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"CAST THE BAD AWAY"

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"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind." (Matthew 13:47)

The patriarchs, the prophets and the Christ prophesied the kingdom of heaven would be a great and mighty nation in the last days or as Christ said, "in the end of the world." It is called the kingdom of heaven because God brought this kingdom nation into being. Moses told the kingdom people that if they would honor and observe God's kingdom laws they would have heaven on earth. The sea symbolizes peoples and this nation has gathered in every kind of people.

Verse 48 states: "Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away." This kingdom nation is now full and will be compelled to sit down, draw in the net, gather the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. "Sat down" implies to make more strict immigration legislation and enforce deportation.

In the next verse Christ said: "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just." The end of the world is this present end time called the last days by the prophets. Angels may be visible or invisible, but it seems they have already begun their work of severing. Note, the angels do not sever the just from among the wicked; they sever the wicked from among the just.

In verse 50 Jesus said: "And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord." (Verse 51) The disciples understood Christ's teaching on the kingdom but they did not understand the doctrines and the mysteries of the church until after Pentecost and after the preaching and teaching of the apostle Paul who was not even converted at this time.

Christ said in verse 52: "Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." Every scribe or teacher instructed in the kingdom of heaven brings

forth truth and light from both the Old and the New Scripture to instruct others.

There are more specific prophecies on the restoration of the kingdom at the end of the world in Christ's kingdom parables. Christ used the words "the end of the world" three times in Matthew 13, but these prophecies on the kingdom are made of none effect by the teaching that the church is the kingdom. Verses 31 and 32 state: "Another parable put he forth unto them saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

The kingdom of heaven on earth was to have a very small beginning, likened unto a seed sown in a field. Verse 38: "The field is the world. . ." This plant was to become the greatest of herbs or nations having branches where birds were to come and lodge which is the history of this nation. There are red birds in our branches of government. This small seed was not planted by the church or in the church. It was planted by a man, the Son of man, at the end of the world. The church came forth 1900 years ago.

In Isaiah 10 the prophet states this Zion nation would be delivered according to the slaughter of Midian and after the manner of Egypt. It was the wicked who were cast away or defeated and destroyed. Isaiah 13:9: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." Our enemies are making this land desolate thinking they will establish their one world rule over us. But the Almighty shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

In Luke 17 Christ likened this present end time to that of the flood and to Sodom and Gomorrah. In both cases the wicked were taken away and destroyed. II Peter 2:9: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." II Peter 3:6-7: "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: