



## The Sower

The parable of the Sower is one of three which proclaim God's Kingdom. Understanding this well known parable in light of the Kingdom will certainly shed new light on the subject of both this parable and the Gospels.

(Mat 13:3) And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

The view of this parable is that it covers the whole ground.

(Mat 13:3-9) And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; {4} And when he sowed, some



seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: {5} Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: {6} And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. {7} And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: {8} But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an

hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. {9} Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The "seed" was "the word of or concerning the Kingdom."

(Mat 13:19) When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

### The First Sowing:

The first sowing was "by" the wayside. From Matthew 13, verse four: "And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side,

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and the fowls came and devoured them up:”

This must have been the proclamation by John the Baptist.

(Mat 3:1-2) In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, {2} And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(Mark 1:3) The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

(Luke 3:2-3) Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. {3} And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

(John 1:6-7) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. {7} The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

(Mat 13:31-32) Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: {32} Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

John sowed this seed. This was by the “wayside” and here the birds of opposition from satan devoured the seeds.

(Mat 13:4) And when he sowed, some seeds fell by

the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

And...

(Mat 13:19) When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

The first sowing was done by John the Baptist.

## **The Second Sowing:**

The second sowing was by Christ himself, by the Twelve and by the Seventy.

Christ: (Mat 4:17) From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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The Twelve: (Mat 10:5, 7) These twelve Jesus sent forth, ... {7} And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The Seventy: (Luke 10:1, 9) {1} After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, ... {9} And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

This sowing was on the “stony ground” and was received “with joy.”

(Mat 13:20) But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon [immediately] with joy receiveth it;

This sowing was also unfruitful:

(Mark 4:16-17) And these are they likewise which are

sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; {17} And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

The second sowing was by Christ, the Twelve, and the Seventy.

## The Third Sowing:

(Mat 13:7) And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

This third sowing was by Peter, the Twelve and “by them that heard him.” It took place during the book of Acts time period.

This seed fell among the thorns. It is still happening today.

(Heb 2:3) How shall we

escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

These Jews in Acts who believed were all zealous for the Law:

(Acts 21:20) And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

And ...

(Gal 3:1) O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

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(Gal 4:9) But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

And ...

(Gal 5:1-4) Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. {2} Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. {3} For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. {4} Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

This sowing came to a crisis in Acts 28 when the kingdom was rejected yet again.

(Acts 28:23-29) And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. {24} And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. {25} And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, {26} Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: {27} For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have

they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. {28} Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. {29} And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

This third sowing was by Peter, the Twelve and “by them that heard him.” Since this time, the proclamation of the Kingdom of God has been held in abeyance.

## **The Fourth Sowing:**

The fourth sowing will be the final proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom. It will happen immediately preceding and during the Tribulation period.

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(Mat 13:8) But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

(Mat 13:23) But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word [of the Kingdom], and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

And ...

(Mat 24:14) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Romans teaches us that blindness has happened to Israel, but only in part.

(Rom 11:25) For I would

not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

This blindness will be lifted once the fullness of the Gentiles are brought in.

(Isa 6:11) Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

This “how long” has yet to be seen. We know that this sowing will take place only during a short time, as did the other three sowings. It will be numbered by “days,” not longer.

(Dan 12:13) But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou

shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

And ...

(Mat 24:22) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.

And ...

(Luke 17:26) And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

When this fourth sowing is over, the end (telos – final-most point) will come.

(Mat 24:13-14) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. {14} And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations;

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and then shall the end come.

Jesus answered the disciples' question from verse three.

(Mat 24:3) And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The forth sowing is the final sowing. It will take place after the Christian masses have been gathered together and are with Christ.

This is the parable of the Sower and the Seed.

*Reference The Companion Bible.*

Much Love in Christ,

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