

# **Seven Mysteries of The Kingdom of Heaven**

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Matthew 13:3-51

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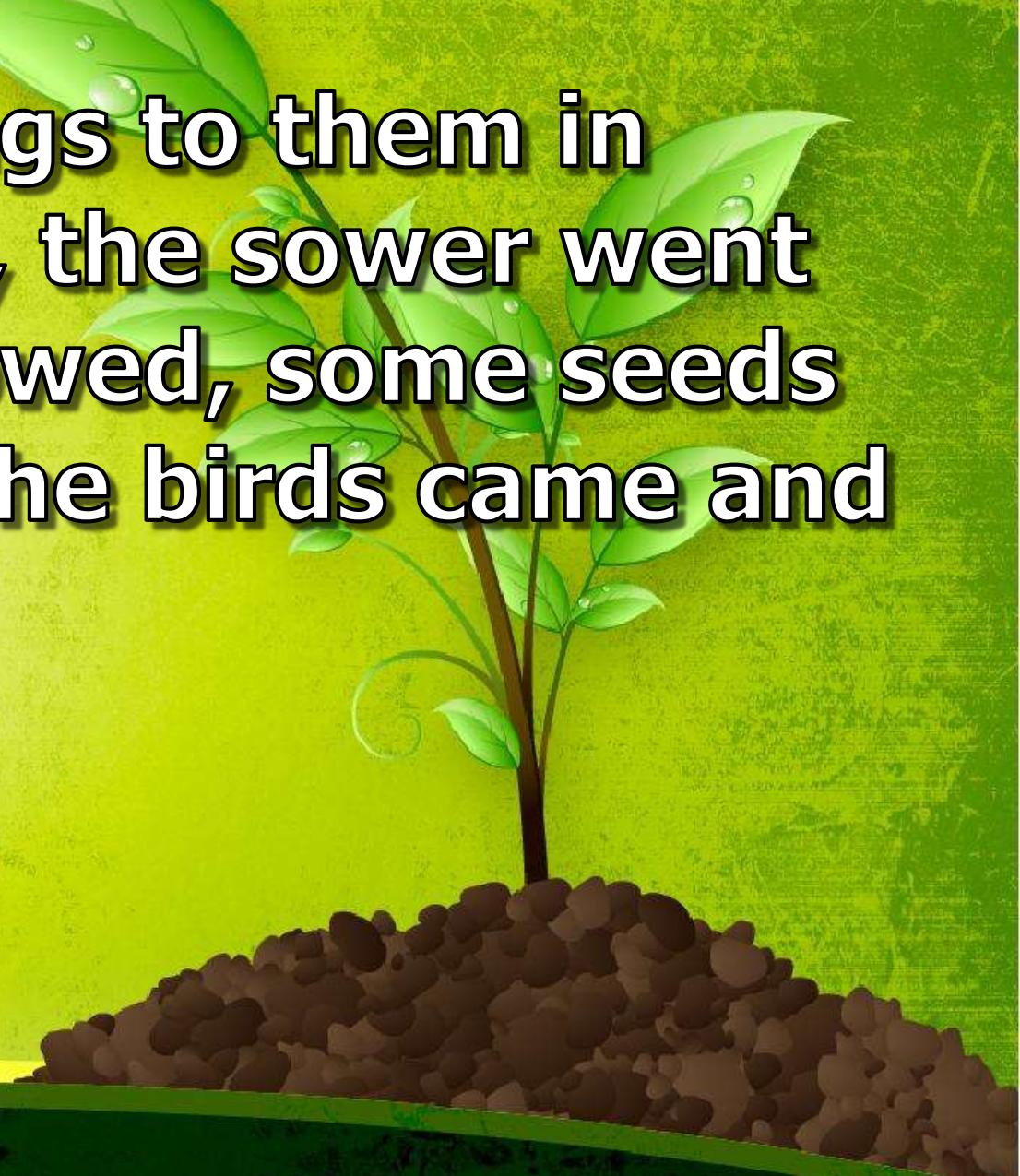
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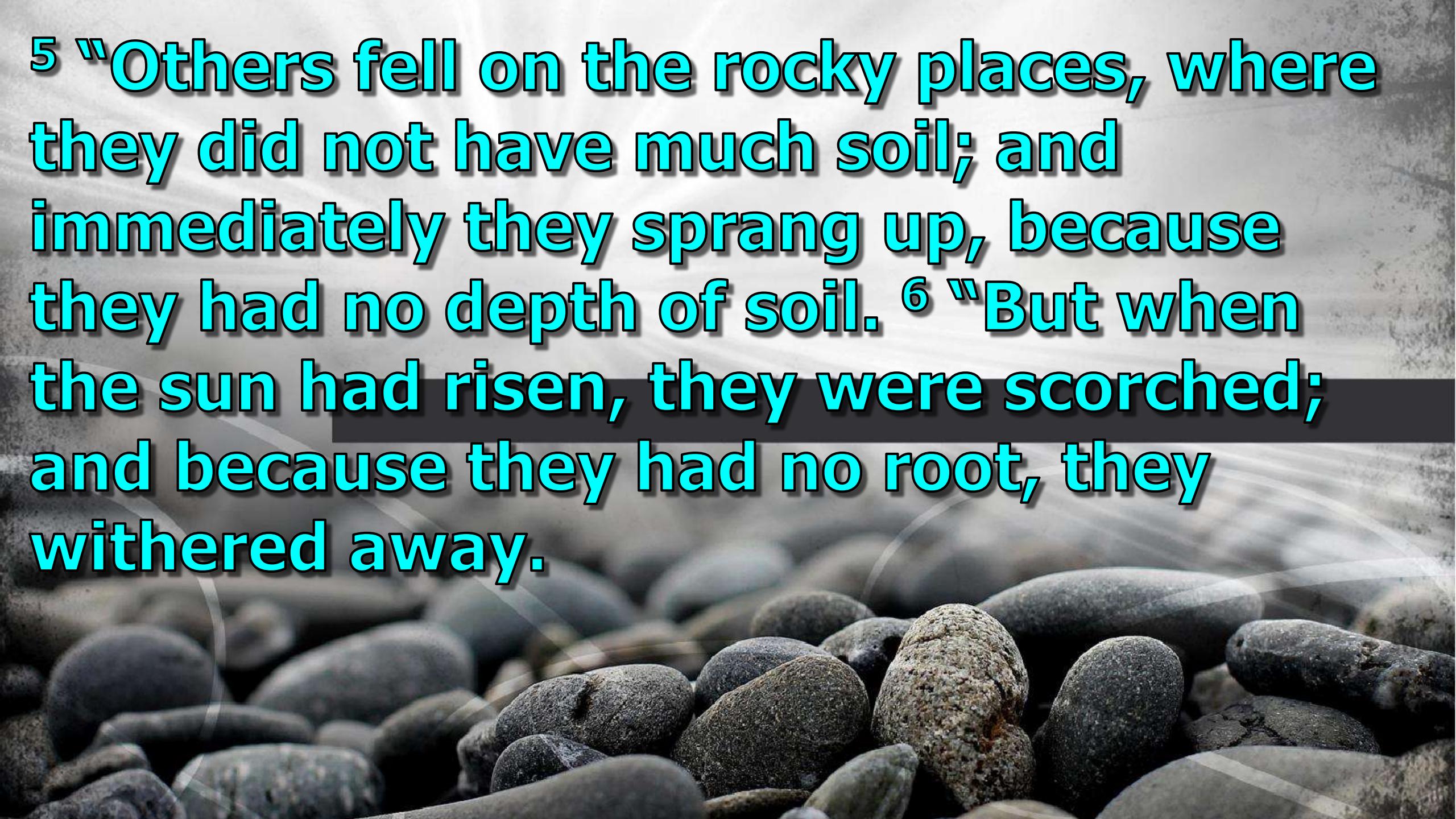
## **Matthew 13:1-11**

