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The MindFrame Windows Application is also useful in several areas of Holy Bible studies. The original text of this ".hlp" file is available as a PostScript file (biblnote.ps) included in the release archive. You can get a better hardcopy from this separate PostScript file, because it preserves the better formating of the original document.

The Holy Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is given by inspiration of God and is the sole foundation of truth and the standard of faith for the believers. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Galations 1:6-9). Although the Holy Bible was written by closed to 40 co-authors in a duration span over 1500 years (from ~1440 B.C. to ~100 A.D.) and the Old Testament (39 books, ~27) was written in Hebrew while the New Testament (27 books, 10 co-authors) was written in Greek, the entire Bible is extremely consistent.

There are large selection of English versions of the Holy Bible that can be found in Christian book stores or distributors throughout the United States (e.g. Christian Book Distributors at 508-977-5000). The most popular ones are:

- The New International Version (NIV): It is a completely new translation of the Holy Bible directly from the best available Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts. The language is more contemporary comparing with other versions.
- The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV): This recently released version is also well known and more scholarly than others.
- The New King James Version (NKJV): A newly revised version of the King James Version (KJV), which was the oldest English translation of the Holy Bible still in use today that appeared in 1611 under the patronage of James I. Because of its early inception, the English language used is quite different from contemporary English.
- The New American Standard Version (NAS): Published in 1971, this is a newly revised version of the American Standard Version published in 1901.

Using MindFrame application to study the following categories of Bible knowledge will help you gaining deeper insight of the words of God. However, the best way to understand the words of God is to read the the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who comes from God to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). As the Lord Jesus promised, "If anyone loves, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ... But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:23, 26).

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End-Time Prophecies are found in both the Old and the New Testaments that foretold the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to judge the world, to destroy heavens and earth, to create new heavens and a new earth, and to reveal the glory of the Holy City, the new Jerusalem.

Jesus' Parables are short tales that uses earthly things as analogy to convey spiritual meaning to the hearer. To understand a parable, you should pay attention to mportant features, and yet not make all details mean something.

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#[K] [$] Metaphors

Metaphors are widely found in the Bible where familiar figures are used to speak of other less familiar concepts. Both the familiar and the unfamiliar concepts can be represented as object models with classes and relationships among them. To understand a metaphor, in the mind of a hearer, the object model of the familiar concept is mapped to the unfamiliar one. There are countless metaphors found in the Bible, we only provide a small sample as examples, in the hope of helping you get started on your exploration. You can find the following examples as working samples distributed with the release archive. A number of additional metaphors used by the Lord Jesus Christ are also listed at the end. You can use them to practice using the MindFrame as a bible-studying tool.

#[K] [$] Yoke and Burden

[28]"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30, Ref. Isaiah 9:4, Psalm 2:3, 1 King 12:4)

See also

Metaphor Modeling Samples

The Shepherd

[1]The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. [2]He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, [3]he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4]Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. [5]You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [6]Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.(Psalm 23:1-6)

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)

#[K] [$] Hen and Chicks

[37]Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those send to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. [38]Look, your house is left to you desolate. [39]For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, `Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.`" (Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35)

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#[K] [$] The True Vine

"[1]I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. [2]He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3]You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4]Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

[5]I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. [6]If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7]If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8]This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

[9]As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. [10]If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. [11]I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12]My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13]Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command. [15]I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything I have made known to you. [16]You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. [17]This is my command: Love each other.(John 15:1-17)

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The Grafted Branches

[16]if the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

[17]If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, [18]do not boast over the branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. [19]You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." [20]Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. [21]For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

[22]Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in His kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. [23]And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. [24]After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree. (Romans 11:16-24)

Tree with Fruit

[8]"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance ...[9]The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."(Luke 3:8-9)

"I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds." (Acts 26:20)

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22But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Wheat and Chafff

His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Luke 3:17)

Heavens and Earth

8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9As
the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts
than your thoughts. 10As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it
without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and
bread for the eater, 11so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:8-11)

The Armor of God

10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that
you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and
blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of
God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you
have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your
waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness
that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with
which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation
and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:10-17)

Some Metaphors Used by the Lord Jesus Chirst

To help you practice using MindFrame as a tool in your Bible study, try analyzing the following metaphors.

Salt (Matthew 5:13)

Light (Matthew 5:14-16)

Treasures in Heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)

The eye is the lamp of the body (Matthew 6:33-23)

The narrow and wide gate (Matthew 7:13)

A tree and its fruit (Matthew 7:15-20)

The wise and foolish builder (Matthew 7:24-27)

The guests and the bridegroom (Matthew 7:15)

The patch on an old garment (Matthew 7:16)

New wine into old wineskins (Matthew 7:17)

The harvest and the workers (Matthew 9:37-38)

The yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 16:4)

#[K] [$] Types and Anti-types

There are several meanings associated with the the Greek word *tupos* used in the New Testament, such as figure, pattern, example, ensample, etc. In the bible, the Old Testament contains many "types". A type is a representation of something to come, an event in the Old Testament that foreshadows another in the New Testament. The counterpart of a type is an "anti-type" in the New Testament. Therefore an "anti-type" is foreshadowed by or identified with an earlier symbol or type in the Old Testament.

