

MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN #5

"THE HIDDEN TREASURE"

I. AN ANALYSIS OF THIS PARABLE (Mt 13:44)

- A. The man in this parable is no doubt the Lord Jesus as in the other parables.
- B. The field once again refers to the world.
- C. The treasure which was found and hidden in the field is apparently Israel or that remnant of Jews which are saved. This is the word God had used in reference to the Jews (Ex. 19:5; Psa. 135:4).
- D. We notice a different point of view in this parable. Hither-to-fore we have been seeing the human side of things but here and in the next two parables we see the divine side. Notice to obtain what is in this parable and the next (45,46) the man "sold all that He had, and bought it".

II. WHAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS PRESENT AGE

- A. We can expect the Jews in this age to be like a treasure hid in a field. The price to buy them was laid down when Christ died, but only a remnant is redeemed today and a part of the Church (Rom. 11:4,5).
- B. We can expect the Jews as a whole to be blinded until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in which will be after the Rapture (Rom 11:25).
- C. We can expect a remnant of the Jews to turn to Christ during the last half of the tribulation period and the nation will be saved at the Second Coming of Christ when the Deliverer comes out of Zion (Rev.7:3-8; Rom. 11:26-29; Isa. 66:7-9). Notice the Hebrew expression of Matt. 24:31 is referring to the Jews as a nation (Dt.30:3,4).

III. SOME APPLICATIONS WE CAN MAKE FROM THIS PARABLE

- A. We should realize, first of all, that salvation for the Jew is based upon the death of Christ just like it is for everyone else. He bought the field or laid down the price for the whole world (Jn.3:16; I Jn.2:2;4:10).

He tasted death for every man (Heb.2:9) even including those who would deny Him (II Pet. 2:2). We see then the same provision that was made for Gentiles was made for Jews and He is the only provision.

- B. We should realize, while a remnant will turn to Christ during the tribulation and be saved, most will die in unbelief and lost. Some have the idea, just because a person is a Jew he will be saved someday. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is no salvation apart from Christ and therefore Jews who reject Christ will be cast into Hell just like any other unbeliever (Matt. 25:30,46).