The Parable Of The Sower, The Interpretation

Matthew 13:18-28, v.18

I. The Seed By The Wayside.

A. "...heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not..."
   1. heareth = "to be informed"
   2. word = λόγος = "the spoken word"
   3. understandeth = συνιημι = "to gather the single features into a whole."

B. "...then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in the heart..."
   1. catcheth = αρπαξω = "to snatch away," to carry off.
   2. Whatever is son in the heart is taken away.
   3. Luke 8:12 - "...lest they should believe and be saved."

II. The Seed In Stony Places.

A. "...he heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;" v.20-21
   1. ("heareth" and "word" same as vs.19)
   2. anon = αὐτος = "straight" "right", time = immediately"
   3. joy = χαρα = "delight", "gladness."
   4. receiveth = λαμβαναω = "to take", "to take hold of".

B. "yet hath not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended" v.21
   1. root = ριζα = "a root"
   2. dureth = εμι = "to be" + προσκαιρος = "for a season"
   3. tribulation = θλιψις = "pressure" "compression"
   4. persecution = δωγμος = "pursuit, s of enemies"
   5. ariseth = γνωσι = "implying origin," to come into being," to become", "to take place", 'to be."
   6. offended = σκανδαλιζω = "to cause to stumble."
III. The Seed Among Thorns.

A. "He also that received seed among thorns is he that heareth the word:" v.22
1. received seed = σπειρω = "to sow," "to scatter"
2. thorns = ακανθα = "a point," "thorn"
3. heareth = (same as I,A,1.)

B. "...and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and it become unfruitful.
1. care = μερμα = "dividing or distracting the mind;" anxious care," "trouble"
2. deceitfulness = απατη = "deceit, esp. by false statements", "self deception."
3. riches = πλουτος = "abounding wealth" Here it is the promise of more.
4. choke = αποπνικω = "to strangle," "to suffocate"
5. unfruitful = ακαρπος = "without fruit"

IV. The Seed And Good Ground.

A. "But he that received seed into good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it;" 
1. received = σπειρω = "to scatter"
2. good = καλος = "beautiful," "well-fitted"
3. heareth = ακουω = "to give ear, listen."
4. understandeth = συνημι = "to collect together single features into a whole."

B. "...which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty."
1. beareth fruit = καρποφορω ="to bear fruit"
2. bringeth forth = ποιεω = "to make," to be doing, (to be doing but not completing the action)
3. For everyone grain, 100 are produced, for every 1, 60, 1, 30.
4. Each soil that is good produces according to its ability.