



Lesson 8

Parables

- Why do we need parables?
- The different types of parables
- Parables in Bible verses
- The parable of Creation (natural story to spiritual application)

Why do we need parables?

God gave us parables to help us understand Himself and His kingdom. Parables teach us about spiritual things through natural things. This is because we are natural, so for us to understand spiritual things, we need parables. In Christ's time, Christ used parables to explain spiritual things to His disciples and other people. Since Christ's line is an omega line like ours, just like Him, we need to learn and teach through parables.

The different types of parables

Juxtaposition

Juxtaposition is the act of putting two things side by side so you can compare and contrast them.

Compare and Contrast

Compare and contrast are two things you can do with two objects. Comparing is seeing how two things are similar, while contrasting is seeing how two things are different (but first they must be similar in some way in order for you to be able to contrast them).

Natural to Spiritual

Natural to spiritual is a type of parable where you use natural (real life) things to explain spiritual things.

Repeat and Enlarge

Repeat and enlarge is when you repeat something and add more detail or say it differently to explain your original statement. You can also use repeat and enlarge to go from natural to spiritual (the spiritual thing being a repeat and enlarge of the natural thing) and from spiritual to spiritual.

Line upon Line

Line upon line is when you overlay two or more histories, then compare and contrast them; this may also be natural to spiritual or even spiritual to spiritual.

Alpha and Omega

Alpha and omega is a concept that the beginning and the end of a thing can be compared or contrasted.

Chiasm

A chiasm is a type of parable that is like a mirror or a balance. One side of it is the same as the other, and when you have more than three items the second side is reversed. This way, using chiasms and compare and contrast, you can fill in missing information.

Triple Application of Prophecy

A triple application of prophecy can be used when you have three of the same symbols and you know the meaning of the first two (they have to be the same), therefore you know through comparing what the third symbol means: the same as the first two.

Parables in Bible Verses

Juxtaposition

Matthew 6:28-29

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

the lilies of the field [juxtaposed to] Solomon

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Jonas in the whale's belly [juxtaposed to] the Son of man in the heart of the earth

Compare and Contrast

Proverbs 11:1

A false balance [is] abomination to the LORD: but a just weight [is] his delight.

“a false balance” [contrasted to] “a just weight”

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

a blessed man [compared to] a good tree

Natural to Spiritual

1Corinthians 15:44-46

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

Natural → Spiritual

first Adam → last Adam (Christ)

Luke 13:18-19

Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

Natural → Spiritual

Mustard seed → the Kingdom of God

Repeat and Enlarge

Psalms 32:1

Blessed [is he whose] transgression [is] forgiven, [whose] sin [is] covered.

Original -- Repeat and Enlarge

“whose transgression is forgiven” -- “whose sin is covered”

Genesis 41:1-7

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fat fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and lean fleshed; and stood by the [other] kine upon the brink of the river.

And the ill favoured and lean fleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

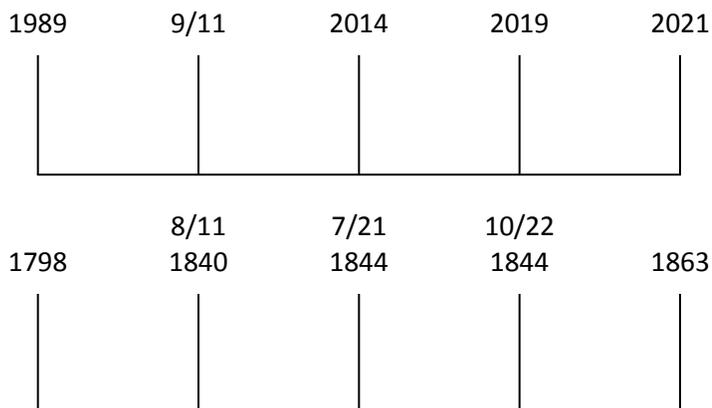
And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, [it was] a dream.

Original	--	Repeat and Enlarge
Pharaoh's dream of the kine	--	Pharaoh's dream of the ears of corn

Line upon Line

Millerite history and our history



Alpha and Omega

Matthew 12:43-45

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth [it] empty, swept, and garnished.

Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

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1 unclean spirit -- 8 unclean spirits

2Peter 3:6, 7

Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

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the flood -- the Lake of Fire

Chiasm

Genesis 31:1

And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that [was] our father's; and of [that] which [was] our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

“hath taken away” “all that was our father’s” “that which was our father’s” “hath he gotten”