**1** That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. **2** And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

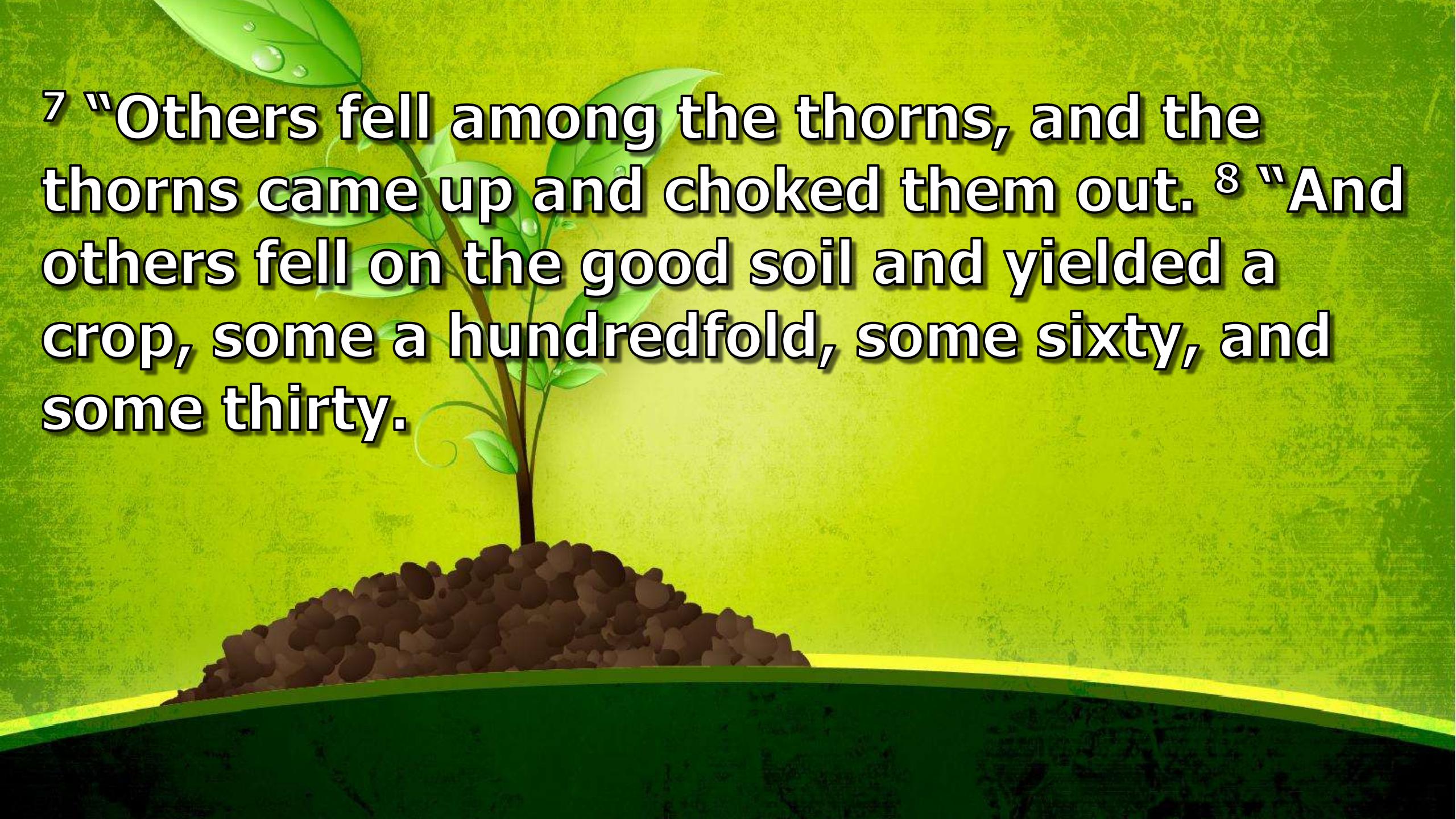
<sup>3</sup> And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow; <sup>4</sup> and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.



**5 "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. 6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.**



**7** "Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. **8** "And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.



**9 "He who has ears, let him hear." 10  
And the disciples came and said to  
Him, "Why do You speak to them in  
parables?"**



**11** Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.-- (NASB)



# **Seven Mysteries of The Kingdom of Heaven**



# **1. Expect Many To Reject the Gospel.**

## **A. The No Growth Soil.**

Matthew 13:3–4<sup>3</sup> He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: “Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. <sup>4</sup> As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.-- (NLT)

**19 The seed that fell on the footpath  
represents those who hear the message  
about the Kingdom and don't understand it.  
Then the evil one comes and snatches away  
the seed that was planted in their hearts.--  
(NLT)**



**Matthew 13:19**

B. The

Shallow

Soil.

