

Parables



Mark 4:26-24

The Parable of the Seed Growing

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The Parable of the Mustard Seed

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33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

BACKGROUND

AUTHOR

Generally understood to be Moses

DATE WRITTEN

Many estimate the date to be around 1500 BC

THEME

The major theme is the fulfillment of God's promises to the patriarchs that He would make their descendants into a great nation.

KEY VERSES

Introduction / Recap

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The Importance of the Kingdom

What Does the Parable Teach Us About the Kingdom?

1) **The Kingdom Looks Common, or Unimpressive.**

2) **If it's unfamiliar, we tend to not accept it**

3) **If it's Slow it Ought to Go**

4) **God's Kingdom Grows slowly but it's advancing powerfully**

The parable is all about Jesus