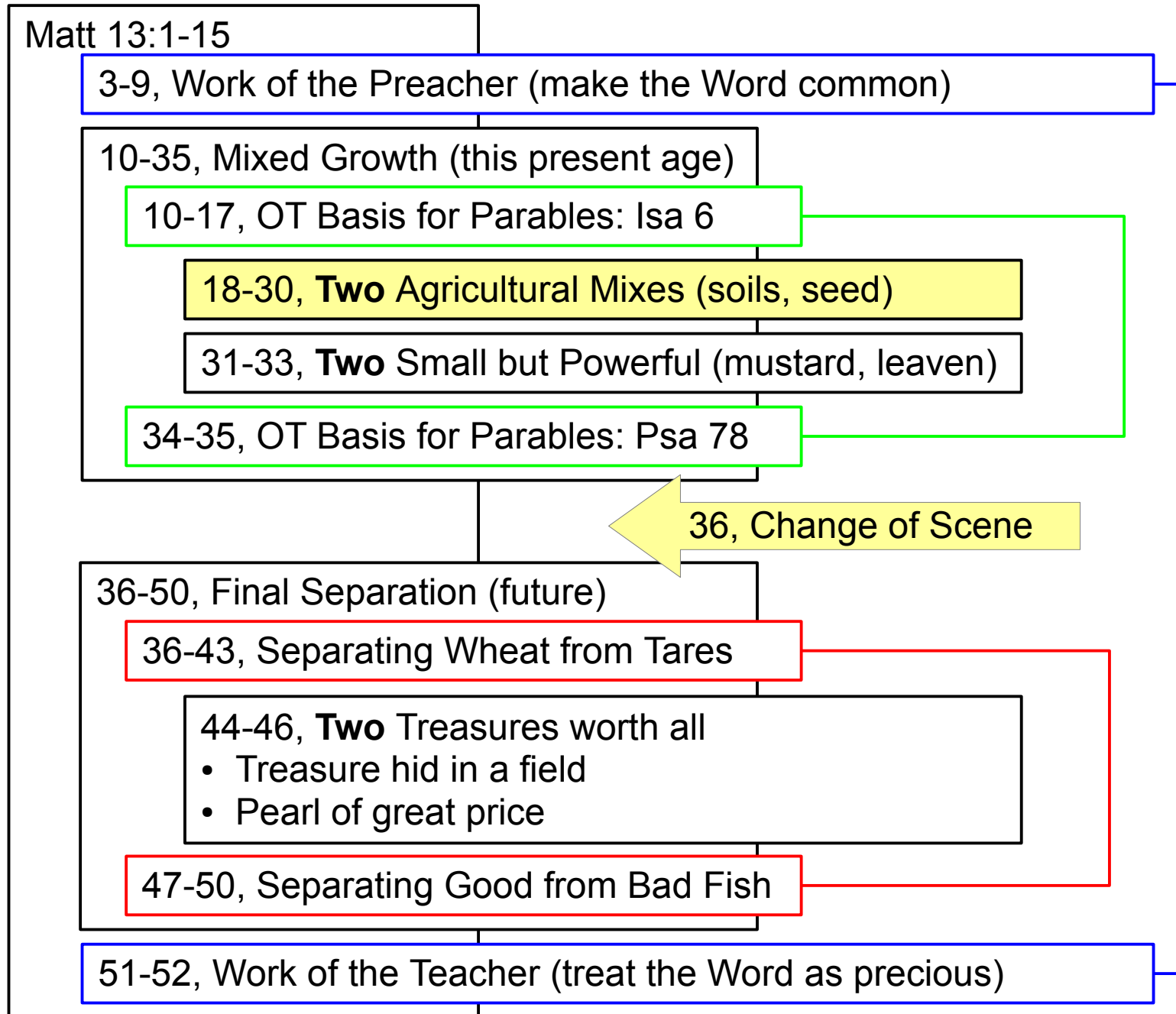# Treasure Hunt

1. What is the significance of each element in Deut 6:5 that we are to devote completely to the Lord our God?

2. How do these align with John's characterization of all that is in the world (1 John 2:16)?

3. How do both triplets align with the three unproductive soils?

4. What is the problem with tares?

5. What two explanations for the tares are considered, and which one is correct?

6. Why does the householder wait to deal with the tares?

7. What does the seed represent in the parable of the sower? In the parable of the tares? In the parable of the mustard seed?

