

1. *He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches" (Matt. 13:31-32 ESV).*

Although the Disciples all confirmed they understood the interpretations of the Parables which Jesus just explained (Matt. 13:51), too many professing Christians in 'leadership' positions hold conflicting viewpoints.

I am speaking of that which conflicts with the interpretation given by Jesus when viewed in context of the previous parables.

For example, [Ligonier Ministries](#) views this parable in a positive light with nary a whisper of any implied warning Jesus might have given.

Another website, found on page 1 in a Google search of this parable, [All About Jesus](#), takes a similar stance. They have a particularly incredible understanding of 'the birds of the air':

"The birds' of the air in this parable probably come from the Greek word "orneon," signifying "to perceive, to hear." The tree offers a refuge for His faithful to rest in Him."

In contrast to those Bible 'teachers' who discern nothing alarming in this parable, by using a smattering of common sense combined with a touch of elementary exegetical know-how, one needn't be a certified 'religious professional' to comprehend its meaning.

First, there is no such thing as a mustard 'tree.'

Second, birds do not nest or lodge in low hanging, thin, flexible branches, which is what a mustard plant/herb/shrub has.

Third, Jesus previously explained that birds/fowls signified 'the wicked one,' (v. 19), not the faithful saints.

These 'birds of the air' are ruled by none other than the 'Prince of the power of the air,' Satan.

CONCLUSION: There will be an explosion of mega churches, malformed anomalies, in which are comfortably lodged false preachers and teachers, the largest of which will be the Mother of them all, the Mother of all harlots, Mystery Babylon the Great, which is the most wicked.

For she is *the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird* (Rev. 18:2).

Below is pictured 'Holy Mother Church' with a sea of her worshippers.



Below is an example of a Roman Catholic 'niche' which is

interpreted as 'nest.'



NEXT: Leaven a good thing?