Matthew 13:20–21<sup>20</sup> The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.-- (NLT)

## C. The Stunted Growth Soil.

Matthew 13:22<sup>22</sup> The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.-- (NIV)



## D. The Supernatural Growth Soil.

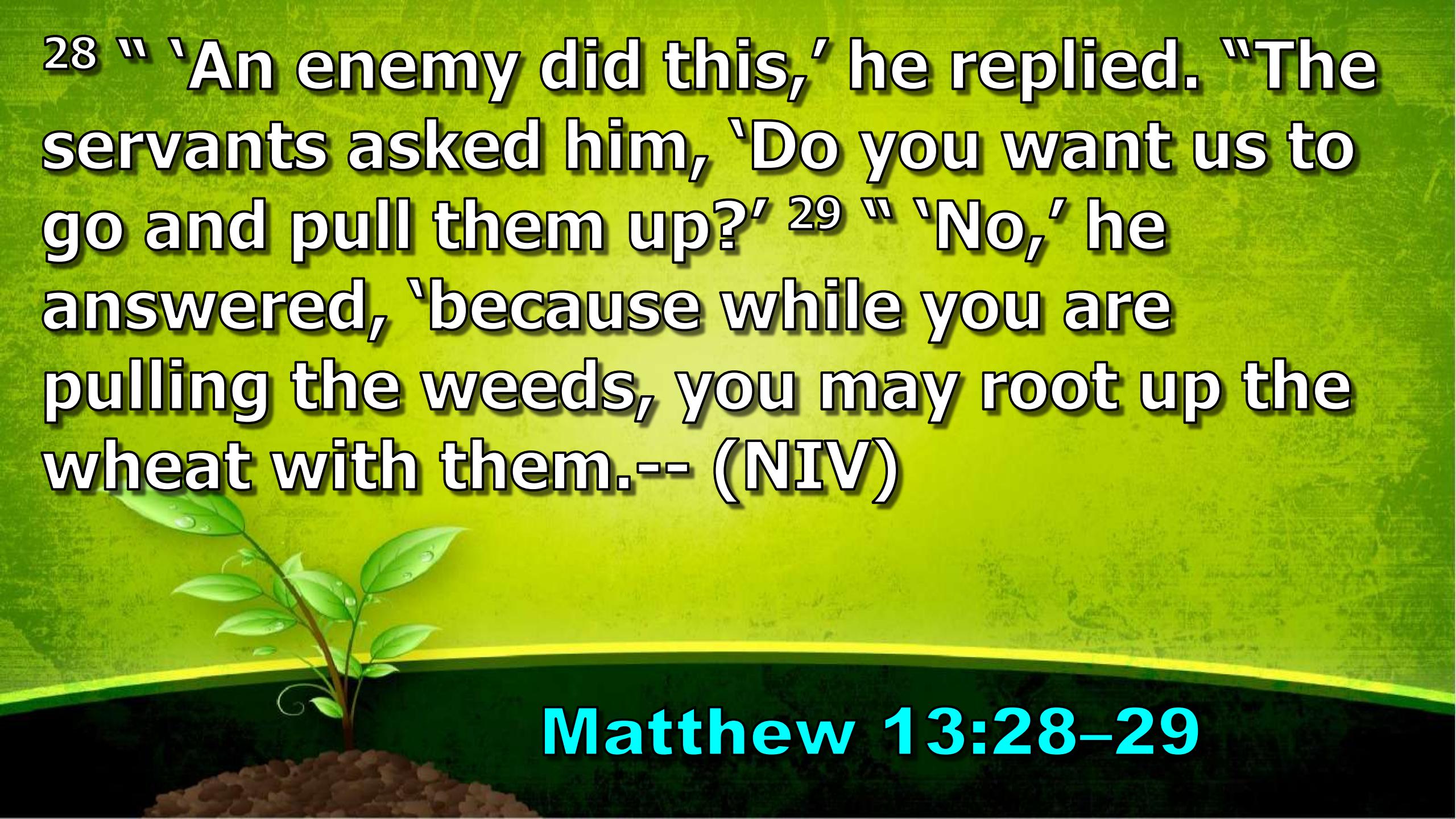
Matthew 13:23<sup>23</sup> The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"-- (NLT)