See also

Bible Types/Anti-types Samples

Type	Anti-type
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. (Hebrews 11:29) [1]For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. [2]They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. (1 Corinthians 10:1-2)	Jesus said, [49]" I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! [50]But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed. (Luke 12:49-50) "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandles I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Matthew 3:11) [13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. [14]But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15]Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us ti do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. [16]As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. [17]And a voice from heaven said, "This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:13-17) [38]Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. [39]The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

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	1What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2By no means! we died to sin; how can we live it any longer? 3Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:1-4)
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: "...`... 33Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the desert. 34For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you exlored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you` 35I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this desert; here they will die." (Numbers 14:33-35) 1For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2There were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3They all ate the same spiritual food 4and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Chirst. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. (1 Corinthians 10:1-5)	1Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone, but one every word that comes fromthe mouth of God.`" 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down, For it is written: "`He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.`" 7Jesus answered him, "It is also written: `Do not put the Lord your God to the test.`" 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: `Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.`" 11Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (Matthew 1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 3:1-13) 36He (Moses) led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert. (Acts 7:36) 17The God of the people of Israel chose our fathers; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt, with mighty power he led them out of that country, 18he endured their conduct for about forty years in the desert, 19he overthrew seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to his people as their inheritance. All this took about 450 years. (Acts 13:17-19)

1While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, 2who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. ... And the Lord's anger burned against them. (Numbers 25:1-9)	8We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them were; as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. (1 Corinthians 10:8)
(Eastern tribes return home...) 1Then Joshua summoned the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh 2and said to them, "You have done all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and you have obeyed me in everything I commanded. 3For a long time now—to this very day—you have not deserted your brothers but have carried out the mission the Lord your God gave you. 4Now that the Lord your God has given your brothers rest as he promoised, return to your homes in the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan. 5But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul." (Joshua 22:1-5)	8For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. 11Let us, therefore, make every effort yo enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. 12For the workd of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it prnetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrew 4:8-13)
But the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17)	39"A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:39-40)
8The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live", 9So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (Numbers 21:8-9)	13"No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:13-15)
Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said," This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." (Exodus 24:8) As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. (Zechariah 9:11)	28"This is My blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:28-29)

5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats, 6 take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 The is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. (Exodus 12:5-11) 43 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover: "...46 It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. 47 The whole community of Israel must celebrate it...." 50 All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. 51 And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions. (Exodus 12:43-51)	On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" (Mark 14:12) But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. (John 19:34) 6 Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:6-8) 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God. Who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:18-21)

#[K] [$] Old Testament Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus Christ

Messianic prophecies are widely found in the books of the Old Testament that foretold the coming of a Messiah as the one and only Savior of the world, and later fulfilled in the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the God manifested in the flesh. We have only listed the verses found mainly in the four Gospels of the New Testament. There are many other similar verses pointed out by the apostles in their epistles to the churches (e.g. Romans, Hebrews, etc.). Try finding them and practice using MindFrame to construct object models for them.

See also

Messianic Prophecy Samples

Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)	The birth of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-21)
But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel. (Micah 5:2)	After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked... (Matthew 2:1)
Out of Egypt I called my son. (Hosea 11:1)	The escape to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they are no more. (Jeremiah 31:15)	When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill al the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. (Matthew 2:16)
He will be called a Nazarene ("despised") (Psalm 22:6; Isaiah 53:3; Isaiah 11:1)	and he went and returned to a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23; Luke 3)
[3]A voice of one calling in the desert, `Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. [4]Every valley should be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.[5]And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' (Isaiah 40:3-5)	In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: ... (Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:3; John 1:23)

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He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.." (Psalm 2:7) "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope." (Isaiah 42:1-4)	And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17) God's chosen servant (Matthew 12:15-21)
[1]Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom, for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—[2]the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:1-2)	[12]When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. [13]Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. (Matthew 4:12-13)
[1]The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, [2]to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Isaiah 61:1-2)	[16]He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. [17]The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: [C]"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, ..." [20]Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, [21]and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:16-21)
He took up our infirmities, and carried our diseases. (Isaiah 53:4)	Jesus heals many (Matthew 8:14-16)
I desire mercy, not sacrifice (Hosea 6:6)	[12]Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. [13]But go and learn what this means: `I desire mercy, not sacrifice.` For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:12-13) Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12:3-8)

