

Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Ezekiel 31:3-9

Consider Assyria, a cedar of Lebanon,
with fair branches and forest shade,
and of great height,
its top among the clouds.^[a]

⁴ The waters nourished it,
the deep made it grow tall,
making its rivers flow^[a]
around the place where it was planted,
sending forth its streams
to all the trees of the field.

⁵ So it towered high
above all the trees of the field;
its boughs grew large
and its branches long,
from abundant water in its shoots.

⁶ All the birds of the air
made their nests in its boughs;
under its branches all the animals of the field
gave birth to their young;
and in its shade
all great nations lived.

⁷ It was beautiful in its greatness,
in the length of its branches;
for its roots went down
to abundant water.

⁸ The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it,
nor the fir trees equal its boughs;
the plane trees were as nothing
compared with its branches;
no tree in the garden of God

was like it in beauty.

⁹I made it beautiful

with its mass of branches,
the envy of all the trees of Eden
that were in the garden of God.

Matthew 13:31-32

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

Matthew 13:33

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in three measures of flour until it was all leavened."

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.