

The “THEY” without Kingdom Understanding series.

3 strange teachings of Jesus

### **1-1. Parables and Kingdom Mysteries. (Mark 4)**

<sup>10</sup> But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. <sup>11</sup> And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,<sup>12</sup> so that

‘Seeing they may see and not perceive,  
And hearing they may hear and not understand;  
Lest they should turn,  
And *their* sins be forgiven them.’ ”

The “you” is clear in Luke, it is only devout disciples like the original twelve, those taught by Jesus, that can understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God. The “they” is more difficult to comprehend, and even apply today. Jesus had just taught the multitudes, so it was obvious that He did not want all in the multitude to understand and be converted. And somewhat more specifically he states, that the “they” is “to those who are outside”; thus, it is that those who are outside the kingdom are not to understand, be converted, and understand parables or the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

**1-2: For more understanding on who the “they” are, obviously some group of people with the they plurality, we turn to the quote in Mark 4:12, which is from Isaiah 6:9,10.**

It can not be the total of the multitude as Jesus would not waste his time preaching to them or teaching them, that would be as He taught also not to cast your pearls before the feet of swine. Some in the multitude could not understand and some could understand, thus even before we get into the Isaiah quote, we are beginning to understand that the multitude somewhat is akin to the word “world” in the Bible.

**“<sup>9</sup> And He said, “Go, and tell this people:**

**‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’**

<sup>10</sup>“Make the heart of this people dull,  
And their ears heavy,  
And shut their eyes;  
Lest they see with their eyes,  
And hear with their ears,  
And understand with their heart,  
And return and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, “Lord, how long?”

And He answered:

“Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,  
The houses are without a man,  
The land is utterly desolate,

<sup>12</sup>The LORD has removed men far away,  
And the forsaken places *are* many in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup>But yet a tenth *will be* in it,  
And will return and be for consuming,  
As a terebinth tree or as an oak,  
Whose stump *remains* when it is cut down.  
So the holy seed *shall be* its stump.”

**1-3: How long? Is a cry repeated quite often as Isaiah did here in the sixth chapter, and repeated by the 144,000 souls under the altar, those of the first resurrection who died a bloody death martyred for Christ?**

It time here in chapter 6 is clear from 6:1, it was the year in which King Uzziah died and the same year when Isaiah was called to be a Prophet. We learn more about the who and they from a concurrent Prophet of Isaiah, that of Amos, who wrote in 1:1 –

“The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.” (Amos 1:1)

**THE “THEY” IS ISRAEL. So, the multitude that Jesus did not want to understand the kingdom and be converted was the nation of Israel!**

Sampey in the Heart of the Old Testament describes the condition of the country and the city under the long reign of King Uzziah: *“The country had enjoyed an era of agricultural and commercial development under Uzziah. Tribute flowed in from the Ammonites, and the avenue of trade through the Red Sea was open, as in the days of Solomon. The country was at peace with its neighbors. Wealth increased in the hands of the nobility and other landowners. Luxury, with its attendant train of evils, entered Jerusalem. There was sore need of a prophet to call the people to repentance and reformation.”*

**1-4: But obviously with Isaiah, God had already made His decision to cut the people of God in Israel off and to destroy both Jerusalem and Israel, which we know from Jeremiah was during his time about 577, the great destruction of Jerusalem. Isaiah 6 describes a God our Heavenly Father Who is disgusted by the time of the call of Isaiah with a rebellious people; and having decided to great detail as described in the Prophets what would be their faith, did not want to multitude to know or understand, did not want them to be converted for He had decided the multitude of Israel was beyond the point of no return and their would be no salvation for the multitude of them! You see that as you read carefully the words of Isaiah 6 with God’s reply to Isaiah of How Long?**

**And He answered:**

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**1-5: As Jesus there in Mark first teaches the multitude and then further opens understanding for the disciples on the kingdom, was forecast in Zechariah 13; that is the two thirds of the multitudes in Israel would be destroyed and one third would be refined during the two hundred years of persecution.**

<sup>7</sup> "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
Against the Man who is My Companion,"  
Says the LORD of hosts.  
"Strike the Shepherd,  
And the sheep will be scattered;  
Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.  
<sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass in all the land,"  
Says the LORD,  
"That two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die,  
But *one*-third shall be left in it:  
<sup>9</sup> I will bring the *one*-third through the fire,  
Will refine them as silver is refined,  
And test them as gold is tested.  
They will call on My name,  
And I will answer them.  
I will say, 'This *is* My people';  
And each one will say, 'The LORD *is* my God.' "

**1-6: Thus, at the time of teachings of Jesus in Mark 4 to the multitudes of Israel, the fate of the majority had already been determined, and the indictment and judgment decision of God was not good for the nation of Israel:**

1. <sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass in all the land,"  
Says the LORD,  
"That two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die..."