A man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man's enemies will be the members of his own household. (Micah 7:6)	*34*Jesus said, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. *35*For I have come to turn `a man against ...` (Matthew 10:34-36)
I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. (Malachi 3:1)	Jesus said, "..Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: ... (Matthew 11:9-10; Mark 1:2)
Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. (Deuteronomy 29:4) "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (Isaiah 53:1) You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them. (Isaiah 6:9-10)	*11*Jesus replied, " The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. *12*Who ever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. *13*This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, ..." (Matthew 13:11-13; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; John 12:40);
I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world. (Psalm 78:2)	Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. (Matthew 13:34)
These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. (Isaiah 29:13)	Pharisees came to Jesus and asked, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" Jesus replied, " And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ..." (Matthew 15:1-9; Mark 7:6-7)
Say to the daughter of Zion, `See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of donkey.` (Zechariah 9:9)	Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." *4*This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: *5*"Say to the daughter of Zion, ..." (Matthew 21:2-5; John 12:15)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Psalm 118:26)	[6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. [8]A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ... (Matthew 21:6-9; Mark 11:9; Luke 19:38; John 12:13))
`My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations`(Isaiah 56:7), but you are making it a `den of robbers.` (Jeremiah 7:11)	[12]Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. [13]"It is written," he said to them "`My house will be called a house of prayer`, ... (Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46)
"Zeal for your house will consume me." (Psalm 69:9)	(Jesus clears the Temple...) [16]To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" [17]His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." (John 2:16-17)
`From the lips of the children and infants you have ordained praise` (Psalm 8:2)	[14]The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. [15]But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. [16]"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, `From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise`?" (Matthew 21:14-16)
They will all be taught by God. (Isaiah 54:13)	[44]"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. [45]It is written in the Prophets: `They will all be taught by God.` Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. [46]No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. (John 6:44-46)

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)	*42*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: `The stone the builders ...`? *43*Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. *44*He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed" (Matthew 21:42-44; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17)
The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." (Psalm 110:1)	*35*While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David? *36*David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "`The Lord said to my Lord: ..." *David calls him `Lord.` How then can he be his son?"* (Mark 12:35-36; Luke 20:41-*44*)
He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9)	(Jesus predicts His betrayal...) I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: `He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.` (John 12:18)
They hated me without reason. (Psalm 35:19; 69:4)	*23*He who hates me, hates my Father as well. *24*If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. *25*But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: `They hated me without reason.` (John 15:23-25)
I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. (Zechariah 13:7)	*31*Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the ...` *32*But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." (Matthew 26:31-32; Mark 14:27)

They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me. (Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13, 32:6-9)	[14]Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests [15]and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you? So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. (Matthew 26:14-15) [6]The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." [7]So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. [8]That is why it has been called Field of Blood to this day. [9]Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins ..." (Matthew 27:6-10)
He was numbered with the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12) He was counted with the lawless one. (Isaiah 53:12)	(After the last supper...) [36]He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it , and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. [37]It is written: `And he was numbered with the transgressors`; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment" (Luke 22:36-37) [27]They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left, [28]and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the ..." (Mark 15:27-28)
They will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us! (Hosea 10:8)	(on His way to be crucified...) [28]Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. [29]For the time will come when you will say, Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed! [30]Then "`They will say to the mountains, ..." [31]For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (Luke 23:28-31) (Fulfilled in A.D. 70 when Romans destroyed Jerusalem)
[16]Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. [17]I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. [18]They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. (Psalm 22:16-18)	When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:24)

Not one of his bones will be broken. (Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20) They will look on the one they have pierced. (Zechariah 12:10)	[31]Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. [32]The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. [33]But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34]Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. [35]The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. [36]These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," [37]and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." (John 19:31:37)
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22:1)	[45]From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. [46]About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:45-46; Mark 15:33-34)
The Lord said to the serpent, "...And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15) [8]The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." [9]So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (Numbers 21:8-9) The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. (Deuteronomy 18:15) The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14) For onto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)	(After Jesus was resurrected, He appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus...) [25]He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! [26]Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" [27]And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. (Luke 24:25-27)

[10]See, the sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. [11]He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:10-11) ...[5]But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our inequities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. [6]We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ...(Isaiah 53) [23]I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. [24]I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken. (Ezekiel 34:23-24) seventy `sevens` are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in ever-lasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. (Daniel 9:24) You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago. (Micah 7:20) "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. (Malachi 3:1)	

...[7] I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. [8]Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. [9]You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.. .[12]..Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 2)

...[8]I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. [9] Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, [10]because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. [11]You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16)

[1]My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? [2]O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. ...[6]But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. [7]All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: [8]"He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him, since he delights in him." ...[14]I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. [15]My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.[16]Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. [17]I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. [18]They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. ...[22]I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. [23]You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ... (Psalm 22)

... [7]For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face. [8]I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons; [9]for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me. ... [19]You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; and my enemies are before you. [20]Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none. [21]They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. ...(Psalm 69)

(Later Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem ...) [36]While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [37]They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. [38]He said to them, "Why are you troubled , and why do doubts rise in your mind? [39]Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." [40]When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. [41]And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" [42]They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43]and he took it and ate it in their presence. [44]He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Luke 24:36-44)

