

# JST Matthew 13 Structure

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## ''Parables''

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### ISAIAH 6:9,10

- And he said, **Go**, and tell this people,
  - a Hear ye indeed,
  - b but they understood not;
- a and see ye indeed,
  - b but they perceived not.

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- a Make the heart of this people *fat*,
  - b and make their ears *heavy*,
  - c and *shut* their eyes;
  - c lest they *see* with their eyes,
  - b and *hear* with their ears,
  - a and *understand* with their heart,
  - a,b,c and *convert*,
  - a,b,c and *be healed*.

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## Parable =

- **Latin:** *parabola* or parabola ( $y = x^2$ ) [i.e. shape of chiasmus]
- **Greek:** παραβολε (*parabole*) = "to throw along" [i.e. parallel]

**I** v1 And it came to pass *the same day*

**II** went Jesus *out of* the house,

- a and sat by the sea side.
- b v2 And great multitudes
- c were *gathered* together
- d *unto him*,

**III**

- d so that *he*
- c went into a ship, and sat;
- b and the whole multitude
- a stood on the shore.

**IV** **A** v3 And *he spake many things* unto them in parables, saying,

- B**
- Behold, a <sup>1</sup>sower
  - went forth to <sup>2</sup>sow;
  - v4 And when he <sup>3</sup>sowed,

- a some seeds
- b fell by the way side,
- c and the fowls came
- d and *devoured* them up:
- a v5 Some
- b fell upon stony places,
- b where they had *not much earth*:
- c and forthwith they sprung up;
- c and when the sun was up,
- d they were *scorched*,
- b because they had *no deepness of earth*;
- b and because they had *no root*,
- d they *withered* away.
- a v6 And some
- b fell among thorns;
- c and the thorns sprung up,
- d and *choked* them:
- a v7 But *other*
- b fell into good ground,
- c and *brought forth fruit*,
- d some an *hundredfold*,
- d some *sixtyfold*,
- d some *thirtyfold*.

## KEY

### WORD/PHRASE SET MATCHES:

- ! Double Und. = identical, rare
- ! Underlined = word-for-word
- ! Und. Ital. = synonymous
- ! *Italics* = similar
- ! **Bold / CAPS** = emphasis
- ! [brackets] = editorial additions

- C a Who hath ears  
 b to hear.  
 a let him  
 b hear.

[Substructure  $\alpha$ ]

[Structure  $\beta$ ]

- a v8 Then the disciples came and said unto him,  
 b Why speakest thou unto them in parables?  
 a v9 He answered and said unto them,
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- Because
  - a it is given
  - b unto you
  - c to know
  - c the *mysteries of the kingdom of heaven*,
  - b but to them
  - a it is not given.
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- a v10 For whosoever hath,  
 b to him shall be given,  
 c and he shall have *more abundance*;  
 a v11 But whosoever continueth not to receive,  
 b from him shall be taken away  
 c *even that he hath*.

b v12 Therefore speak I to them in parables;

- a because they, seeing,  
 b see not;  
 a and hearing,  
 b they hear not,  
 b neither do they understand.

- a v13 And in them is fulfilled  
 b the prophecy of Esaias  
 a concerning them,  
 a which saith,

- a By hearing  
 b ye shall hear  
 c and shall not understand;  
 a and seeing  
 b ye shall see  
 c and shall not perceive.

[Quoting Isaiah 6:9,10. See also verses 8,11,12;  
 Also JST-John 1:5,11; Isa. 42:6,18,23; D&C 6:21;  
 11:29; 34:2; 45:7,8,29,36; 39:2,3 = 133:66,67: "a  
 light that shineth in darkness and the darkness  
 comprehendeth it not"]

- [same text as in left hand column]  
 a v8 Then the disciples came and said unto him, Why  
 speakest thou unto them in parables? v9 He  
 answered and said unto them,  
 b-1a Because it is given unto you  
 b-1b to *know the mysteries* of the kingdom of  
 heaven,  
 b-2a but to them  
 b-2b it is not given. [JST-Mark 9:44,45; JST-Luke  
 16:18; 2 Ne. 28:30; Alma 12:10; 3 Ne. 26:9,10]  
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 b-1b and he shall have *more abundance*;  
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D

- a-1 because they, seeing,  
 a-2 see not;  
 b-1 and hearing,  
 b-2 they hear not,  
 b-3 neither do they understand.  
 c-1 v13 And in them is fulfilled  
 c-2 the *prophecy* of Esaias  
 c-1 concerning them,  
 c-2 which saith,  
 b-1 By hearing  
 b-2 ye shall hear  
 b-3 and shall not understand;  
 a-1 and seeing  
 a-2 ye shall see and shall not perceive.