2. **Also in all the land of Israel during the life and teachings on earth of Christ,**

<sup>9</sup> I will bring the *one*-third through the fire,  
Will refine them as silver is refined,  
And test them as gold is tested.  
They will call on My name,  
And I will answer them.  
I will say, 'This *is* My people';  
And each one will say, 'The LORD *is* my God.' "

Is this clear enough for you? Jesus did not want the multitudes of Israel converted at that time, for God had already made the decision that only one third of them could be converted, of course of which were the disciples to whom He explained the Kingdom.

**1-7: And in spite of all the malarkey being spread today about the salvation of Israel and some fictitious kingdom, the fate of Israel of the immediate future has also been determined as recorded in Zechariah 14.**

“The Day of the LORD IN ZECHARIAH 14.

**Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,  
And your <sup>a</sup>spoils will be divided in your midst.  
<sup>2</sup> For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;  
The city shall be taken,  
The houses <sup>b</sup>lurified,  
And the women ravished.  
Half of the city shall go into captivity,  
But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.**

Their fate, obviously for the immediate future, in spite of all the fictions of the Scofield mites for a kingdom they rule, like the zealots wanted, half the city will go into captivity and one half of a remnant shall remain in the city for the day of the Lord and the new Jerusalem, Hallelujah. Oh, the Scofield mites will fight tooth and nail for their fictitious one-thousand-year kingdom and make all kinds of false claims for the times and seasons of Zechariah 14. Yet even the Bible translators recognized this as the final one day of the Lord at the Second Coming of Christ; and my goodness, it tells in the first verse what it is all about, “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming...” There is one thing consistent throughout the whole Bible from stem to stern, and that is that the ONE DAY OF THE LORD GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Of course they try to distort this also and with their odd mathematics of adding to and taking away from the Bible, have creatively with “seducing spirits and doctrines of devils” created a false rapture (a second coming), a millennium reign (a second kingdom), and dispensationalism, where they against the teachings of Jesus that it is not for us to know the times and the seasons, play with the Bible to created their own times and seasons, and the way God Himself acts during those times and seasons.

**1-8: That brings us naturally to an interesting question, and that is, IS THE “THEY” a larger group than the majority of the nation of Israel.**

Say since the Gentiles share in the One New Israel of Jews and Gentiles of Romans – the all Israel which is of Israel shall be saved, do the Gentiles also share in the “they” that are not allowed to understand the mysteries of the kingdom: say, for example does it include both the whole lost world and the Scofield mites that show such a lack of proper understanding on the kingdom, and going about to establish (manufacture) their own kingdom, righteousness, and rapture. It would seem that the non-understanding multitude, then and now, would be closely akin to the word “world” in the Bible, the word as the Apostle John uses it in II John as not of the Father, as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, as a world that cannot abide forever, a world that is not to be loved as it is not the original world that God created, nor is it by any means the new world he is creating for the new heaven and earth at the real Second Coming Day of the LORD and Lord. A key to understanding that crowd of a lack of kingdom understanding would be about how much PRIDE OF LIFE they have! There are obviously large educational organizations today like Baylor and SWBTS who think they are creating some kind of alternate kingdom to that of Christ’s kingdom by providing servants of excellent education and theology. We will attempt to answer this question of the LARGER THEY during this series, as well as attempt to slay the dragon of alternate kingdoms.

A clue is offered here on how this ambitious task will be done; of course, strictly according to the Bible. THROUGH PARABLES. The multitudes of “They” fail to understand parables, showing that to be a fact in their platitudes, teachings, and even preaching’s. STAY TUNED! Among the Scofield mites and other non-conservatives on the Bible, substituting theology for Bible especially on eschatology, one preacher said, “Don’t take the parables too literal as they are just analogies that can not be pushed too far.” Well, consistent with Bible and the teachings of Jesus we will push the parables of Jesus on the kingdom mysteries. For example, the parable of the bigger barns, of course the world and the business of the world want to tear down the old barns and build larger manufacturing plants while ignoring the Bible, or course Texas and Texas institutions of higher learned want to grow big as everyone knows that bigger is better.