

Seven parables of Matthew 13 and their significance for churches in the “Inter-Advent Kingdom.”
The literary structure is reflected by the indented shape and by changes in color.

Mt 13.3b-35 *Jesus speaks parables to the crowds and religious leaders by the sea.*

Sower and the Soils

Mt 13.1-9; cf. explanation in 18-23

cf. Mk 4.3-9, 13-20; Lk 8.5-15;
and the “Growing Seed” in Mk 4.26-29

The **Productive** Nature of the Kingdom—

It requires believers to have responsive hearts to God’s Word.

Tares among the Wheat

Mt 13.24-30; cf. explanation in 36-43

The **Permissive** Nature of the Kingdom—

It requires *true* believers to recognize the counterfeit nature of much of the church’s *visible* membership.

Mustard Seed and the Tree

Mt 13.31-32

cf. Mk 4.30-32; Lk 13.18-19

The **Progressive** Nature of the Kingdom—

It requires believers to accept small beginnings before large results.

Leaven and the Meal

Mt 13.33

cf. Lk 13.20-21

Mt 13.36-52 *Jesus explains and speaks parables to the disciples in their house.*

Jesus *explains* the Tares among the Wheat
Mt 13.36-43

(see above, “Permissive Nature”)

The Hidden Treasure

Mt 13.44

The **Priceless** Nature of the Kingdom—

It requires believers to value the kingdom as worth a total dedication of their lives.

The Pearl of Great Price

Mt 13.45-46

Bad Fish among the Good Fish

Mt 13.47-50

(see above, “Permissive Nature”)