

# Treasure Hunt

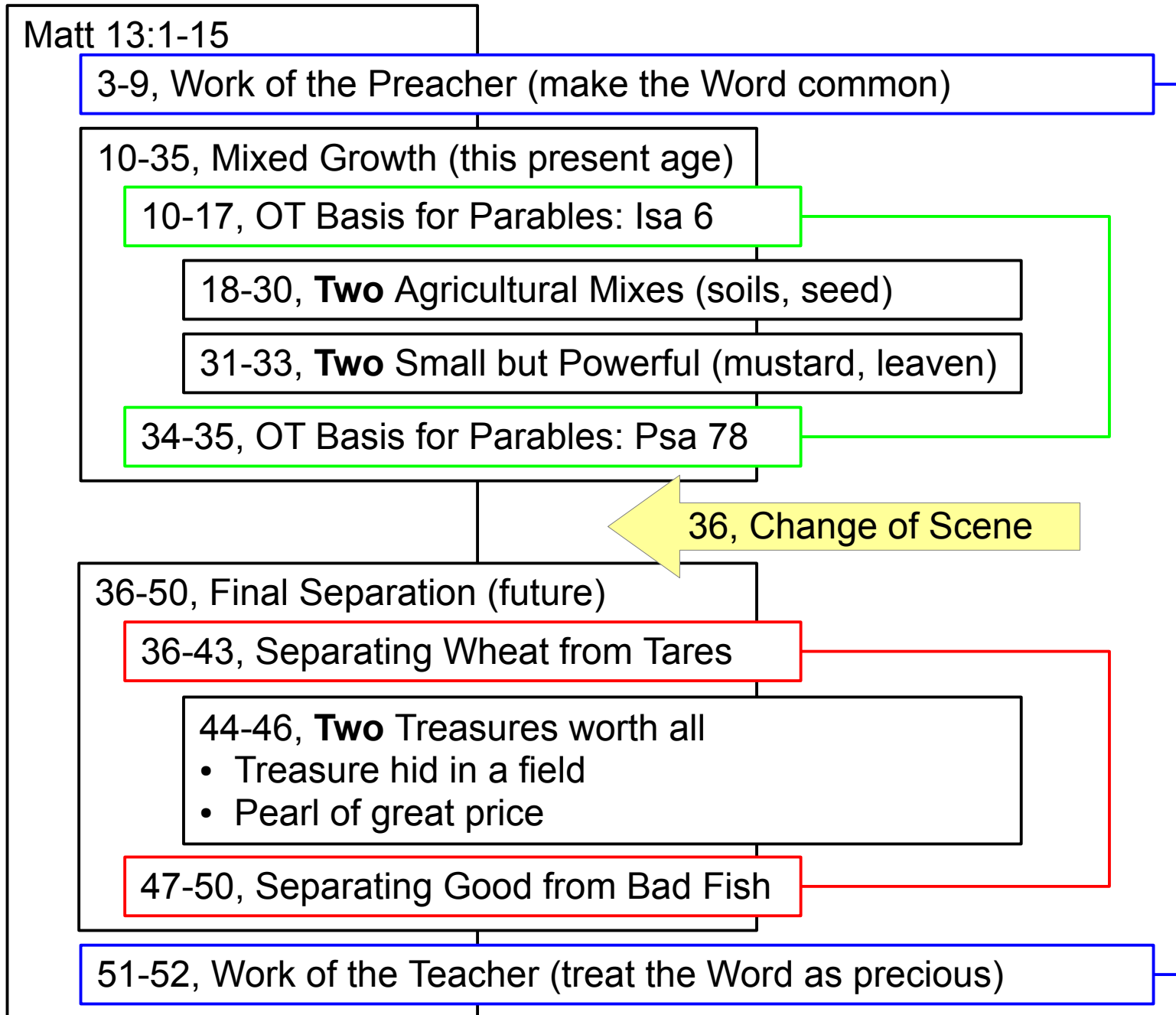
1. What do the first and the last parables have in common?
2. How does their emphasis differ?
3. How do they correspond with the Lord's two ministries in 11:1?  
With the two kinds of light in 5:14-16?
4. Do parables make the truth clearer or more obscure?
5. Why doesn't the Lord use parables before now?
6. How is sowing different from other kinds of planting?
7. In what three ways do the soils differ?
8. Is the farmer careless in his planting? Why or why not?

# Overview of Matthew 12-13

	Ch. 12	Ch. 13
Public Rejection	1-45, the Pharisees <b>reject the Lord</b>	1-52, the Lord <b>rejects unbelievers</b> (by hiding his teaching in parables)
Private Rejection	46-50, the Lord <b>rejects his family</b>	53-58, his home town <b>rejects the Lord</b>

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but **to them it is not given**. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

# Structure of Matt 13:1-52



# The Framing Parables

	11:1 (4:23; 9:35)	Matt 13	5:14-16	Josh 4	Eph 4:11
<b>Setting</b>	1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence ...	3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying,	14 Ye are the light of the world. ... 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.	23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, ...	
<b>Public</b>	... to <b>preach</b> in their cities.	3-8 Behold, a sower went forth to <b>sow</b> ; ...	A city that is set <b>on an hill</b> cannot be hid.	24 That <b>all the people of the earth</b> might know the hand of the LORD, that it <i>is</i> mighty:	Apostles ... Evangelists
<b>Private</b>	... to <b>teach</b> and ...	52 Therefore every <b>scribe which is instructed</b> unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man <i>that is</i> an householder, which bringeth forth out of his <b>treasure things</b> new and old.	15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto <b>all that are in the house</b> .	that <b>ye</b> might fear the LORD your God for ever.	Prophets ... Pastors and Teachers

# Parallel to חֵידָה “riddle, dark saying”      The Mystery of Parables

Psa 49:4 I will incline mine ear to a **parable**: I will open my **dark saying** upon the harp.

Psa 78:2 I will open my mouth in a **parable**: I will utter **dark sayings** of old:

Eze 17:2 Son of man, put forth a **riddle**, and speak a **parable** unto the house of Israel;

Ezekiel's reputation:

Eze 20:49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak **parables**?

Confused disciples:

Mar 4:10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve **asked of him the parable** [of the sower]

Mat 13:36 his disciples came unto him, saying, **Declare unto us the parable** of the tares of the field.

Mat 15:15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, **Declare unto us this parable** [about what defiles a man]

Mat 16:6-12 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread. 8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, ... 11 **How is it that ye do not understand** that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

# The Parable of the Sower

	4	5-6	7	8
Location	Beside the road	Stony places	Among thorns	Good ground
Threat	Birds	Sun	Thorns	(none)
Growth	(none)	Withered	Choked	Bear fruit



# Paths and Stony Places

Psa 72:16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:





# Thorns





# Rocks, Thorns, and Good Soil

