

The Kingdom Parables
The Mustard Seed and the Yeast
Matthew 31-35 (page 684)

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The Mustard Seed:

The parable g i v e n (Matt 13:31-32)

The p o i n t of the parable: Extensive g r o w t h

- In spite of its *small and insignificant beginning*, the kingdom of heaven will g r o w to cover the w h o l e world (Dan 2:34-35; Hab 2:14; Zech 14:9)
- Though the kingdom of God is working i n v i s i b l y, its effect will ultimately be e v i d e n t to all.

The Yeast:

The parable g i v e n (Matt 13:33)

The p o i n t of the parable: Intensive t r a n s f o r m a t i o n

- From a *small, insignificant beginning*, the kingdom of heaven will p e r m e a t e and t r a n s f o r m the whole world (Rom 14:17; 1 Cor 2:6-10)
- The kingdom exerts its influence from w i t h i n, not from w i t h o u t.

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The application of the parables:

Though we may face difficult or discouraging circumstances in this life and in our faith, we can be confident that God's kingdom will be realized.

God's presence and power in our lives (yeast) is intended to permeate, influence, and transform every area of our lives to live as sons and daughters of His kingdom.

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

