



A detailed illustration of a fairytale landscape. In the center, a large, ornate castle with multiple spires and red roofs sits atop a lush green hill. A dirt path winds through a dense forest of tall, thin trees, leading towards the castle. In the foreground, a wide field of vibrant red flowers stretches across the bottom. The background features rolling green hills and distant mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The entire scene is framed by the edges of an open book, suggesting the story is being read from a book.

TALES OF THE
KINGDOM



TRANSFORMATIVE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 13:31-33

An open book with a red cover is shown. The background features a large, ornate castle with multiple spires and towers, situated on a hillside. The sky is a mix of blue and green, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, a hand is holding a red pill, with several other red pills scattered around it, some appearing to be falling or floating. The text is overlaid on the pages of the book.

MEANING OF KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Occurred 32 times in the New Testament and all in the gospel of Matthew

Refers to rule and reign of God in the hearts and lives of believers

Characterized by righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit

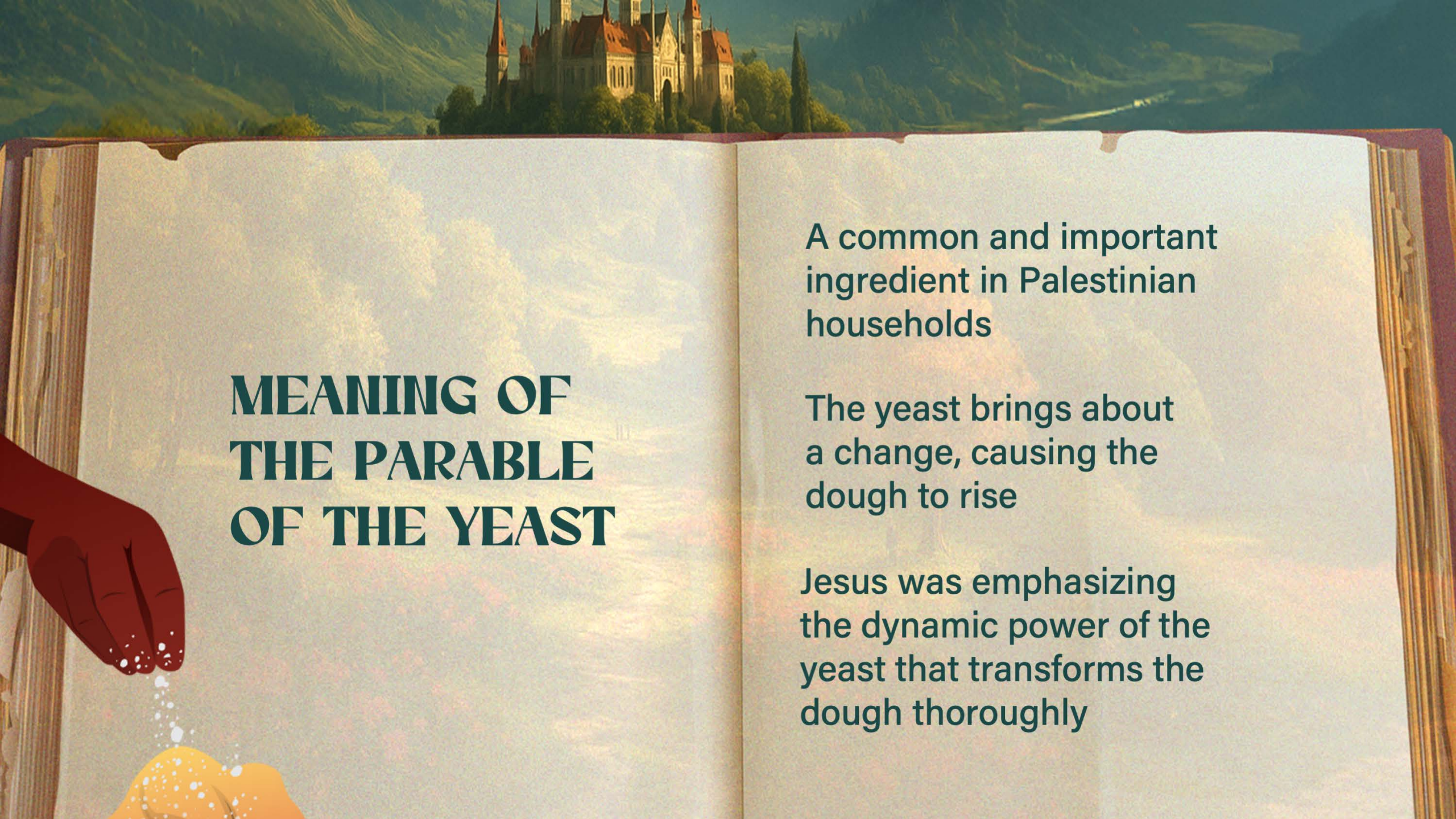


**MEANING OF
THE PARABLE OF
THE MUSTARD SEED**

Smallest seeds commonly
planted in the fields or gardens

Can grow into a large bush
that could be up to 12 feet high,
with branches that birds
could perch on

This parable speaks of what
begins as a small beginning will
in the end become great in size

An open book is shown with a background of a castle on a hill. A hand is pouring yeast into a bowl. The text is overlaid on the book pages.

