered unto him a great MULTITUDE, so that he *entered into a ship, and sat in the SEA*; and the whole MULTITUDE was by the SEA on the land.

Mar 4:2 And HE TAUGHT THEM MANY THINGS BY PARABLES, and said unto them IN HIS DOCTRINE...

- The Lord Jesus Christ—*the wisest teacher ever*—intentionally employed the method of PARABLES to teach DOCTRINE. Jesus spoke only as he was taught of the Father (Joh 8:28; 12:49-50; 14:10). Parables, then, are Yahweh's most expressive mode of teaching His doctrine to His people.
- Both sons of David—*Solomon and Jesus*—were noted for their wisdom and used this parabolic and wisest form of instruction:

1Kin 4:32-34 “He spake THREE THOUSAND PROVERBS...And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom” *(both established as kings of the kingdom)*

Mar 4:10 And ***WHEN HE WAS ALONE**, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. **no longer a great multitude by sea**

Mar 4:11 And he said unto them, ***Unto you it is given to know the *mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, all these things are done in parables: *secret, hidden words***

Mar 4:12 That seeing they may see, AND NOT PERCEIVE; and hearing they may hear, and NOT UNDERSTAND; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.

- The parabolic manner of teaching the “secrets of the kingdom” destroys the humanistic and philosophical wisdom of men.
- The parabolic mode of teaching was deliberately chosen to conceal from “them that are without”—*a term that means those not in the Truth (1Cor 5:12; 2Cor 7:5; Col 4:5; 1The 4:12; 1Tim 3:7).*
- THE PARALLEL ACCOUNT ADDS: “the disciples came to him, and said unto him, *why speakest thou unto them in parables?*” (Mat 13:10).
- Remember Christ’s answer: “unto you is given to know THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM.” **All “hear” and “see” but not All “understand” and “perceive”**

“A PARABLE is the setting forth of a certain thing *as a representative of something else*. Hence, it is a comparison or similitude. *It may be spoken or acted*. In the former case, fiction is used to *illustrate that which is real*; while in the latter, *real actions* on a small scale are representative of remoter and *grander events*. **WHETHER SPOKEN OR ACTED, PARABLES ARE DARK AND UNINTELLIGIBLE TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT SKILLED IN THE THINGS OF THE KINGDOM; BUT WHEN ONCE THEY COME TO KNOW THESE, THE THINGS THEY RESEMBLE IMMEDIATELY APPEAR. To allegorize is to represent truth by comparison. *For certain features of the kingdom to be illustrated parabolically is to speak, or act, allegorically; and is a mode of instruction more calculated to keep up the attention, and to impress the mind permanently, than a set discourse, or formal disquisition.* The scriptures are constructed after this ingenious plan, by which they are made so much more interesting, and capable of containing so much more matter, than any other book on the same subject and of the same size. *They are a study of themselves; and no ‘rules of interpretation,’ or of ‘logic,’ are of any value to the understanding of the things which they reveal.*” — **J.T. Elpis Israel****

Mar 4:33 And with many such **PARABLES SPAKE HE THE WORD** unto them, **AS THEY WERE ABLE TO HEAR IT.**

Mar 4:34 But *without a parable spake he not unto them: and* **WHEN THEY WERE ALONE, HE EXPOUNDED ALL THINGS TO HIS DISCIPLES.**

- Increased understanding of the Word of the Kingdom enables us to perceive deeper parables—“as they were able to hear it.” The Bible is a development of understanding; beginning with the fundamental language of creation, and concluding in the last book—*The Apocalypse*—which is intensely a book of “symbols.”
- God, who instructed the Son **HOW** and **WHAT** to speak (John 14:10), selected the parabolic method of teaching His doctrine to men.
- Those who were “alone” (*close*) to the Lord Jesus Christ are able to comprehend when the parables are “expounded.”