8. What OT examples might the Lord have in mind in the parable of the mustard seed?

9. How does his parable contrast with those parables?

Structure of Matt 13:1-52

Matt 13:1-15

3-9, Work of the Preacher (make the Word common)

10-35, Mixed Growth (this present age)

10-17, OT Basis for Parables: Isa 6

18-30, **Two** Agricultural Mixes (soils, seed)

31-33, **Two** Small but Powerful (mustard, leaven)

34-35, OT Basis for Parables: Psa 78

36, Change of Scene

36-50, Final Separation (future)

36-43, Separating Wheat from Tares

44-46, **Two** Treasures worth all
- Treasure hid in a field
- Pearl of great price

47-50, Separating Good from Bad Fish

51-52, Work of the Teacher (treat the Word as precious)

Deut 6:5, God's Private Property

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God

- with all thine heart לבב, *often describes the locus of pride*

    Psa 101:5 him that hath an high look and a **proud heart** will not I suffer.

    Pro 16:5 Every one *that is* **proud in heart** *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

    Pro 21:4 An high look, and a **proud heart**, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.

    cf. "heart lifted up" (e.g., Ezek 28)

- and with all thy soul נפש, *note common meaning "physical life"*

    Gen 9:4, 5 But flesh with the **life** thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood of your **lives** will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the **life** of man.

- and with all thy might מאד. *not the usual Hebrew word for "might" (חיל); usually an adverb, meaning "exceedingly"*

    Appears twice in the Damascus Document (a pre-Christian Hebrew sectarian text found at Qumran) with the meaning of "property"

    Suggest: "all thine abundance"

The *Shema*, the World, and the Soils

| Deut 6:5	1 John 2:16	Matt 13:18-12
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with	All that is in the world	
All thine **heart**	Pride of life	Wayside: 19 that which was sown in his **heart**
All thy soul / **life**	Lust of the flesh	Stony: 21 offended by **tribulation** or **persecution**
All thy strength / **abundance**	Lust of the eyes	Thorns: 22 care of this **world**, deceitfulness of **riches**

Wheat and Tares

WHEAT: before it is fully ripe.