[1]Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. [2]He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. [3]The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. [4]He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor. [5]He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. [6]He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. [7]In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. ... [12]For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. [13]He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. [14]He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. ... [17]May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed. ...(Psalm 72)

[1]The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." [2]The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies. [3]Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth. [4]The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." [5]The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. [6]He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. [7]He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head. (Psalm 110)

[17]I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. [18]The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has given me over to death. [19]Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. [20]This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. [21]I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. [22]The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; [23]the Lord has done this, and its is marvelous in out eyes. [24]This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. [25]O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. [25]Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. ... (Psalm 118)

Christ would suffer... (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53) ...and rise from the dead on the third day, ...(Psalm 16:9-11; Isaiah 53:10-11) ... and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations ... (Isaiah 49:6)	45Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46He told them "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (Luke 24:36-53)
"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. (Joel 2:28-30)	(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit...) 15Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—17the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14:15-17) (Jesus taken up into heaven...) After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them, hs gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 6So when they met together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7Jesus said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. (Acts 1:3-9)

	(The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost...) 1When the Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. .... (Acts 2)

#K $ End-Time Prophecies

There are many prophecies deal with the end of the world and the new order to be established by our Lord God. These prophecies are found in both the Old and the New Testaments which foretold the sequence of events to come at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to raise the chosen, to judge the world, to destroy the heavens and earth, to create new heavens and a new earth, and to reveal the glory of the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. We list a few for your reference.

Signs of the end of the age: In the Gospels according to Matthew and Mark, the Lord Jesus Christ answered His disciples' question of the sign of His return and the end of age. In apostle Paul's epistle to Timothy, Paul also wrote about Godlessness in the last days.

The day and hour unknown: When Jesus answered the question of His return and the end of age, He also stressed that no one knows about the day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Other verses in the New Testament also prophesied that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

The great tribulation: In the book of Revelation in the New Testament, the last book of the Bible, apostle John recorded the revelation of Jesus Christ. Among the many end-time prophecies recorded in the book of Revelation, it is revealed that a great tribulation will come prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

The day of the Lord: Many verses in the New Testament prophesied that Jesus Christ will return at the end of the world to raise His chosen people to eternal life. (1 Th. 4:13)

The dead and the living are judged: In the book of Revelation, it also recorded how people will be judged according to what they had done. Other verses in the Bible also prophesied about the judgment day. (Psalm 22; Romans 14:9,

New heavens and a new earth: Many verses in the Bible also prophesied the destruction of the existing heavens and earth, and the creation of new heavens and a new earth, the home of righteousness. (Psalm 69;

New Jerusalem: In the book of Revelation and other verses in the Bible, it is prophesied that God will live with men in the Holy City, the new Jerusalem.

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#[K] [$] Signs of the End of the Age

1. He will confirm a covenant with many for one `seven.` In the middle of the `seven` he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.(Daniel 9:27)

2. His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. (Daniel 11:31)

3. From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1335 days (Daniel 12:11)

4. [37]Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those send to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. [38]Look, your house is left to you desolate. [39]For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, `Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.`" (Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35)

5. [4]Jesus said: "Watch out that no one deceives you. [5]For many will come in my name, claiming, `I am the Christ, and will deceive many. [6]You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happened, but the end is still to come. [7]Nations will rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. [8]All these are the beginning of birth pains. [9]Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. [10]At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, [11]and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. [12]Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, [13]but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. [14]And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. [15]So when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—[16]then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. [17]Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. [18]Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. [19]How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! [20]Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. [21]For then there will be great tribulation, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. [22]If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. [23]At that time if anyone says to you, `Look, there is the Christ! or, `There he is!` do not believe it. [24]For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. [25]See I have told you ahead of time.
   [26]So if anyone tells you, `There he is, out in the desert,` do not go out; or `Here he is, in the inner rooms,` do not believe it. [27]For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [28]Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.
   [29]Immediately after the tribulation of those days
   `the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the starts will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.`
   [30]At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on clouds of the sky, with power and

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great glory. 31And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his
elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.
32Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves
comes out, you know that summer is near. 33Even so, when you see all these things, you
know that it is near, right at the door. 34I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not
pass away until all these things have happened. 35Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will never pass away. (Matthew 24:4-35; Mark 13:5-31)

6. 1But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2People will be lovers of
themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents,
ungrateful, unholy, 3without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not
lovers of the good, 4treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of
God—5having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. (2
Timothy 3:1-5)

#[K] [$] The Day and Hour Unknown

1. Jesus said, 36"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42Therefore keep watch, because youo do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-36)

2. 6So when they met together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
   7Jesus said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ..." (Acts 1:6-7)

3. 1Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3)

4. But th day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. (2 Peter 3:10)

5. "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed." (Revelation 16:15)

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#[K] [$] The Great Tribulation