E

- a-1 v14 For this people's heart  
 a-2 is waxed gross,  
 b-1 and their ears  
 b-2 are dull of hearing,  
 c-1 and their eyes  
 c-2 they have closed,  
 lest at any time  
 c-2 they should see  
 c-1 with their eyes  
 b-2 and hear  
 b-1 with their ears,  
 a-2 and should understand  
 a-1 with their heart,  
 a,b,c and should be converted,  
 a,b,c and I should heal them.

D

[Structure α]

- a v15 But blessed  
 b are your eyes,  
 c for they see;  
 b and your ears,  
 c for they hear.  
 a And blessed  
 b are you because these things are come unto you,  
 c that you might understand them.

v16 And verily, I say unto you,  
 many righteous prophets have desired

- a to see  
 b these days which ye see,  
 c and have not seen them;  
 a and to hear  
 b that which ye hear,  
 c and have not heard them.

- ℳ-1 v17 Hear ye therefore the parable  
 ℳ-2 of the sower.  
 ℳ-3 v18 When  
 ℳ-4 any one  
 ℳ-5 heareth the word of the kingdom, and  
understandeth it not,  
 ℳ-6 then cometh the wicked one,  
 ℳ-7 and catcheth away that which was sown in  
 his heart;  
 ℳ-8 this is he which received seed by the way  
side.  
 ℳ-9 v19 But he that received the seed into stony  
places,  
 ℳ-10 the same is he that heareth the word,  
 ℳ-11 and readily with joy  
 ℳ-12 receiveth it;  
 ℳ-13 yet hath he not  
 ℳ-14 root in himself, and dureth but for a  
 while; for when tribulation or  
 persecution ariseth because of the word,  
 by and by he is offended. [JST-Matt. 6:25-  
 27; JST-Luke 12:10]  
 ℳ-15 v20 He also that received seed  
among the thorns,  
 ℳ-16 is he that heareth the word;  
 ℳ-17 and the care of this world, and the  
deceitfulness of riches,  
 ℳ-18 choke the word, and he becometh  
unfruitful.  
 ℳ-19 v21 But he that received seed  
 ℳ-20 into the good ground,  
 ℳ-21 is he that heareth the word and  
understandeth  
 ℳ-22 and endureth;  
 ℳ-23 which also BEARETH FRUIT,  
 ℳ-24 and bringeth forth,  
 ℳ-25 some an hundredfold, some  
sixty, and some thirty. [Alma  
 26:12,22 = D&C 11:8 = Msh. 8:18.]  
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[Structure β]

- a-1a v15 But blessed are your eyes,  
 a-1b for they see;  
 a-2a and your ears,  
 a-2b for they hear.  
 b And blessed  
 c are you  
 d because these things  
 e are come unto you,  
 c that you  
 d might understand them.  
 c v16 And verily, I say unto you, many righteous  
prophets  
 b have desired  
 a-1a to see these days which ye see,  
 a-1b and have not seen them;  
 a-2a and to hear that which ye hear,  
 a-2b and have not heard them.

C

ℳ v17 Hear ye therefore the PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

- a v18 When any one  
 b heareth  
 c the word of the kingdom,  
 d and understandeth it not,  
 e then cometh the wicked one,  
 f and catcheth away that which was sown in  
 his heart;  
 a this is he  
 b which received  
 c seed  
 d BY THE WAY SIDE.  
 a v19 But he  
 b that received  
 c the seed  
 d INTO STONY PLACES,  
 a the same is he  
 b that heareth  
 c the word,  
 d and readily with joy receiveth it;  
 e yet hath he not root in himself,  
 e and dureth but for a while;  
 e for when tribulation or persecution ariseth  
 because of the word,  
 f by and by he is offended.  
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 c seed  
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 a is he  
 b that heareth  
 c the word;  
 d and the care of this world,  
 d and the deceitfulness of riches,  
 e choke the word,  
 f and he becometh unfruitful.