TARES: Lolium Temulentum

A grain of mustard seed

Brassicaceae
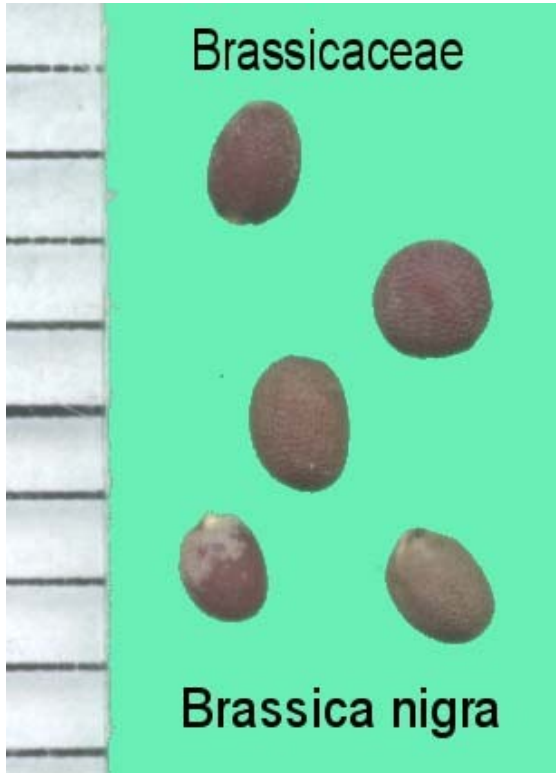
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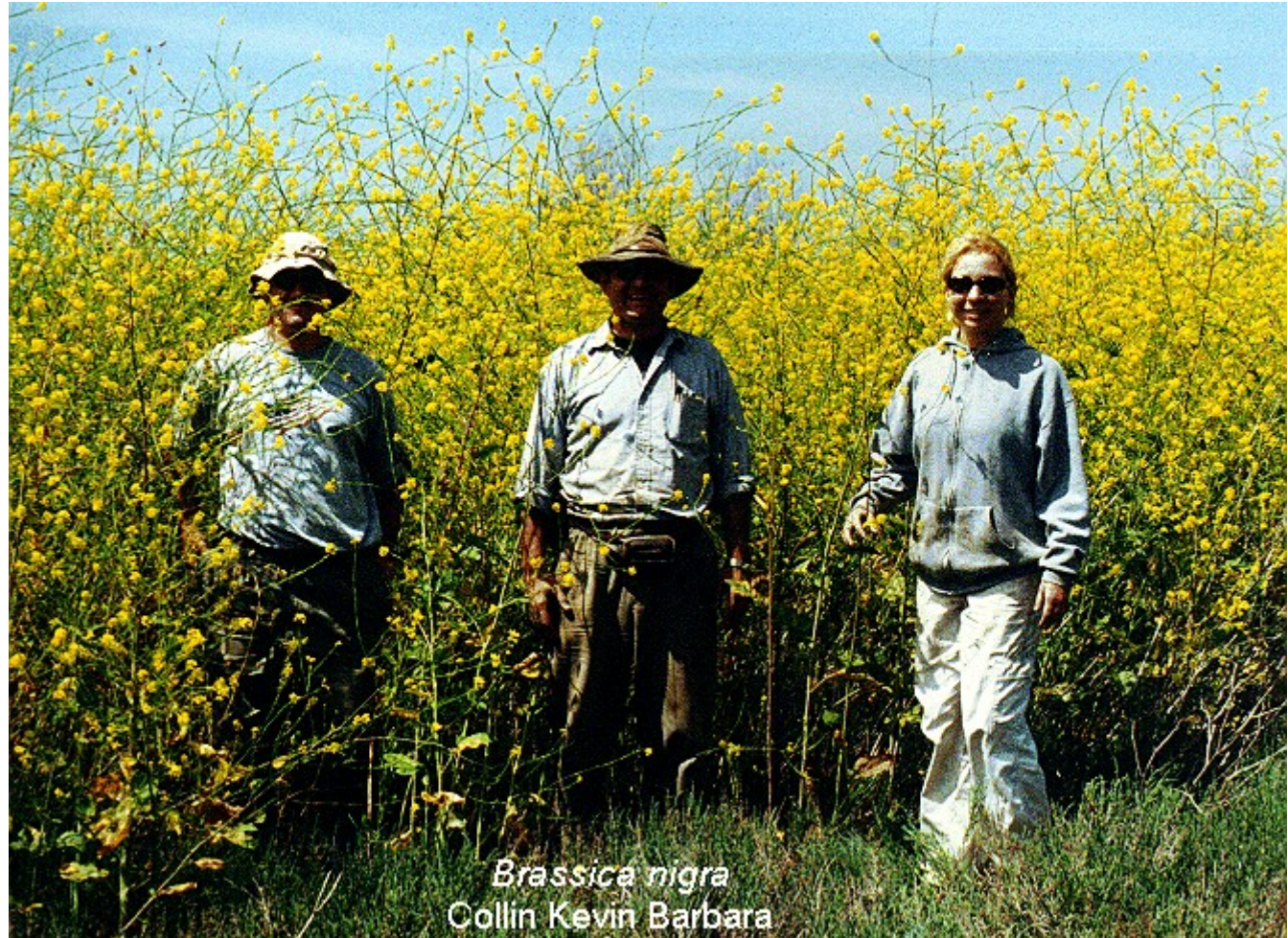
Kingdoms as Trees

[Israel:] Ezek 17:23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

[Assyria:] Ezek 31:3 Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon ... 6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

[Babylon:] Dan 4:20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; 21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: 22 It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

Dan 4:34 I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?