1. Jesus said, "...[15]So when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—[16]then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. [17]Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. [18]Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. [19]How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! [20]Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. [21]For then there will be great tribulation, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. [22]If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. [23]At that time if anyone says to you, `Look, there is the Christ! or, `There he is!` do not believe it. [24]For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. [25]See I have told you ahead of time.
   [26]So if anyone tells you, `There he is, out in the desert,` do not go out; or `Here he is, in the inner rooms,` do not believe it. [27]For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [28]Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.
   [29]Immediately after the tribulation of those days
   `the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the starts will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.` ... (Matthew 24:15-29' Mark 13:14-27)

2. [21]They (i.e., Paul and Barnabas) preached the good news in that city (i.e. Derbe) and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, [22]strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through much tribulation to enter the kingdom of God," they said. (Acts 14:21-22)

3. [9]After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. [10]And they cried out in a loud voice:
   "Salvation belongs to out God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." [11]All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshped God, [12]saying:
   "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"
   [13]Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"
   [14]I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "There are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9-14)

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#[K] [$] The Day of the Lord

1. [29]Immediately after the tribulation of those days
   `the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the starts will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.`
   [30]At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. [31]And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27

2. [31]Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
   [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, `Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, [36]I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.
   [37]Then the righteous will answer him, `Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? [38]When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? [39]When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?`
   [40]The King will reply, `I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.`
   [41]Then he will say to those on his left, `Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did no look after me.`
   [44]They also will answer, `Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?`
   [45]He will reply, `I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.`
   [46]Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)

3. [9]After He said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
   [10]They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly tow men dressed in white stood beside them. [11]"Man of Galilee," they said, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

4. [13]Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. [14]We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we

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believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)

5. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. (2 Peter 3:10)

6. "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed." (Revelation 16:15)

#[K][$] The Dead and the Living are Judged

1. [19]Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he
sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. [20]For the
Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him
even greater things than these. [21]For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life to
whom he is pleased to give it. [22]Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all
judgment to the Son, [23]that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who
does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.
[24]I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life
and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. [25]I tell you the truth, a
time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and
those who hear will live. [26]For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to
have life in himself. [27]And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of
Man.
[28]Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear
his voice [29]and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have
done evil will rise to be condemned. [30]By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and
my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. (John 5:19-30)

2. (Paul preached in Athens...) [29]Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think
that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and
skill. [30]In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people
everywhere to repent. [31]For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the
man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."
(Acts 17:29-31)

3. [7]For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. [8]If we live, we
live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to
the Lord.
[9]For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the
dead and the living. [10]You, then, why do you judge your brother? or why do you look down
on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. [11]It is written:
"`As surely as I live,` says the Lord, `every knee will bow before me; every tongue will
confess to God.`"
[12]So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:7-12)

4. [6]Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we
are away from the Lord. [7]We live by faith, not by sight. [8]We are confident, I say, and would
prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9]So we make it our goal to
please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. [10]For we must all appear
before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things
done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

5. [1]In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in
view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: [2]Preach the Word; be
prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience
and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:1-2)

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6. 1Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude,
because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. 2As a result, he does not live the
rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. 3For you have
spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust,
drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. 4They think it strange that you do not
plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. 5But they
will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6For this is the
reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be
judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the
spirit. (1 Peter 4:1-6)

7. 11Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his
presence, and there was no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, great and small, standing
before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of
life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13The
sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in
them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14Then death and Hades
were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15If anyone's name was
not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15)

#[K] [$] New Heavens and a New Earth

1. [17]Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. [18]But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. [19]I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. [20]"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. [21]They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. [22]No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. [23]They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. [24]Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. [25]The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," Says the Lord. (Isaiah 65:17-25)

2. [10]But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. [11]Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives [12]as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. [13]But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. (2 Peter 3:10-13)

3. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. (Revelation 21:1)

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#[K] [$] New Jerusalem

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remembered, nor will they come to mind. [18]But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will
create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. [19]I will rejoice over
Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in
it no more. (Isaiah 65:17-19)

2. [1]The I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and first earth had passed
away, and there was no longer any sea. [2]I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. [3]And
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he
will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their
God. [4]He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning
or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. ...
[9]One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and
said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." [10]And he carried me
away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God. [11]It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was
like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. [12]It had a great, high wall
with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names
of the twelve tribes of Israel. [13]There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three
on the south and three on the west. [14]The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on
them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...
[22]I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its
temple. [23]The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God
gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. [24]The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of
the earth will bring their splendor into it.. [25]On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will
be no night there. [26]The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. [27]Nothing
impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only
those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 21)

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#K $ Parables Told by Jesus Christ in the Gospels

During the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, He told many short tales that uses earthly things as analogy to convey spiritual meaning to the hearer. Most of these parables dealt with the essential preaching of Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God (No. 2-8, 13-17, 19-22) the love of God (No. 9-11), and loving each other as Jesus Christ first loved us (1 John 4:19) (No. 13, 18, 23). While explaining the parable of the sower, Jesus said to His disciples, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "`though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.`" Therefore, to understand a parable, we must study under what circumstances a parable was told and how the Lord Jesus explained it. Also one must not ignore important features in a parable, yet not make all details mean something.

