

INTRODUCTION

- A. **BIBLICAL ELOQUENCE: LINGUISTIC ARCHITECTURE** (see Ezk.37:7f)
- B. **FOUNDATION: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER** (Mt.13:18f,1f with 24f,31f,33f; see Mk.4:1f; Lk.8:4f)
- C. **FRAMING: PARABLE & EXPLANATION** ((1) Mt.13:1-9 & 18-23 and (2) 13:24-30 & 36-43)
- D. **FURNITURE: DWELLING INSIDE** ((1) Mt.13:10-17 and (2) 13:31,32; 33; 34,35)
- E. **SUMMARY: PARTS OF A WHOLE**

I. THE PARABLE OF THE TARES & WHEAT WITH EXPLANATION (Mt.13:24-30; 36-43)

- A. **SOWER: THE SON OF MAN** (24,37; see 3,19)
 - B. **GOOD SEED: THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM** (24,38; see 19; 2Pt.1:23)
 - C. **FIELD (24): THE WORLD (38); HIS KINGDOM (41)**
 - B. **BAD SEED: THE SONS OF THE EVIL ONE** (3; see 41, stumbling blocks, lawlessness)
 - A. **ENEMY: THE DEVIL** (25,28; 39)
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- D. **GROW TOGETHER UNTIL HARVEST TO PROTECT THE WHEAT** (28-30)
- E. **HARVEST: THE END OF THE AGE** (30,39)
- F. **REAPERS: THE ANGELS** (39; see 49; 24:31)
- G. **BAD FRUIT GATHERED FIRST AND DESTROYED** (30,40-42; see 50)
- H. **GOOD FRUIT GATHERED INTO BARN AND SAVED** (30,43; see Dan.12:3)
- I. **EARS: HEAR** (43; see 34,35; 10f; see Mk.4:33,34)
- J. **POINT: THE WICKED WITH YOU FOR NOW** (29,30; 39f; see Rom.2:4; 9:22; Ps.73; note: world, 38; including church, 41; see Rom.12:19; 2Tm.2:24-26; Jn.6:64,70)
- K. **ILLUSTRATION: AN INOPERABLE CONDITION**

II. ANOTHER PARABLE: MUSTARD SEED (13:31,32; see Mk.4:30-32; Lk.13:18,19)

- A. **MAN TOOK AND SOWED** (31; see 3,24; field: see Mk.4:31; Lk.13:19)
- B. **VERY SMALL SEED** (32a; see 19 (1Cor.1:21), 38 (1Cor.1:26))
- C. **VERY LARGE PLANT** (32b; Dan.2:35)
- D. **POINT: THE MASSIVE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM** (31,32; see Dan.2:35; Mt.16:18; Is.66:18,20; Rev.21:24,26; see 1Cor.3:6,7; Eph.4:12-16; Col.2:19; see Zech.4:10)
- E. **ILLUSTRATION: TOMATO PLANTS**

III. ANOTHER PARABLE: LEAVEN (33; see Lk.13:21)

- A. **WOMAN TOOK AND HID** (33; see 31; also 3,24)
- B. **SMALL PORTION OF LEAVEN** (33; see 1Cor.5:6f; Gal.5:9)
- C. **LARGE PORTION OF FLOUR** (33; see 1Cor.5:6f; Gal.5:9)
- D. **POINT: THE GLOBAL GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM** (33; see Dan.2:35;44,45; 7:13,14; Eph.1:22,23; Rev.5:9; 13:7; 14:6)
- E. **ILLUSTRATION: CELL PHONES** (and other contagious diseases)

CONCLUSION: CONFIDENT EXPECTATION IN EXASPERATING FRUSTRATION

Discussion question:

Brethren, `what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)