

## Mustard and yeast comparisons in synoptic comparison

[elements unique to each in **bold**]

### MATTHEW 13.31-33

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of **heaven** is like a mustard seed **that someone took and sowed** in his field; **it is the smallest of all the seeds**, but when it has **grown** it is **the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree**, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of **heaven** is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

### LUKE 13.18-20

He **said** therefore, "What is **the** kingdom of God like? **And to what should I compare it?** It is like a mustard seed that **someone took and sowed** in the garden [*kepon*]; it grew **and became a tree**, and **the birds of the air made nests** [*kateskeōsen*] in its branches [*kladois*]."

**And again he said**, "To what should I **compare** the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

### MARK 4.30-32

He also said, "**With what can we compare** the kingdom of God, **or what parable will we use for it?** It is like a mustard seed, which, **when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth**; yet when it is sown it **grows up** and becomes **the greatest of all shrubs**, and **puts forth large** branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in **its shade**

By the streams the **birds of the air have their habitation** [*kateskeōsen*]; they sing among the rocks." (Psalm 103.12 LXX; English 104.12)

Upon my bed this is what I saw; there was **a tree at the center of the earth**, and its height was great. The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant, and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, **the birds of the air nested** [*enosseuon*] in its branches [*kladoi*], and from it all living beings were fed. (Daniel 4.10-12)

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make **gardens** [*kēpous*] and eat their fruit. I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never again be plucked up out of the land that I have given them, says YHWH your God. (Amos 9.14-15)

YHWH will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered **garden** [*kēpos*], like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of YHWH honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in YHWH... (Isaiah 58.11-14a)