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[Structure α]

- B-1** v22 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying,
- B-2** The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field;
- B-3** v23 But while
- B-4** men
- B-5** slept, [2 Ne. 24,25; Isa. 28:1,7; 29:10; 56:10-12; 52:1 = D&C 113:10.]
- B-6** his enemy came
- B-7** and sowed tares among the wheat,
- B-8** and went his way.
- B-9** v24 But when the blade sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- B-9** v25 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- B-9** v26 He said unto them, **An enemy** hath done this.
- B-10** v27 And the servants said unto him,
- B-11** Wilt thou then that we go [D&C 11:15-18; 64:32; Zeph. 1:7; Isa. 42:14]
- B-12** and gather them up?
- B-13** v28 But he said, Nay;
- B-14** lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. [Jacob 5:65,66.]
- B-15** v29 Let both grow together until the harvest:
- B-16** and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the wheat into my barn; [Alma 26:5,6 = D&C 11:3; Zeph. 3:18,19; Ezk. 20:41; 34:10-16; John 4:35,36.]
- B-17** and the tares
- B-18** are bound in bundles to be burned.
- B-19** v30 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed,
- B-20** which a man took and sowed in his field:
- B-21** v31 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: [D&C 1:19; 35:13; 133:58,59; I Cor. 1:27: "by the weak things"]
- B-22** but when it is grown,
- B-23** it is the greatest among herbs, [Matt. 23:11; Mark 10:43.]
- B-24** and becometh a tree,
- B-25** so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. [JST-Luke 17:37,38 "thither will the eagles be gathered together"]
- B-19** v32 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven,
- B-20** which a woman took
- B-21** and hid [D&C 86:(1-7)8-10.]
- B-22** in three measures
- B-23** of meal,
- B-24** till the whole
- B-25** was leavened. [JST-Luke 14:36,37; 3 Ne. 16:15; D&C 86:11; 101:39,40; 103:11.]

[Structure β]

- a** v21 But he
- b** that received
- c** seed
- d** INTO THE GOOD GROUND,
- a** is he
- b** that heareth
- c** the word
- d** and understandeth
- e** and endureth;
- f** which also beareth fruit,
- f** and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.
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- <sup>1</sup>**B** v22 ANOTHER PARABLE put he forth unto them, saying,
- a** The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field;
- b** v23 But while men slept,
- c** his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- d** v24 But when the blade sprung up, and brought forth fruit,
- e** then appeared the tares also.
- f-1** v25 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him,
- f-2** Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field?
- g** from whence then hath it tares?
- g** v26 He said unto them, **An enemy hath done this**.
- f-1** v27 And the servants said unto him,
- f-2** Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- e** v28 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares,
- d** ye root up also the wheat with them.
- c** v29 Let both grow together
- b** until the harvest: and in the time of harvest
- a** I will say to the reapers,
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- a** Gather ye together first the wheat
- b** into my barn;
- a** and the tares are bound in bundles
- b** to be burned.
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- <sup>2</sup>**B** v30 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:
- a** v31 Which indeed is the least
- b** of all seeds;
- c** but when it is grown,
- a** it is the greatest
- b** among herbs,
- c** and becometh a tree,
- so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
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- <sup>3</sup>**B** v32 ANOTHER PARABLE spake he unto them;
- a** The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven,
- b** which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal,
- b** till the whole
- a** was leavened.
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**IV** A v33 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables;

**V** and without a *PARABLE* spake he not unto them:

[End of first half]

**V** v34 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet,  
[See Ezk. 20:49 "Then said I, Ah LORD GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?"]

[Beginning of second half]

**A (G-1)** **IV** saying, I will open my mouth in parables;

**B (G-2)** I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

**C (G-3)** v35 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and *went into the house*. [JST-Matt. 21:55,56.]

**D** And his *disciples came unto him*,

**E** saying,

**F (G-4)** *Declare unto us* the *parable of the tares* of the field.

[The following correlates are on the next page]

**G-4a** v36 He answered and said unto them, He that *soweth* the good seed is the Son of man;

**G-4b** v37 The field is the world;

**G-4c** the *good seed* are the children of the kingdom; but the *tares* are the children of the wicked.

**G-4d** v38 The *enemy that sowed* them is the devil.

**G-4e** v39 The *harvest* is the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked.

**G-4f** v40 The *reapers* are the *angels*, or the messengers sent of heaven.

**G-4g** v41 As, therefore, the *tares* are *gathered and burned* in the fire,

**G-4h** so shall it be in the end of this world,

**G-4i** or the destruction of the wicked.

**G-4j** v42 For in that day, before the Son of man shall come, he shall send forth his angels and messengers of heaven.

**G-4k** v43 And they shall *gather out* of **his kingdom** all things that offend, and *them which do iniquity*, [JST-Mark 9:40,42,46.]

