

Week 1 Review

A parable is a literary metaphor that contains a moral lesson, that is relatable to others. The purpose of parables are for the sake of simplicity. Jesus was a Jew and all parables were both spoken and taught in Hebrew. None of the 456 parables deal with eschatology, this does not include the parables of Jesus Christ. Jesus' parables represent the "golden age" of parables. By the end of the second century parables began to increase in number and decrease in quality. Certain scriptures were being used out of context in the parables. Contrary to belief, the parables do not deal with eschatology.

Review of syllabus. Assignments will come from four sources, electronically, please don't share and if printed, handle with care. Discussion posts and weekly reading assignments are mandated, as well as attendance, with the exception of one absence. We will decide what grade we want. Each grade has different requires, higher grades require more work. AST student will have to write a 10-15 page parable research paper. There will be no class next week. Professor is trying to get the \$4.99 fee waived to access reading.