

Next Steps: Most people have questions about heaven. Matthew records Jesus using the phrase, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like...” ten different times.

Spend some time this week reading through the places Jesus describes “The Kingdom of Heaven.” Read through these passages. List each reference and describe what you learn about the Kingdom of Heaven from these parables.

Matthew 13:24-52 has 7 references to “the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew 22:1-14

In Matthew 22 one man decides not to wear the right wedding clothes. It seems we need to be “properly clothed” to fully participate in the Kingdom of Heaven both now and in the life to come. The Apostle Paul gives us some clues as to how we should be “clothed.” What do you learn from the passages listed below?

Romans 13:11-14& Ephesians 6:10-18

Colossians 3:12-17

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Next Week: Next Sunday is “Pentecost Sunday” a day that both Christians and Jews celebrate (although for entirely different reasons). We are fortunate to have Rabbi Barney, the pastor of Kehilat Ariel Messianic Synagogue, as our guest speaker next week. He is uniquely gifted and qualified to help us to understand the significance of this wonderful day of celebration.