Mat 11:25 “Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, *because thou hast HID these things from the wise and prudent, and hast REVEALED them unto babes*”

- **The Word confounds the arrogant and reveals to the humble.**

Mat 13:14-16 “In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: *For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed;* LEST AT ANY TIME *they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.* But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear” **(Jews' rejection of Christ blinded them to Scripture)**

□ “The ‘natural man’ can neither unfold, nor ‘see’ when it is explained for the simple reason that it is ‘spiritually discerned’ (1Cor 2:14). The clergymen and ministers who have mystified themselves and the public by their apocalyptic researches have all signally failed for this cause, **NOT FOR WANT** of an acquaintance with heathen authors in their original Latin and Greek proficiency in which is the glory of all the natural man, *but for want of that spiritual discernment which is anchored to A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH as it is in the prophets and apostles.*”—*Eureka, Vol 2 pg 156*

- After answering “why” he taught in Parables (Mat 13:10-13), the Lord gives the interpretation of this specific parable—

Mat 13:18-19 “Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth *the word of the kingdom...*”

- The “word of the Kingdom” is the subject of all parables (Mar 4:14)

Mat 13:24 “Another PARABLE put he forth unto them, saying, *The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field*”
The Seed is “the word of God” (Luk 8:11).

Mat 13:31 “Another PARABLE put he forth unto them, saying, *The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed...*”

Mat 13:33-35 “Another PARABLE spake he unto them; *The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took...All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and WITHOUT A PARABLE SPAKE HE NOT UNTO THEM; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which *have been kept secret from the foundation of the world*” (Psa 78:2). **It’s dishonoring to reduce parables to only moral lessons*

Mat 13:44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is LIKE UNTO treasure hid in a field...”

Mat 13:45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is LIKE UNTO a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls...”

Mat 13:47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is LIKE UNTO a net, that was cast into the sea...”

- **NOTICE: the word “parable” now fades from the record, because the foundation of his teaching has been established.**
- A. **Jesus of Nazareth went about teaching “the Gospel of the Kingdom of God” (Mat 4:23; 9:35; Acts 8:12).**
- B. **His teaching of the kingdom was by parables (Mat 13:34; Mar 4:34)**
- C. **Thus, “the kingdom” is the DOCTRINAL SUBJECT MATTER of all PARABLES (Mat 13:24,31,33,44,45,47). *This is the repeated continually***
- **The “milk” of the doctrine of the Kingdom of God must be comprehended to perceive the “meat” of parables. Thereby, parables expand our understanding of the details of the Kingdom. *Doctrine confirms parables, and parables strengthen doctrine!***¹³

Doctrine of the Kingdom—Essential for Parabolic Understanding

- “We must have in view the truth CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF GOD *before we can understand parables that illustrate it.* The kingdom of God *is not exclusively an affair of futurity, though it mostly belongs to the future.* The foundation of it has been laid in what God has already done upon the earth...When the kingdom is finally and fully established, it will have been ‘prepared from the foundation of the world’.” —*R. Roberts, Nazareth Revisited*
- **The Kingdom of God existed in the past—the Kingdom of Israel (1Chr 28:4-5; 29:23; 2Chr 13:8; 9:8; Act 1:1-7; Mat 19:28). When the fundamental teachings of the Kingdom, and Yahweh’s Anointed to sit upon the Throne of David are known, parables are revealed.**
- “The reader, then, will perceive from this exposition that the Kingdom of God *must be studied in two periods of its existence*—in the thousand years of the past, and in the thousand years of the Age to Come”—*John Thomas, Elpis Israel, pg 307*

Enlarging our understanding of the Truth by parables is not a matter of personal preference. It is clearly God's chosen method of instruction.

Q: If all things in Scripture are about the same subject—the things of the Kingdom and Name of Jesus Christ (the Gospel)—why the need for so many types, shadows or parables? Is it not redundant?

A REASONABLE QUESTION—

A: Although the Gospel of the Kingdom is always the subject, it has many specific doctrines; and each is given different emphasis in the detail of literal—and inspired—history recorded in the Bible.

