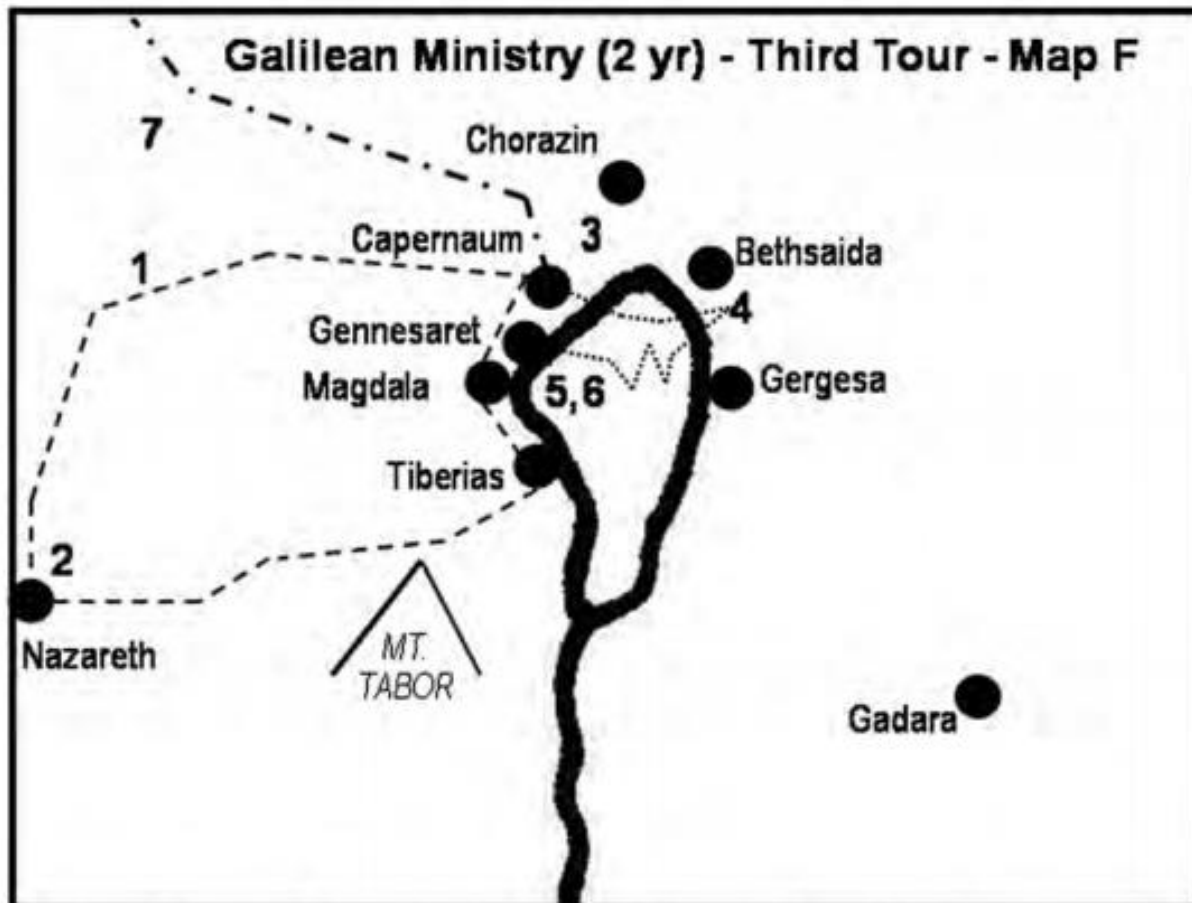


### The Seven Kingdom Parables

	<b>Parable</b>	<b>Illustrates Basic Truth of the Next Phase of the Kingdom of Heaven in the earth – The Church Age</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
1	<b>The Sower and the Seed</b>	Growth during this next phase of the Kingdom of God will be based on receiving & responding to the Word (seed) which <u>will then cause growth and production</u>	Mt.13:3-9; 18-23
2	<b>The Sowing of the Weeds</b>	False "seeds" or teaching will also be sown and <u>allowed to grow and develop during this next age</u>	Mt. 13:24-30; 37-43
3	<b>The Mustard Seed</b>	Growth of the church in this dispensation will begin from the smallest of groups and grown into <u>the largest</u>	Mt. 13:31-32
4	<b>The Yeast</b>	Once this truth is mixed into the world, even in the smallest amount, it will spread through out the whole world into every nation and into every <u>level of society.</u>	Mt. 13:33
5	<b>The Hidden Treasure</b>	Israel is the treasured nation and, though it is set aside (hidden in the field or earth), when the whole field has been purchased the treasure (Israel) will be dug up again	Mt. 13:44
6	<b>The Pearl</b>	The Lord (merchant) has been trying to win the nations (pearls). With this plan he can gain access to all of them at once in the church age after he has sold everything (the cross).	Mt. 13:45-46
7	<b>The Net</b>	At the end of this age the next event is the day of judgment. The separating of people will be just like separating good fish from bad.	Mt. 13:47-50



1. **Jesus makes his 3rd tour through Galilee** (Mt. 11:1; Lk. 8:1). **He Denounces Chorazin and Bethsaida** (Mt. 11:20); **Sabbath conflict in grain field** (Mt. 12:1) **Called Beelzebub by leaders** (Mt. 12:22) **Begins speaking in parables**, and presents the **Seven Kingdom Parables** (Mt. 13:1-52).
2. **Jesus goes through Nazareth and is rejected.** (Mt. 13:54)
3. **Jesus hears reports that John the Baptist had been decapitated** (Mt. 14:1; Mk. 6:14). **Jesus withdraws to the area of Bethsaida** (which is outside of Herod Antipas' territory of Galilee), his first of four attempts to withdraw from the crowds who want him as king, the hatred of the religious leaders, the envy of Herod Antipas, to instruct his disciples and to rest.
4. **Jesus feeds 5,000 Jews from Galilee** (Mt. 14:13; Mk. 6:32; Lk. 9:10; Jn. 6:1) **The third Passover of Jesus ministry is near.** (Jn. 6:4)
5. **Jesus walks on water and they land at Gennesaret** (Mt. 14:25-34) **the people run along the coast from Bethsaida and find Jesus on the other side between Capernaum and Gennesaret** (Jn. 6:25). **Jesus teaches that he is the Bread of Life** (Jn. 6:35-59)
6. **Many disciples desert Jesus** (Jn. 6:60-70)
7. **For the second time Jesus withdraws, this time to the region of Tyre and Sidon** (Mt. 15:21)