## **2. Expect Some Church Members To Be Hypocrites**

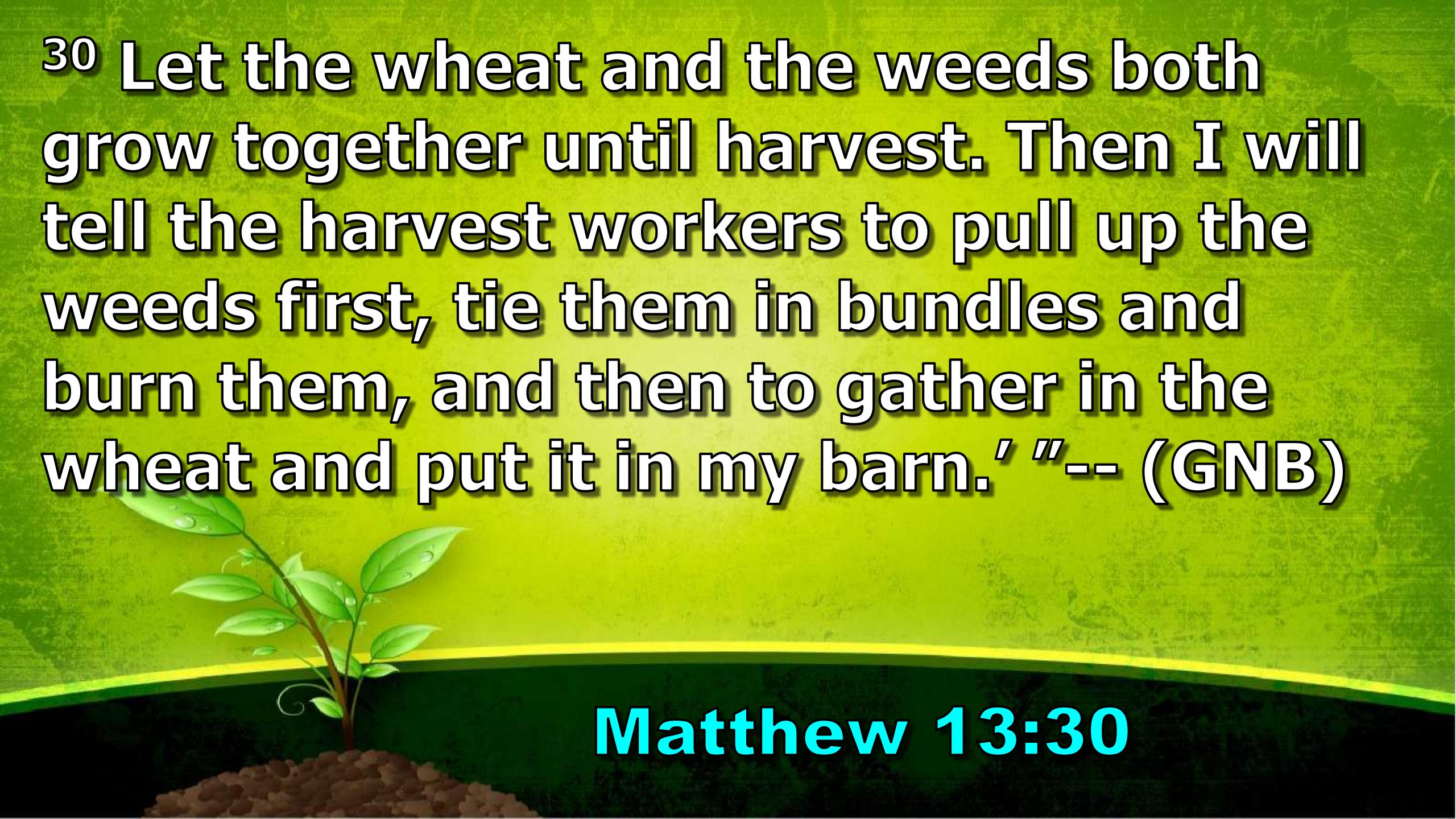
**Matthew 13:24–25** <sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.-- (NIV)

28 " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.-- (NIV)



Matthew 13:28-29

**30 Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them, and then to gather in the wheat and put it in my barn.' " -- (GNB)**