□ “No Book of the Bible is an island; each one contributes with its fellows TO RE-EMPHASIZE, OR GIVE ADDED DETAIL TO THE PURPOSE” —

HPM, Joshua Expositor

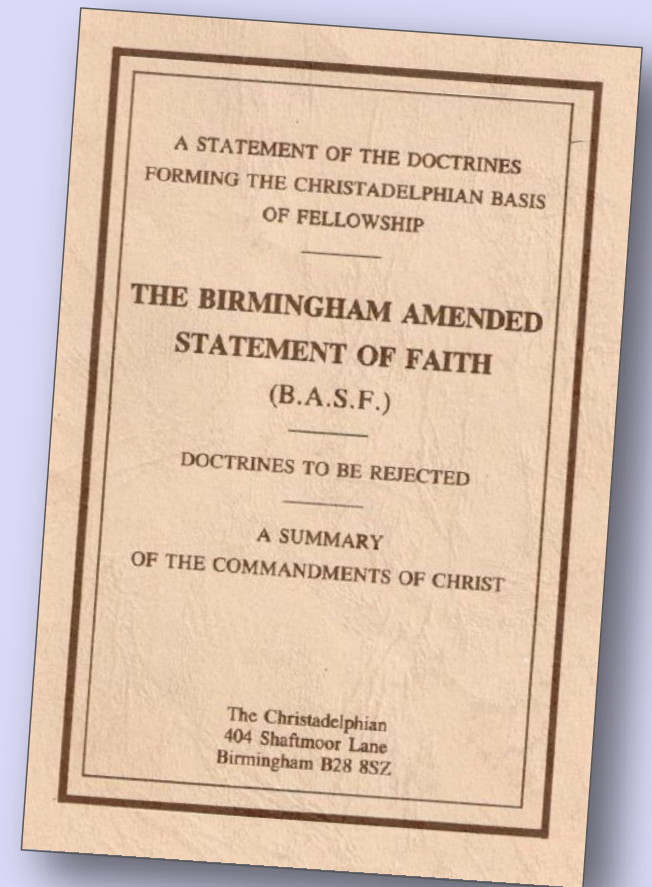
The doctrines of the Truth are confirmed by parables. Likewise, parables expand our knowledge of doctrine pertaining to the details of the Kingdom. The individual doctrines regarding the Kingdom of God and its coming King—the Lord Jesus Christ—are extensive.

Growing in Knowledge—Heb 5:1-3; Phi 1:9-10; 2Pet 1:5-6; 3:18.

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, *Why speakest thou unto them in parables?*

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, *Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*

Mat 13:12 FOR WHOSOEVER HATH, TO HIM SHALL BE GIVEN, AND HE SHALL HAVE MORE ABUNDANCE: BUT WHOSOEVER HATH NOT, FROM HIM SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY EVEN THAT HE HATH.



- ❑ **“The promise in Eden; the promise to Abraham; the promise to David. Combined, these covenants of promise COMPRISE A KEY that will unlock the true significance of any portion of the Bible”—H.P. Mansfield**
(the imprint of the Gospel is to be found everywhere in Scripture)

SKILLED IN THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM: HOPE OF ISRAEL

Israel constitutes the Kingdom of God (1Chr 28:5; 29:23; 2Chr 13:8)

Christ sit upon David's throne in Jerusalem (Lk 1:30-33; Acts 2:29-30)

Kingdom of Israel to be restored in future (Act 1:6)

Disciples to sit upon 12 thrones of Israel (Mat 19:28)

Saints called to the Hope of Israel (Act 28:20)

Gentiles graft into Israel (Rom 11:1-28; Rom 4:13-17)

Gentiles join commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:1-22)

Saints are styled the Israel of God (Gal 6:15-16)

Abraham promised Israel would be a Great Nation (Gen 12:1-3)

Scattered among the nations for disobedience (Lev 26:33; Deu 28:64)

Not Cast Off forever for the father's sake (Lev 26:44)

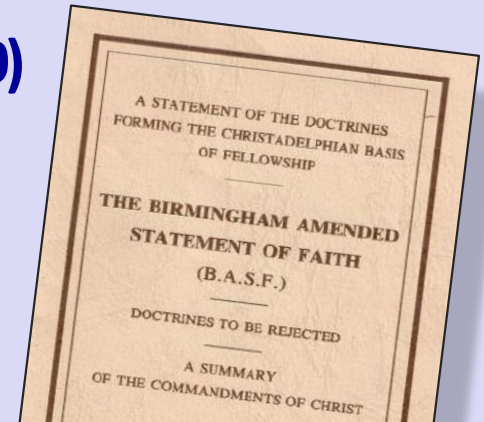
Regathered back in the land in latter days (Jer 31:28)