MEANING OF THE PARABLE OF THE YEAST

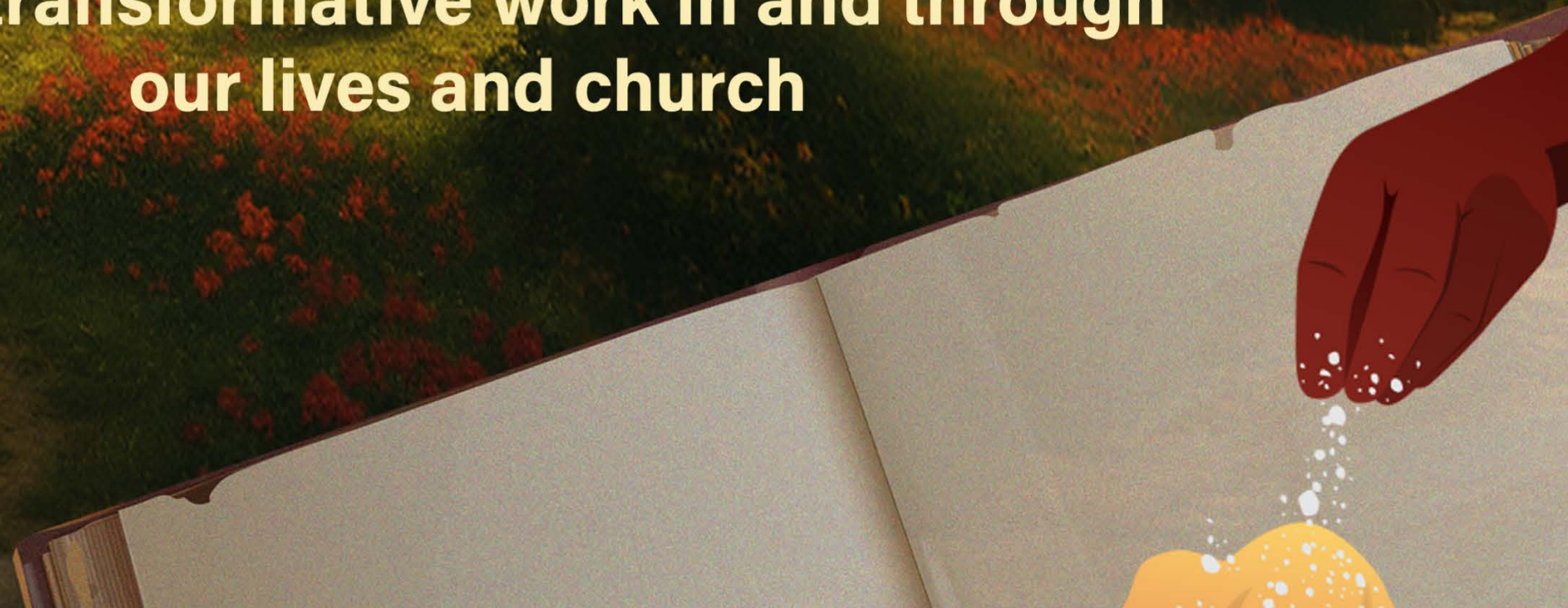
A common and important ingredient in Palestinian households

The yeast brings about a change, causing the dough to rise

Jesus was emphasizing the dynamic power of the yeast that transforms the dough thoroughly

TRUTH

**The growth of the kingdom is
God's transformative work in and through
our lives and church**



SURPASSING JOY OF THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 13:44-46



MEANING OF THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE *v44*



In ancient times, valuables like coins or jewels were often hidden in a jar in the earth

The man chose to give up everything he had just to buy that field to own it because he found an invaluable treasure

The point is about being so overwhelmed with joy at finding such treasure that you would give everything just to own it

MEANING OF THE PARABLE OF THE PEARL

v45-46



Pearls were as highly valued
in the ancient world

The word 'precious' is only
found elsewhere in John 12:3

The point of this parable is the
same as that of the treasure,
the joy of finding something
invaluable that you would
give up everything to have it

MEANING OF THE PARABLE OF THE PEARL

v45-46



It is to give our wholehearted allegiance to Christ and to the priorities of the kingdom

The joy of having the kingdom of God calls for wholehearted commitment to discipleship

TRUTH

**The surpassing joy of being in God's kingdom
calls for our wholehearted commitment
to discipleship**