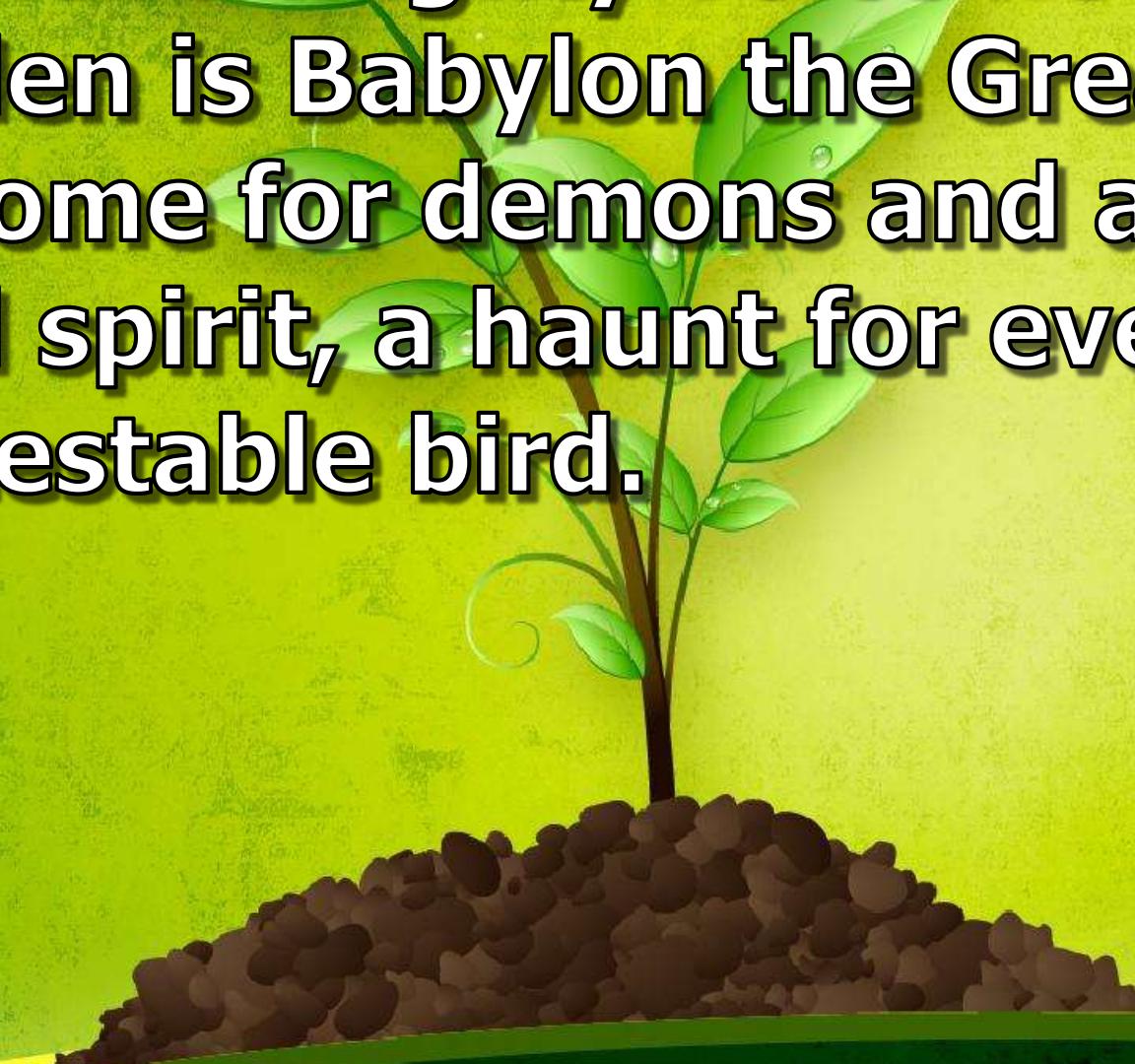


**Matthew 13:30**

### **3. Expect The Rise of False Cults.**

Matthew 13:31–32<sup>31</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.”--  
**(NIV)**