Gentiles called until Jews restored (Luk 21:24)

Israel now in state of blindness, hardness (Rom 11:1-26)

Restored with a new heart at Christ's return (Eze 36:26-28; Jer 31:33)

Christ will be received among Israel (Zec 12:10; Rom 11:26)



**Bro Thomas
rightly calls the
coming Kingdom
of God: "the
Hebrew
Kingdom."
*Eureka Vol. 1, pg.
217-225.***

All aspects of the Kingdom are expressed in 60+ SPOKEN *parables*, and numerous ENACTED *parabolic accounts* —66 books of Inspired Writing.¹⁷

Specific doctrines are expounded in the different features of history.

- **GENESIS**—last Adam as head of New Creation (7,000 day/years)
- **EXODUS**—second exodus of Jews; and baptism in Red Sea
- **JOSHUA**—new covenant in Jesus; entering land by Yah's Salvation
- **JUDGES**—Yahweh's provision of a savior to redeem from sin
- **RUTH**—atonement of Gentiles graft into Israel's Hope
- **SAMUEL**—kingdom prepared by bloodshed; Christ's first advent
- **KINGS**—kingdom established in glory; Christ's second advent
- **ESTHER**—hidden Jew in Gentile Times, Fall of Haman-Gog
- **NEHEMIAH**—restoration of Truth from Babylonian destruction
- **JOB**—Yahweh's servant touched with our nature, redeems friends
- **JEREMIAH**—oppressed prophet rejected, speaks of new covenant
- **DANIEL**—literal and mystical Babylon vs. Kingdom of God
- **JONAH**—Israel's prophet rises to preach repentance to Gentiles...etc

All aspects of the Gospel of the Kingdom are revealed in the above

- **Why we quote elder brethren: (1) provide the sources where exposition can be found (2) demonstrate this was the foundational method of reasoning out of the scriptures from the beginning.**

The KINGDOM OF GOD is LIKE...

ADAM—

- A Man formed in God's own image to govern His creation
- A Man created to rule over a new heavens and earth
- A Man to take a wife provided by his own sacrifice
- A Man to bring into subjection all of Creation
- A Man to be in the image and glory of God
- A Man to labor six days and rest on the Seventh

JONAH—

- **“Paul taught that Christ ‘died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures’ (1 Cor. 15:3-4). WHAT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES TAUGHT THAT CHRIST WOULD BE BURIED, AND RISE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY? The answer is found in the book of Jonah, if one comprehends the sign presented therein. THE BOOK SHOULD BE STUDIED, THEREFORE, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HISTORY AND TYPICAL PROPHECY.” —HPM, Expositor**

The KINGDOM OF GOD is LIKE...

ABEL—

- Cain hates Abel because his own “works” are evil (1John 3:8-12)
- Cain offering limited, Abel offers more excellent sacrifice (Law)
- Abel is keeper of sheep, offering in personal dedication (Christ)
- Cain slew Abel, as the Jews killed Christ (Mat 23:35)
- Cain cast out as a fugitive, vagabond; Jews cast out of the Land
- God sets “mark” on Cain so he is not slain (Jews persecuted)
- Seth raised up as the “seed of Abel” (Christ resurrected)

Genesis is a *literal* record—Apocalypse is a *symbolic* revelation.

□ “The events of Abel’s life foreshadow those of Christ. The appointment of Seth typified the resurrection of the Lord; the punishment of Cain pointed forward to the judgment of A.D. 70 extended upon guilty Jewry who crucified the Lord (Mat 23:35). Nevertheless, the record is careful to state that Christ’s blood cries out for mercy on those who base their faith in it.”

The KINGDOM OF GOD is AS a...

