- Lesson 5. Parable of the Leaven (Matt 13:33, continued): Erroneous View: Leaven Represents the Holy Spirit & Advance of Christianity; Correct View: Human Good & Evil Spread through the World, 2 Tim 3:1, 13; the Restraining Ministry of the Holy Spirit, 2 Thess 2:1–12; Matt 13:33 Is a Type for Ecumenical Religion in Rev 17:1–6; Parable of the Hidden Treasure: Diaspora's Messianic Jews, Matt 13:44
 - 9. Scripture indicates that as the kingdom of heaven moves forward, the corruption of religion grows exponentially.
 - **2 Timothy 3:1** Realize this, that in the <u>last days</u> [the dispensations between the advents, i.e., the "kingdom of heaven"] difficult time will come.
 - v. 13 Evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.
 - 10. The exponential growth of religion is rampant in heathen areas of the world but nevertheless held in check by the Pivot of client nations.
 - 11. The invisible historical impact of the Pivot imposes a check on religion under the principle that Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot.
 - 12. The principle that imposes this control is the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit.
 - 13. There is a passage that documents this invisible problem-solving device deployed by the grace of God. Here is its corrected translation from:
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:1** Moreover, believers, with reference to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him [the resurrection of the Church at the Rapture], we urgently request,
 - v. 2 that you not be easily shaken in mind or disturbed, neither by a personality [false teacher], nor by a policy [false doctrine], nor by a forged epistle [false corrigendum] as if from us, alleging that the Tribulation is now present.
 - v. 3 Do not let anyone deceive you in any way since the Tribulation cannot come unless the rapture has come first, and then the man who is lawless [the Beast-Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire]—the one doomed to destruction—shall be revealed.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4 He [the Beast-Dictator] sets himself against the Lord and he exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship so that he is installed in the Temple of God proclaiming himself to be God.
- v. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still face-to-face with you I constantly taught you these doctrines?
- v. 6 And so now [in light of this review], you know the One Who restrains [the Holy Spirit] so that he [the Beast-Dictator] may be revealed in his own dispensation [the Tribulation].
- v. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already operational. Only He Who now restrains [the Holy Spirit indwelling believers] will continue that ministry of restraint until He [the Holy Spirit] is taken out of the way [at the Rapture].
- v. 8 At that time [following the Rapture], the lawless one [the Beast-Dictator] shall be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of His mouth, in fact, He will neutralize him by the appearance of His coming [Second Advent]).
- v. 9 The initial appearance of the <u>lawless one</u> [the Beast-Dictator] shall be according to the modus operandi of Satan with all power and by means of <u>miracles</u> [prestidigitation: visible sleight of hand], even <u>wonder miracles of the lie</u> [legerdemain: verbal slight of tongue],
- v. 10 and by means of <u>all deception</u> [all methods used by Satan to sell his lie] of wrongdoing to those who are being <u>led astray</u> [Scots, gang aft agley¹]: deprived, ruined, destroyed, because they have not received the love of the truth that they might be saved.
- v. 11 And so for this reason, God sends them the modus operandi of delusion and error so that they believe the lie

A lyric from, "To a Mouse," by Robert Burns who wrote in the Scottish dialect of England. It is translated, "often go awry."

- **2 Thessalonians 2:12** in order that they might be condemned because they have not believed the truth but because they have taken pleasure in unrighteousness.
- 14. The pertinent fact from this passage is that the Holy Spirit will restrain the advance of Globalism by means of restraining the unifying factor, which is religion.
- 15. When the restraint of the Holy Spirit is removed at the rapture, the rapidity of religion's spread throughout the world will be like the effect yeast has when introduced into a batch of meal.
- 16. And please note from Matthew 13:33 that it is a woman who introduces the leaven into the three measures of meal.
- 17. We also have a "woman" introduce the leaven of ecumenical religion into the global political arena in:
 - Revelation 17:1 Then one of the destroyer angels who held the seventh bowl judgment came and spoke to me [John], saying, "Come here! I will show you the judgment of the great whore [ecumenical religion] who dominates many peoples,
 - **v. 2** with whom the world rulers committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."
 - v. 3 The destroyer angel carried me away in the Holy Spirit to a place of desolation. There I saw a woman [personification of ecumenical religion] sitting on a scarlet beast [the Revived Roman Empire or political Rome] that was full of blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.
 - Revelation 17:4 Now the woman was clothed in purple [religious power] and scarlet [political power] and was glittering with gold, precious stones, and pearls [religion's opulent wealth]. She held a golden cup in her hand full of abominable things and the impurities of her fornications [phallic cult; idolatry; drug addiction; demonism; and human sacrifice].
 - **Revelation 17:5** Furthermore, on her forehead was written a label: MYSTERY BABYLON, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

- 18. Throughout history, beginning with Babel, religion has been Satan's ace in the hole whenever he wanted to promote the lie.
- 19. The woman in our parable of the leaven is religion. Leaven is the lie which, when introduced in the unrestrained environment of the Tribulation, will permeate the entire world's culture and society. Together they will control for a time world government.
- 20. The power of religion will be so intrusive it will seek to eliminate anyone who can be identified as members of the "kingdom of heaven."

