

*Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened (Matthew 13:33).*

As with the Parable of the Mustard Seed, there is much confusion, re: its interpretation.

Not unexpectedly, [Ligonier Ministries](#), views this parable in the same positive light as that of the Mustard Seed:

“...the leaven actually ends up permeating the flour, transforming the dough and making it rise. So too will the Gospel, with slow growth at first, penetrate and transform society.”

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/mustard-seed-and-leaven/>

Ligonier would compare leaven with the Gospel.

The normally excellent website, [gotQuestions.org](#) follows a similar path:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/parable-leaven.html>

“Fourth, although the kingdom of God works invisibly, its effect is evident to all. Yeast [leaven] does its job slowly, secretly and silently, but no one can deny its effect on bread. The same is true of the work of grace in our hearts.”

Gotquestions.org compares leaven to grace.

Had leaven not symbolized sin and false doctrine throughout God’s Word, the positive interpretation might have a leg to stand on.

However, the corrupt negative symbolism of leaven began at the Passover when the Jews were commanded to rid their houses of all leaven (Exodus 12:19-20).

In the New Testament, Jesus warned of the leaven of the Pharisees, symbolizing corrupt doctrine (Matthew 16:6).

Paul defined leaven as wickedness and malice (1 Cor. 5:8).

Leaven puffs up, symbolizing pride (1 Cor. 5:2).

In this Parable, Jesus is continuing a thread of thought which began with tares infiltrating the Kingdom.

He then segued to abnormal Kingdom growth which began simple, humble and modest, but would soon become that which it was never intended: ostentatious pretentious pageantry, filled with wicked, false Christians and their equally wicked leaders.

Jesus is maintaining this theme in the Parable of the Leaven.

By no coincidence, Mystery Babylon and the protagonist in this parable are both women.

In the Revelation, the two women symbolize two churches, one true, and the other false.

Mystery Babylon is the false church.

The woman infusing leaven into the dough is a metaphor for the false church introducing false doctrine and evil practices into God's Kingdom by perverting and denying God's Word, the bread of life.

Below the High Priest of 'Holy Mother Church' holds up his 'god,' whom he calls 'Jesus'.

He offers him as an acceptable propitiatory sacrifice to God the Father, trampling underfoot the Son of God, profaning the blood of the Covenant, while insulting the Spirit of grace.



**NEXT:** The King sets prison free.