

Even though the disciples were to eventually be given the understanding of the parables and proverbs, during the ministry of the Savior they were also kept blinded to the real truth of the Scriptures.

ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS

The Scriptures reveal that the great overall majority of the children of Israel were purposely blinded. Notice what is written in the book of Hebrews, "Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the tables, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant; and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of *Elohim*. But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not with blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: The Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which *was* a **figure** for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience," 9:1-9.

Notice again that what is being spoken of here is the first covenant, the tabernacle, the order of service, the table of showbread, the lampstand, the holiest place wherein was the ark of the covenant, the altar of incense, the pot of manna, the priesthood, etc., etc. Verse 9 describes what these things were, they were "figures" for the time then present.

This word "figures" is translated from the Greek word "parabole" which is elsewhere translated as "parable/parables!"

The apostle Paul reveals that the children of

Israel were purposely blinded, "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded...For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in," Ro. 11:7, 25.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND

Paul further admits, "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But **we speak the wisdom of Elohim in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom**, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Sovereign of glory," 1 Cor. 2:6-7.

Paul says that the apostles were still speaking in mysteries in his day. This means that the real truth of the Scriptures were still locked up in parables, proverbs and mysteries to the great overall majority of the people of the world and especially the leaders.

If we continue to read in 1 Cor. 2 we will begin to understand how we must approach Scriptural study if we are to understand them, "But as it is written, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahweh hat prepared for them that love him.' **But Yahweh hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Yahweh.** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Yahweh; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Yahweh. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual,**" 9-13.

We cannot understand the Scriptures with the

wisdom of this world, the wisdom of the leaders of this world, nor the spirit of man. It requires Yahweh's wisdom (which is foolish to the world), His Holy Spirit and then our efforts to search out all the deep things of Yahweh by comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

YAHSHUA THE KEY

Yahshua encouraged the people of His day, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify to Me.** And ye will not come to ME, that ye might have life. I receive no honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of Yahweh in you. I am come in My Father's name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from Yahweh only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: **for he wrote of Me.** But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" Jn. 5:39-47.

Yahshua said that the Scriptures were written primarily about Him. After His death and resurrection He appeared to His disciples telling them, "These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.**" Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. And said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved the Messiah to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **And ye are witnesses of these things,**" Lk. 24:44-48.

Thus the key to understanding the Scriptures is to study Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms along with the writings of the Apostles, comparing spiritual things with spiritual, as they all apply to Yahshua the Messiah.

THE OTHER MYSTERY

The Savior warned that deception would come, "And Yahshua answered and said unto them, 'Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying 'I am Messiah;' and shall deceive many... And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many... For there shall arise false messiahs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect," Mt. 24:4-5, 11, 24.

Paul, Peter, James, Jude and John all warned of the deception and apostasy that the New Testament Assembly would fall into.

John is shown a woman who sits upon a scarlet colored beast which is full of the names of blasphemy that has 7 heads and ten horns. She is called **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH** (Rev. 17:5). This mother of harlots has made all nations drunk of the wine of wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies (Rev. 18:3).

This is a great false Babylonian religion that is the favorite religion of the merchants, the kings and the nations (Heb.=goyim=heathen, pagans).

The beast that this woman rides on is described in Rev. 13. This beast receives its power and authority from the dragon (Rev. 13:2).

Who is the dragon? "And the dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Rev. 12:9).

Satan the Devil has his own set of mysteries with which he deceives the whole world. His system is a great counterfeit of Yahweh's so that it is extremely difficult for man, with only the spirit in man, to detect it. It takes the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, diligently searching Yahweh's word to discover the true mysteries and parables of the Kingdom of heaven.

How can one discern if their religion, their belief, their faith is the TRUE faith or not? Search the Scriptures daily whether you are in the true faith or not. Ask guidance from Yahweh the King of heaven. If your religion, faith or belief is the same or similar to the merchants of this world, the leaders of this world and most of the people of this world then you are in MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT.

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The Menorah Shines on the Torah



יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ

The Savior came speaking in parables to the people of His day. Most claim that He spoke in parables in order to make the meanings of His words clearer. Is this true? You may be surprised to find out what is the real purpose of parables.

In Matthew 13 we find the Savior sitting in a ship at sea side speaking to great multitudes. Matthew writes, "And He spake many things unto them in parables..." v. 3. Most churches, assemblies, ministers, etc. say that Yahshua taught in parables in order that the things of the kingdom of heaven could be understood more clearly.

Yahshua's disciples were wondering why He spoke to them in parables so they asked, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, **'Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.** And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, **'By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:'** For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted and I should heal them. But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear," Mt. 13:10-16.

Do you get that? Contrary to popular opinion and belief, the Savior says that He spoke in parables in order to keep the true meanings and mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven hidden from the eyes and ears of those He was speaking to. Furthermore, Yahshua revealed that He even spoke to his own disciples in Proverbs, "These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall shew you plainly of the Father," Jn. 16:25.