

Tale of Two Kingdoms

Jesus taught about the kingdom of God. But when hearing the word *kingdom* what probably came to the mind of those in the occupied nation of Israel? Of course, they would have thought of Rome, the brutal empire that ruled the world of that day!

Therefore, Jesus told parables that illustrated another kind of kingdom. From your knowledge of the Roman Empire (and other world-conquering empires), fill in the second column. Then, referring to the parables cited in the third column, explain how the kingdom of God is very different.

	Rome	Kingdom of God
How does the kingdom deal with traitors in its midst?	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>See Matthew 13:24-30.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
By what method did the kingdom get to be large?	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>See Matthew 13:31, 32.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
How do the leaders of the kingdom wield their influence?	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>See Matthew 13:33.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>