Gen 21—Ishmael: Fleshy Seed Cast Out for rejecting the Son

Gen 22—Isaac: Father offering a Son—Seed of Spirit—in sacrifice

Gen 23—Death of Sarah: Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70

Gen 24—Calling Isaac's Bride: Abrahamic faith to the Ecclesia

Gen 25—Sons of Concubines: Truth Expands to the Nations

The KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is LIKE...

Gen 27—Jacob (Israel) deceives Father, driven from the Land

Gen 28—God assures restoration of Jacob in the Land

Gen 29—Jacob assimilates among the Gentiles

Gen 30—Jacob prospers and grows among Gentiles

Gen 31—Gentiles become hostile to Jacob

Gen 32—After wrestling with Angel Israel returns to Land

Gen 33—Jacob saved from hostile Esau his brother

Gen 33—Worships at Altar in Shechem—conversion to Christ

The parable coincides with the doctrine emphasized in the event

The KINGDOM OF GOD is AS...

- Gen 37—Brothers reject who Father exalts, sold by Judah
- Gen 38—The rite of the Firstborn established (Judah)
- Gen 39—Sold into servitude and falsely accused
- Gen 40—Cast into prison, joined by bread and wine
- Gen 41—Exalted by Supreme Ruler, prospers among Gentiles
- Gen 42—Joseph's brothers manipulated by him, not knowing
- Gen 43—Judah leads brethren back, Benjamin with them
- Gen 44—Silver cup placed in Son of Right Hand's sack
- Gen 45—Joseph reveals himself to brethren the second time
- Gen 46—Joseph sends Judah to bring Israel to him
- Gen 47—Israel and sons settled in the best of the Land
- Gen 48—Israel blesses Ephraim; appoints him Firstborn
- Gen 49—Jacob's prophecy of the 12 Sons
- Gen 50—Israel, Joseph taken into the Land: work accomplished

These examples are evidence Bible chronology must be observed

The KINGDOM OF GOD is LIKE...

- 1 Sam 1—Israel is corrupt. Seed of the Woman is born
 - 1 Sam 2—Samuel the begotten Son dedicated to Yahweh
 - 1 Sam 3—No open vision, Light of Temple goes out, Samuel called
 - 1 Sam 4—Ark is taken from the Jews, priesthood dies
 - 1 Sam 5—Ark in hands of Apostasy, Dagon collapses before Ark
 - 1 Sam 6—Gentiles corrupt Ark and with superstition return it
 - 1 Sam 7—Ark moves to Kirjathjearim
 - 1 Sam 8—Israel seeks a King to save them from their enemies
- “It must be noticed that the history has FEATURES OTHER THAN THE MERE NARRATION OF EVENTS...HUMANLY WRITTEN HISTORY COULD NOT PRESENT SUCH FEATURES. Only God, Who knows the end from the beginning, could practice such a history. *There is clearly an ultimate purpose in the history beyond the mere record of events...*The selection of events to be recorded, and the emphasis given to each event requires divine guidance if such a purpose is to be indicated” —*The Oracles of God, John Carter*

The KINGDOM OF GOD is AS...

The two advents of the Lord—

- David was a king who “shed blood” and made “great wars”
- Solomon a king who had “rest from all his enemies”
- David prepared the temple “in his trouble” (1Chr 22:6-14)
- Solomon built it according to David’s “pattern”
- **1Kings 1**—Resurrected David appoints Solomon as king
- **1Kings 2**—Solomon begins in judgment: changes priesthood
- **1Kings 3**—Solomon takes bride, judges harlot’s based on son
- **1Kings 4**—Solomon only king entire rule, united Judah & Israel
- **1Kings 5**—Wealth of the Gentiles Help Build Temple
- **1Kings 6**—Temple Adorned and Completed
- **1Kings 7**—A dwelling built for Solomon’s Bride
- **1Kings 8**—The Ark finds a resting place
- **1Kings 9**—Solomon establishes Worship, builds cities
- **1Kings 10**—Rulers of Nations seek Solomon in Jerusalem
- **1Kings 11**—The bride of Solomon expands; wives increase

Parables made clear by the Lord’s death and resurrection (John 16:25)

The KINGDOM OF GOD is AS...

2Pet 3:8 “One day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” *Epistles to Seven Ecclesias*

Romans—1st Mil. Creation/Adam. One man sin enters world.