Revelation 17:6 - Then I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony of Jesus. When I saw her I was shocked.

- 21. Conclusion: The parable of the leaven is our Lord's veiled prophecy of the infiltration of religion during the three dispensations of the "kingdom" and indicates that its lie will permeate the whole loaf following the rapture of the church.
- 22. Even though this infiltration is restrained during the Church Age, it remains a problem toward which the royal family must maintain constant vigilance.
- 23. The Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics and its curriculum of religion are in constant competition with the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics and its curriculum of biblical truth. Woe to those who cannot discern the difference!
- 24. The application to the Church Age is that those who claim to be Christian but are not will increase exponentially.
- 25. The theology of religion will be communicated by rhetorical veils that present the lie through visual prestidigitation and verbal legerdemain. It will conceal while it advances the satanic lie.
- 26. At this point the Lord withdraws from addressing the multitudes on the seashore and enters a home in Capernaum where he privately speaks with His apostles.

Matthew 13:34 - All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables and He did not speak to them without a parable,

- **Matthew 13:35** so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, (Psalm 78:2) "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world."
- v. 36 Then He left the multitudes and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."
- v. 37 And He answered and said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,
- **v. 38** and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;
- **v. 39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the dispensation; and the reapers are angels,
- **v. 40** "Therefore, just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the dispensation.
- **v. 41 -** "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,
- v. 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- **v. 43** "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

H. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure: Matthew 13:44.

- Matthew 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field."
- 1. The "kingdom of heaven" is again the unseen multitude of individuals who accept through divine didactics the message that Jesus Christ is the Messiah/Savior.
- 2. The "field" has already been identified by our Lord in verse 38 as "the world."

- 3. The "hidden treasure" is the nation Israel, disbursed throughout the world following the fifth cycle of discipline administered by Rome in August A.D. 70.
- 4. Throughout the Church Age and the Tribulation, Jews will respond to the Gospel, thus becoming citizens of the "kingdom of heaven."
- 5. In the Church Age, they become royal family, members of the universal church, and then removed from the earth at the Rapture.
- 6. In the Tribulation, Jews, who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior are delivered at the baptism of fire and become the population of the revived client nation Israel in the millennial reign of Christ.
- 7. In the ancient world, if someone found a treasure buried in a field, the treasure would belong to the owner of the field.
- 8. Therefore, upon finding a treasure buried, a person would cover it back up and begin negotiations to buy the field from its owner.
- 9. What has been discovered is the treasure of regenerate Israel, scattered throughout the devil's world.
- 10. Our Lord thus communicates a prophecy in parabolic form about His supreme sacrifice, which was required for Him to buy the field, the devil's world, and thereby own the treasure.
- 11. His sacrifice on the cross is where our Lord gave His life as sufficient payment to acquire ownership of the field.
- 12. Once the Lord gains ownership of the field, He is free to unearth the treasure hidden therein.
- 13. Until the Second Advent, the earth is the devil's world and therefore, regenerate Jews remain a part of the "mystery of the kingdom of heaven."
- 14. Believing Jews during the Church Age are bought at salvation and delivered at the rapture in resurrection bodies.
- 15. Believing Jews in the Tribulation are bought at salvation and delivered through the baptism of fire at the Second Advent.
- 16. Christ voluntarily made the sacrifice required to buy the field in which this treasure is buried—the doctrine of unlimited atonement.

- 17. His strategic victory on the cross insures the fact that the world will be His beginning with the Second Advent.
- 18. The Jewish Diaspora will be dispersed throughout the world during the mystery dispensation of the Church Age.
- 19. Our Lord welcomes Jewish believers into the "kingdom" as royal family during the Church Age but regathers them for the purpose of becoming citizens of client nation Israel at the Second Advent.
- 20. The purchase price for the "hidden treasure" is His work on the cross which He accomplished with great joy according to:

Hebrews 12:2a - Concentrating on Jesus [occupation with Christ], the Originator and Perfecter of our doctrine [author and finisher of our faith], Who because of His exhibited happiness [utilization of divine happiness as a problem solving device] He endured the cross [substitutionary spiritual death], disregarding the shame [of coming into contact with sin and judgment in His state of impeccability].

v. 2b - Then He sat down in the past with the result that He remains seated in the highest place of honor at the right hand of the throne of God.