1. The sower (Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23; Mark 4:3-8; 14-20; Luke 8:5-8, 11-15)
2. The growing seed (Mark 4:26-29)
3. The weeds (Matthew 13:24-30; 37-43)
4. The mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19)
5. The yeast (Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-21)
6. The hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44)
7. The fine pearls (Matthew 13:45-46)
8. The net (Matthew 13:47-48; 49-50)
9. The lost sheep (Matthew 18:12-13; 10-11,14; Luke 15:4-7)
10. The lost coin (Luke 15:8-10)
11. The lost son (Luke 15:11-32)
12. The shrewd manager (Luke 16:1-14)
13. The unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:21-35)
14. The workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
15. The two sons (Matthew 21:28-31; 31-32)
16. The tenants (Matthew 21:33-40;42-44; Mark 12:1-11; Luke 20:9-16)
17. The wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24)
18. The good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-36)
19. The rich fool (Luke 12:16-20, 21-34)
20. The loyal servant (Luke 12:35-48)
21. The ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-12; 13)
22. The talents (Matthew 25:14-28; 29-30)
23. The sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46)
24. The fig tree in a vineyard (Luke 13:6-9)
25. The narrow door (Luke 13:24-30)
26. The persistent widow (Luke 18:2-8)
27. The Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:10-14)
28. The ten minas (Luke 19:12-27)

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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Sower

(Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23; Mark 4:3-8; 14-20; Luke 8:5-8, 11-15)

[3]Jesus said, "A farmer went out to sow his seed. [4]As he was scattering the seed, some fell along
the path, and the birds came and ate it up. [5]Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have
much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. [6]But when the sun came up, the
plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. [7]Other seed fell among
thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. [8]Still other seed fell on good soil, where it
produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. [9]He who has ears, let him
hear." (Matthew 13:3-9)

[18]Jesus said, "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: [19]When anyone hears the
message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away
what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. [20]The one who received the
seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.
[21]But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes
because of the word, he quickly falls away. [22]The one who received the seed that fell among the
thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth
choke it, making it unfruitful. [23]But the one received the seed that fell on good soil is the man
who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty
times what was sown." (Matthew 13:18-23)

Explanation:

The parable was recorded in verse 3 to 9, and the explanation Jesus gave to his disciples was recorded in verse 18-23. As depicted in the drawing, there is a direct correspondence between the characters in the parable and the ones in its spiritual meaning. The relationships among the characters also correspond with each other.

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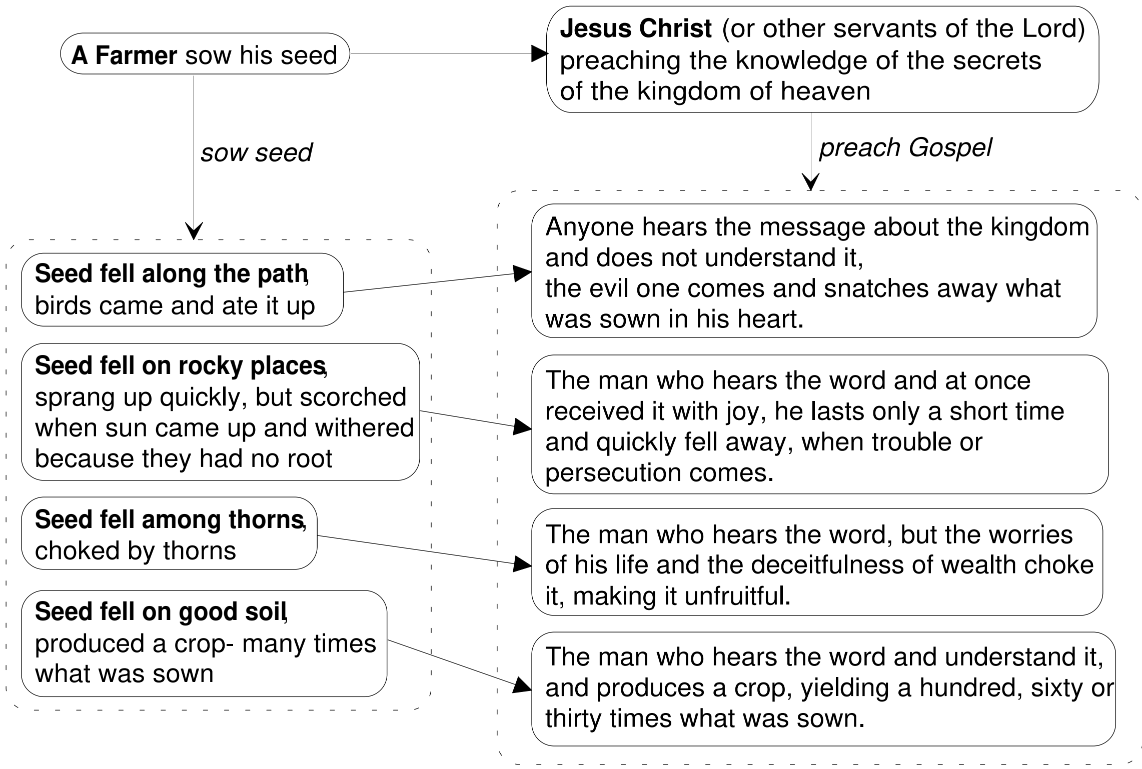
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The man who hears the word, but the worries of his life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.
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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Lost Sheep