Corinthians—2nd Mil. Noah/Babel. Division. Tongues.

Galatians—3rd Mil. Abraham/Israel. Abrahamic Covenant/Israel.

Ephesians—4th Mil. Christ/Ecclesia. Christ: head, body.

Philippians—5th Mil. Gentiles. Hope of Resurrection in that day.

Colossians—6th Mil. New Creation. Firstborn of many brethren.

Thessalonians—7th Mil. Return of Christ. Coming of Messiah.

Paul's Personal Ecclesial Epistles

Timothy—Jew withstanding Judaism (circumcised: Acts 16:3)

Titus—Gentile withstanding Gentiles (uncircumcised: Gal 2:1-2)

• **Philemon**—the Mercy of the Master to an unfaithful servant.

“To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile”—Rom 1:16

Though not necessarily in chronological order according to writing, the arrangement by unbelievers could well be manipulated by the Divine Hand (Rev 17:17; Luke 19:23-24; John 19:31-36; Gen 20:3; 41:1; Dan 2)

The Gospel Accounts Teach us the Principle of Different Emphasis

Matthew—The genealogy of Christ begins with David, and he is continually referred to as the “Son of David” (1:1). Only account that uses the phrase “kingdom of heaven.” **LION**

Mark—There is no genealogy given in this record. The book immediately opens with the servitude of the Lord (1:1). **OX**

Luke—The only gospel record that distinctly traces the Lord’s genealogy back to Adam. His age as a man is mentioned at 8 days (2:21), 12 years (2:42), and 30 years (3:32). It records Mary’s uncleanness at birth and his development as a youth (2:21-24). **MAN**

John—There is no genealogy. However, this gospel account represents the Lord as the Word made flesh, and thus, the Spirit. No parables are recorded. Instead the “spirit” is applied. **EAGLE**

- **Kings and Chronicles is another example of Scripture covering the same time period, yet with different emphasis. Kings records the overall civil events of the nation of Israel, while Chronicles is intensely fixed on the religious aspects of the kingdom of God.**

SPECIFIC DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS IN SPECIFIC SCRIPTURAL HISTORY

- Just as different parables emphasize different doctrines related to the Lord, different stories in Bible history expound different features of the Kingdom.
- For example, the parable of the wicked husbandman killing the heir of the vineyard (Mat 21:33-46) has a very different emphasis than the parable of the indebted servant who begs for mercy from the king, who then ruthlessly demands payment from his fellow-servant (Mat 18:23-25).

Example: the life of **Joseph** doesn't emphasize conversion of the Gentiles in Egypt. Rather, it is a detailed history of the process by which Joseph converts the hearts of his Jewish brethren. The story of **Ruth**, however, emphasizes the Gentiles being graft into Israel by the Redeemer, Boaz. Joseph records no warfare, but focuses on the Jews acknowledging his exalted status. **Esther** records detailed warfare against the edicts of Agag. **Nehemiah** is about rebuilding that destroyed by Babylon. **Joshua/Judges** concerns military campaigns to inherit the Land... etc...etc.

- Different miracles in the Gospels & Acts teach different doctrines

There are TWO SYSTEMS OF MYSTERY described in the Bible

1. **The Kingdom of God—**
2. **The Kingdom of Men—**

The Key To Revelation of Both “Mysteries” is understanding the Doctrine of the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ.

Wisdom, Ears to Hear—these expressions are employed regarding the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God in Parables (1Kin 4:32-34; 1Cor 2:1-14; Mat 13:14-19; John 18:37; 8:43; 10:16,27; 1John 4:5-6; Mar 4:1-2)

Blessed—an expression for those that comprehend and perceive the mysteries of the Kingdom of God (Mat 13:16)

- **The phrases used to represent an understanding of the “Mysteries of the Kingdom of God” are also used to describe the other Scripturally defined “Mystery”—(Rev 1:3; 13:18; 17:9)**

2The 2:7—“the Mystery of Iniquity”

Rev 17:5—“Mystery, Babylon The Great”

Rev 17:7—“Mystery of the Woman”