**G-4l** and shall cast them out [Ezek. 17:22-24; 20:38-40; 21:25-27; 22:31; 34:10,27,28; Jer. 23:3,4,39,40; Zeph. 3:19; JST-Matt. 21:55,56; D&C 64:39,40; 50:6-8; 76:30,36; 114:2; 1 Ne. 17:37,38; 3 Ne. 14:22,23; Jer. 18:6,8; 31:28; Deut. 12:29,30; Hel. 7:27-29; Jacob 5:65; Rom. 22:22,23.]

**G-4m** among the wicked; [JST-2 Thes. 2:7.]

**G-4n** and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. [JST-Mark 9:41,43,47.]

**G-4o** v44 For the world shall be burned with fire. [JST-Mark 9:47; Ezek. 22:18-22.]

["G"s in parentheses correlate above, previous to the G-4 set]

**H (G-3)** v45 Then shall the *righteous shine forth* as the sun, *in the kingdom of their Father*.

**I (G-1) a** Who hath ears

**b** to hear,

**a** let him

**b** hear.

**H (G-2) a** v46 Again,

**b** the kingdom of heaven

**c** is like unto

**d** *treasure hid* in a field.

**e** And when a man hath found

**f** a treasure

**g** which is *hid*,

**h** he secureth it, and straightway, for joy thereof, *goeth*

**i** and selleth all that he hath, [JST-Luke 9:24,25; JST-Matt. 16:29.]

**j** and buyeth that field. [Isa. 55:1,2; Rev. 22:17; 2 Ne. 26:25.]

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- H (G-2) a v47 Again,  
 b the kingdom of heaven  
 c is like unto  
 d a merchantman, *seeking goodly pearls,*  
 e who, when he had found  
 f one pearl [JST-Matt. 7:10,11.]  
 g of *great price,*  
 h he went  
 i and sold all that he had  
 j and bought it.

[The following correlate to the G-4s on the previous page]

G-4a v48 Again, the kingdom of heaven is *like unto a net*

G-4b *that was cast into the sea,*

G-4c and *gathered* of every kind,

G-4d which, when it was *full,*

G-4e they *drew to shore,* and sat down,

G-4f and *gathered the good into vessels;*

G-4g but *cast the bad away.*

G-4h v49 So shall it be at the end of the world.

G-4i v50 And the world is the children of the wicked.

G-4j v51 The angels shall come forth,

G-4k and *sever the wicked from among the just,*

G-4l and shall cast them out

G-4m into the world

G-4(o) to be burned.

G-4(n) There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

F v52 Then *Jesus said unto them, Have ye understood all these things?* They say unto him, *Yea, Lord.*

E v53 Then said he unto them,

D Every scribe *well instructed in the things of the kingdom of heaven*

C is like unto a man that is an householder; [JST-Luke 12:48-57.]

B a man, therefore, which *bringeth forth* out of his *treasure THAT WHICH IS NEW AND OLD.*

["old and new" JST-Luke 17:39,40; JST-Matt. 9:21; Isa. 41:22; 42:9; 43:18,19; 44:7; 45:21; 46:9,10; 47:7; 48:3-8.]

A **IV** v54 And it came to pass, when *Jesus* had *finished* these parables, he departed thence.

a v55 And when he was come into his own country,

b he *taught* them in their synagogues,

c insomuch that they were astonished,

d and said, Whence hath this Jesus this *wisdom* and these *mighty works?*

e v56 Is not this the carpenter's son?

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e is not his mother called Mary?

e and *his brethren,* James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And *his sisters,* are they not all with us?

d v57 Whence then hath this man all these *things?*

c And they were offended at him.

b v58 But *Jesus* said unto them, A *prophet* is not without honour,

a save in his own country,

**II** and *in his own* house. [Isa. 66:1; D&C 112:25,26; 133:66,67.]

**I** v59 And he did not *many mighty works* there, *because of their unbelief.*