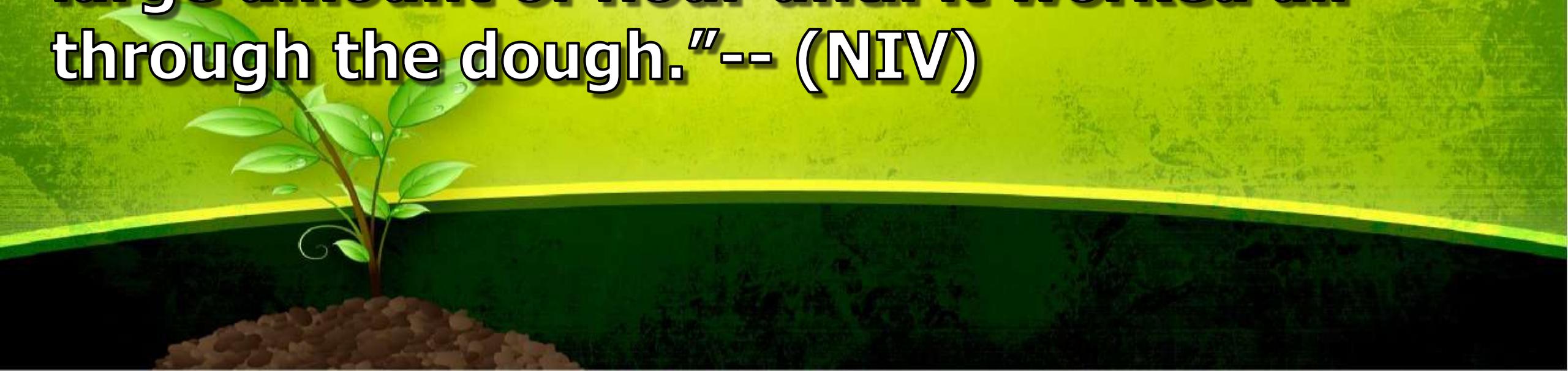
<sup>2</sup> With a mighty voice he shouted: “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.



**Revelation 18:2**

## **4. Expect To Find Corruption in the Professing Church.**

**Matthew 13:33<sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."-- (NIV)**



**8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.-- (NIV)**

**Exodus 12:8**

**6 "Be careful," Jesus said to them.  
"Be on your guard against the yeast  
of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

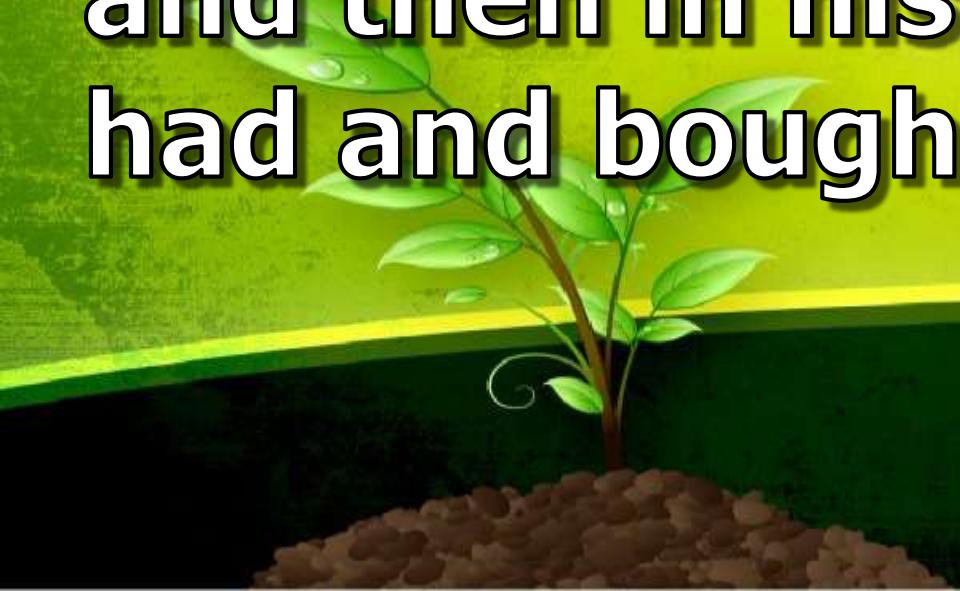


**Matthew 16:6**

## **5. Expect God To Keep His Word To Israel**

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**Matthew 13:44<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.**



## **6. Expect Jesus To Build His Church**

**Matthew 13:45–46<sup>45</sup>** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.-- (NIV)

# **Matthew 16:18**

**18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on  
this rock I will build my church, and the  
gates of hell shall not prevail against it.-  
- (ESV)**



## **7. Expect God To Judge Righteousness.**

**Matthew 13:47–51** <sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.-- (NIV)



**God Bless You**

**Have a great week!**