(Matthew 18:12-13; 10-11,14; Luke 15:4-7)

10Jesus said, "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angles in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. 11The Son of Man came to save what was lost.
12What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? 13And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. 14In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost." (Matthew 18:10-14)

Explanation:

The body of the parableis is recorded in verse 12 and 13, and it can be understood with verse 10, 11 and 14. This parable is also recorded in Luke 15:4-7 under different circumstances, but its spiritual meaning is the same, that our Lord does not let any children to be lost (or any sinner not turn back in repentence). This parable shows the love of our Heavenly Father towards us, the sinners and the lost sheep of the world.

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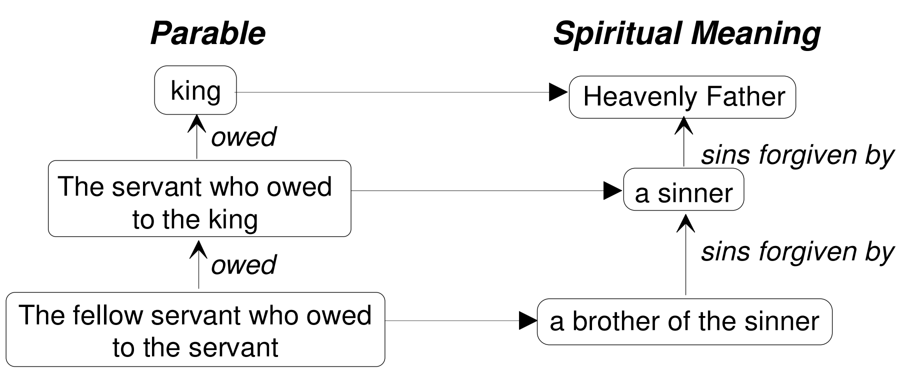
#[K] [$] The Parables of the Unmerciful Servant
(Matthew 18:21-35)

[21]Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brothers when
he sins against me? Up to seven times?"
[22]Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.
[23]Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his
servants. [24]As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought
to him. [25]Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children
and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
[26]The servent fell on his knees before him. `Be patient with me.` he begged, `and I will pay back
everything.` [27]The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
[28]But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred
denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. `Pay back what you owe me!` He demanded.
[29]His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, `Be patient with me, and I will pay you
back.`
[30]But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the
debt. [31]When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went
and told their master everything that had happened.
[32]Then the master called the servant in. `You wicked servant,` he said, `I canceled all that debt
of yours because you begged me to. [33]Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just
as I had no you?` [34]In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he
should pay back all he owed.
[35]This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from
your heart." (Matthew 18:21-35)

Explanation:
This parable shows how we should forgive the sins of others as God had forgave our sins, and love others as God had loved us. It can also be understood with a verse in the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)—"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors". The drawing depicts the characters as well as their relationships in the parable and in its spiritual meaning.



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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Good Samaritan
(Luke 10:25-37)

25 On one occasion and expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "What
must I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"
27 He answered: "`Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all
your strength and with all your mind`; and `Love you neighbor as yourself.`"
28 "You answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."
29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
30 In reply Jesus answered: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when hs fell into
the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half
dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he
passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed
by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he
saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and
wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of the him.
35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. `Look after him,` he
said, `and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.`
36 Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of
robbers?"
37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:25-37)

Explanation:
The parable was recorded in verse 30 to 36. To understand this parable, read the circumstance recorded in verse 25 to 29. The main character in the parable is the good Samaritan, from Samaria—a nation hostile to the Jews, helped a stranger in need. Similarly, we should love others as ourselves without considering their nationality, race, wealth, etc. We should follow the new command Jesus gave us, "Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12-13).

