

The Parable of the net

(The dragnet)

The Church at Laodicea
and its corresponding Church Age¹

(A.D. 1866 to the Rapture)

Matthew 13:47-50 (NASB), ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering *fish* of every kind; ⁴⁸and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous, ⁵⁰and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



¹ <http://dailyfood.ca/kingdom/kingdom6wed.html>



esus had much to say to this end-times church, and to the last church age before His coming. There is no message to the church of the seven year tribulation period because the church isn't here, it will be in heaven. Jesus warned the church that they are neither hot nor cold and that he would spew them out of His mouth. A lukewarm church is a worldly church and therefore there needs to be a separating out of the true believers from those who are Christian in name only or those who never knew the Lord (the bad fish).

The Parable of the Net has many similarities to the Parable of the Weeds. Both Parables were told to address the presence of wicked people in among God's people. The Wheat in one parable is identical to the Good fish in the other parable and the Weeds in the first parable are identical to the Bad Fish in the second. God wants us to leave it up to Him and His angels to weed out everything that causes evil. God will sort out the Good Fish from the Bad Fish or the Wheat from the Tares at the end of the age.

Bad Fish or Tares will be thrown into the fire. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, so how then can God say that there are Good Fish and Bad Fish; Wheat or Tares? The Good Fish (Wheat) are those that love what is right and bare good fruit. Bad Fish (Tares) are those that love evil and bare bad fruit. Then there are the imitators, the truly lukewarm. They are the ones who are Christian in name only, but their hearts are far from Him. They are then the "Tares," and the "Bad Fish," spoken about in the previous parables.