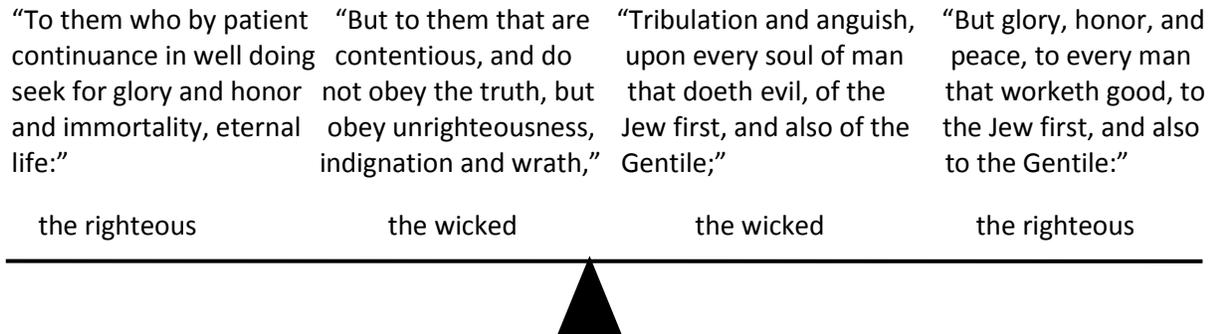
Romans 2:7-10

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:



Triple Application of Prophecy

The three World Wars

1 + 2 = 3

WW1 + WW2 = WW3

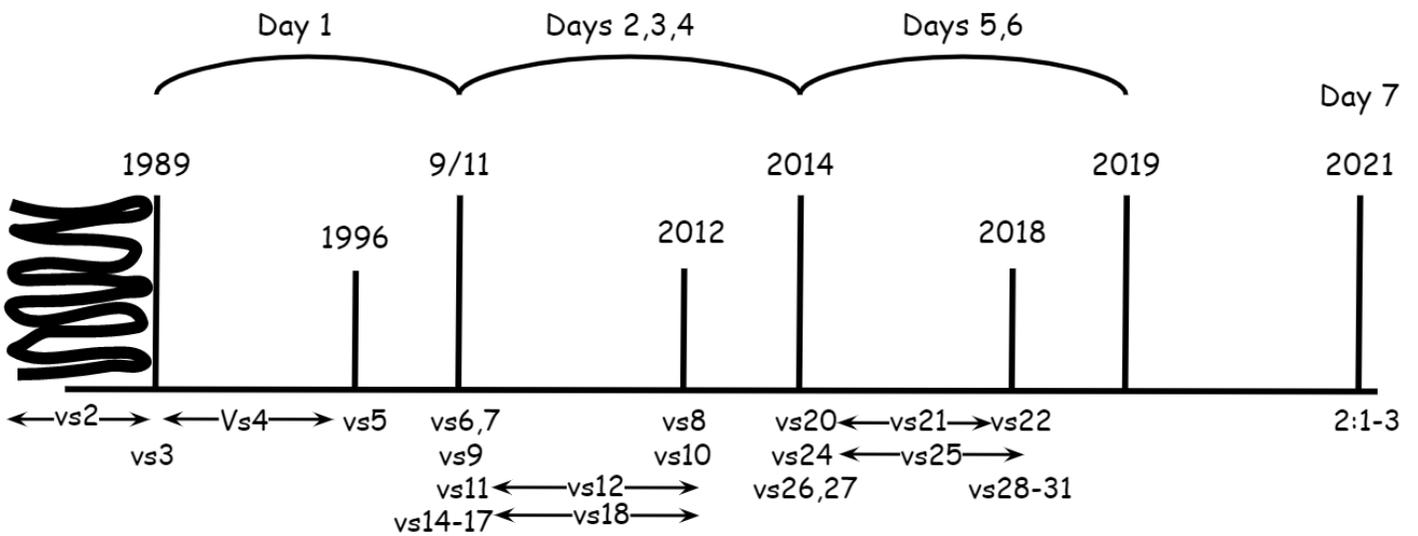
The three woes of Revelation 9 and 11

1 + 2 = 3

1st woe+ 2nd woe= 3rd woe

The Parable of Creation

Genesis chapters 1 and 2 are the story of creation. We know that the whole Bible is a parable so the story of creation is a parable too. The chapters can be applied to our line; doing this you can use many patterns like Natural to Spiritual, Line upon Line, etc. The six days of creation can correspond to the dispensations of our line.



There is darkness everywhere - Pre 1989 the 126 from 1863 to 1989

God creates light (Day 1) - 1989 the beginning of light after the 126

God names light and darkness (Day 1) - 1996 formalization

God creates the firmament (Day 2) - 9/11

God creates dry land separate from the seas (Day 3) - 9/11

God creates plants (Day 3) - 9/11 the sowing

God creates the Sun, Moon, and stars (Day 4) - 9/11 the beginning of the message of time

God names the firmament (Day 2) - 2012 formalization

God names the land and the water and calls them good (Day 3) - 2012 formalization

God calls the lights good (Day 4) - 2012 formalization

God creates birds and sea creatures (Day 5) - 2014

God creates land creatures (Day 6) - 2014

God creates man (Day 6) - 2014 the beginning of the message of equality

God says that the birds and sea creatures are good and blesses them (Day 5) - 2018 formalization

God says that the land animals are good (Day 6) - 2018 formalization

God blesses man (Day 6) - 2018 formalization

God sees that everything He has made is very good (Day 6) - 2018 formalization

God rests the 7th day and blesses it (Day 7) - 2021 the work (line) is over