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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Rich Fool

(Luke 12:16-20, 21-34)

[13]Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
[14]Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" [15]Then he said to
them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in
the abundance of his possessions."
[16]And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. [17]He
thought to himself, `What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.`
[18]Then he said, `This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I
will store all my grain and my goods. [19]And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things
laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."`
[20]But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who
will get what you have prepared for yourself?`
[21]This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."
[22]Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do no worry about your life, what you will
eat; or about your body, what you will wear. [23]Life is more than food, and body more than
clothes. [24]Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet
God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! [25]Who of you by worrying
can add a single hour to his life? [26]Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry
about the rest?
[27]Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all
his splendor was dressed like one of these. [28]If that is how God clothes the grass of the field,
which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you. O
you of little faith! [29]And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it.
[30]For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.
[31]But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.
[32]Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. [33]Sell
your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a
treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
[34]For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Luke 12:13-34)

Explanation:

The body of the parable is from verse 16 to 20, and the other verses record the circumstances and the explanation Jesus gave to His disciples. The spiritual meaning is that we should not pursue after the worldly riches, rather we should sell our possessions and give to the poor in order to store up treasure in the Kingdom of heaven.

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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Ten Virgins
(Matthew 25:1-12; 13)

1Jesus said, "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3The foolish
ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4The wise, however, took oil in jars
along with their lamps. 5The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy
and fell asleep.
6At midnight the cry rang out: `Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!`
7Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise, `Give
us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.`
9"`No,` they replied, `there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell
oil and buy some for yourselves.`
10But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were
ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11Later the others also came. `Sir! Sir! they said. `Open the door for us!`
12But he replied, `I tell you the truth, I don't know you.`
13Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Matthew 25:1-13)

Explanation:
This parable was part of Jesus' answer to his disciples' question about the signs of His return and the end of age. This parable followed Jesus' revelation that since the end of age will come on a unknown day and hour, the servants of the Lord (the believers) should keep watch and remain faithful. It deals with the kingdom of heaven and how one should be constantly prepared to welcome its arrival, just as did the five wise virgins (i.e., bridesmaids, representing the believers who have been purified from their sins through the blood of Jesus Christ) that are allowed into the wedding banquet. The wedding banquet can be understood with a verse in the book of Revelation, "blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" (Revelation 19:9). On the day of the return of Jesus Christ, the elect will be raised to eternal life in the kingdom of God, which is symbolically revealed as the wedding banquet of the Lamb (the Lord Jesus Christ) with the bride (i.e. the true church—Ephesians 5:32), and those who are invited (the virgins) are the people raised to eternal life.

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#[K][$] The Parables of the Talents

(Matthew 25:14-28; 29-30)

[14]Jesus said, "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and
entrusted his property to them. [15]To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents,
and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. [16]The man
who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.
[17]So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. [18]But the man who had received the
one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
[19]After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. [20]The
man who had received the five talents brought the other five. `Master,` he said, `you entrusted
me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.`
[21]His master replied, `Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!`
[22]The man with the two talents also came. `Master,` he said, `you entrusted me with two talents;
see, I have gained two more.`
[23]His master replied, `Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!`
[24]Then the man who had received the one talent came. `Master,` he said, `I knew that you are a
hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered
seed. [25]So I was afraid and went out and his your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs
to you.`
[26]His master replied, `You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not
sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? [27]Well then, you should have put my money
on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.`
[28]`Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. [29]For everyone who
has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he
has will be taken from him. [30]And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.` (Matthew 25:14-30)

Explanation:

This parable follows the parable of the ten virgins in the answer Jesus gave to disciples about the signs of the end of ages. It teaches us that as believers, even we don't know the date and hour of the end of age, we should keep watch and be prepared for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The believers with more talents—spiritual gifts (e.g., message of wisdom, faith, healing, and prophecy) should offer more service to the church (see 1 Corinthians 12:1-11) and their reward will be great.

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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Sheep and the Goats

(Matthew 25:31-46)

31 Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on
his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the
sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
34 Then the King will say to those on his right, `Come you who are blessed by my Father; take
your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was
hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I
was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you
looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.
37 Then the righteous will answer him, `Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty
and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or
needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?`
40 The King will reply, `I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers
of mine, you did for me.`
41 Then he will say to those on his left, `Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I
needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did no look after me.`
44 They also will answer, `Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing
clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?`
45 He will reply, `I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did
not do for me.`
46 Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew
25:31-46)

Explanation:

This parable follows the parable of the talents in the answer Jesus gave to disciples about the signs of the end of ages. The spiritual meaning deals with the final judgment of the living and the dead, and should be understood as such. The sheep are ones to be allowed into the kingdom of heaven, and the goats are the ones to be rejected.

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#[K] [$] The Parables of the Narrow Door
(Luke 13:22-30)

22Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.
23Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"
He said to them, 24"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you,
will try to enter and will not be able to. 25Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the
door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, `Sir, open the door for us.`
But he will answer, `I don't know you or where you come from.`
26Then you will say, `We ate and drank with you, and taught in our streets.`
27But he will reply, `I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!`
28There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. 29People will come
from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of
God. 30Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last." (Luke
13:22-30)

Explanation:
This parable deals with the kingdom of God (i.e., kingdom of heaven). This parable should be understood with verses in the Gospel according to Matthew 7:13-14:
"Jesus said, `Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few finds it`".

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