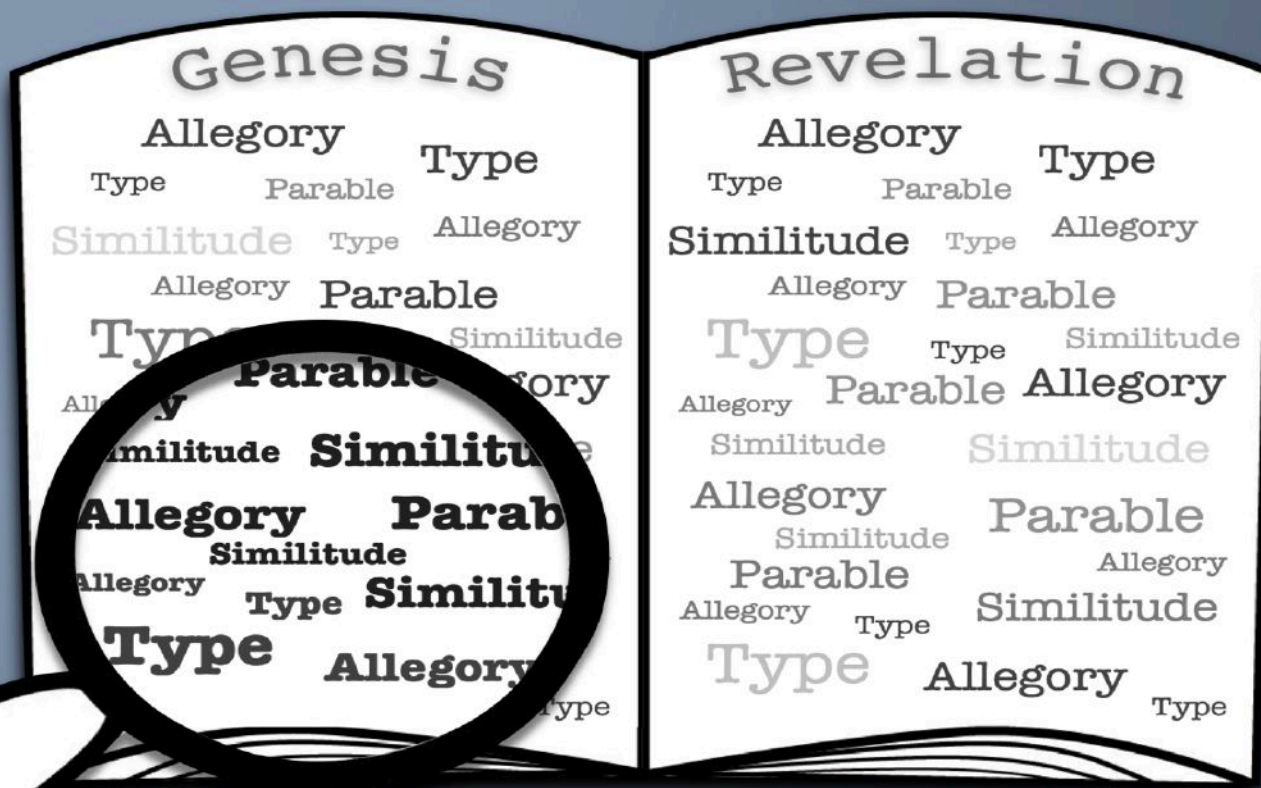


# Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory & Type



Study 1

Expounding the Law, Prophets and Psalms

# Reasoning out of The Scriptures—**READ: Acts 17:1-3**

- “Jewish history is not like common history—a story of the past unprophetic of the future. The things that happened to Israel as narrated in their history, happened unto them for *types (tupoi)*; and they were written for our admonition, ‘upon whom,’ says Paul, ‘the end of the aeons is come’ (1Cor. 10:11). **TYPICAL HISTORY IS THE PAST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FUTURE.**”—*J. Thomas, Eureka Vol 4*

*This gives us a lot of motivation and zeal to study Israel’s history*

**1Cor 10:1-6 “Brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all BAPTIZED unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same SPIRITUAL meat; And did all drink the same SPIRITUAL drink: for they drank of that SPIRITUAL ROCK that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. ..Now these things were our EXAMPLES (*types*)”**

- **The entire O.T. is about the nation of Israel**
- **The N.T. tells us the history of Israel is both literal and typical**

# Expounding the Law and Prophets—Class 1



**“Treat the New Testament as a commentary of the Old” –J. Thomas**

**Luke 24:27-32 “Beginning at *Moses and all the prophets*, he EXPOUNDED unto them in *all the scriptures the things concerning himself...* And *their eyes were opened*, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, DID NOT OUR HEART \*BURN WITHIN US, while he talked with us by the way, *and while he OPENED (“expounded”) to us the scriptures?”* \*SET ON FIRE, LIGHT**

- **The intent of our studies: to set the heart on fire by expounding the Gospel from the O.T.**

**☐ “The NAME OF JESUS CHRIST comprehends all that is affirmable of him; and is therefore the summary of his character as a *prophet, sacrifice, priest, and king*. Hence, TO UNDERSTAND HIS NAME WE MUST KNOW WHAT IS TESTIFIED OF HIM IN THE LAW, THE PROPHETS, THE PSALMS, AND THE APOSTLES.”—J. Thomas, *Elpis Israel***

The CONTEXT of “reasoning” in Acts 17 refers to the apostle’s ability to “open” (“expound”) the doctrine of the Kingdom and Jesus Christ strictly out of the O.T. *The purpose of these studies is to demonstrate that Bible history is also prophecy—revealed by parables, types, signs, and shadows—which was the method of “reasoning” taught by Bro J. Thomas, R. Roberts, J. Carter, W.F. Barling, H.P. Mansfield, C.C. Walker...*

- *The Truth is not merely based upon doctrinal facts, but deeper principles enlarged by those facts* (baptism, bread and wine...).
- Older brethren are obligated to pass along what they received to the next generation (Pro 22:28). We want to “expound” to others what was shown to us—how to find the Gospel in all part of Bible history.

Paul instructed Timothy: “*the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also*”—2Tim 2:2

Men in Israel were commanded: “teach” God’s precepts “to thy sons, and thy sons’ sons”—Deu 4:1-14 *Elijah—Elisha, Peter—John, Moses—Joshua, Paul—Timothy.*

***“The Scripture method of imparting knowledge is not only the best, but unquestionably the most interesting. It doth not deliver its oracles after the cut and dried fashion of a creed...but it reveals its ‘wonderful things’ in narratives of creation; domestic troubles; of sin and murder; of violence; and apostasy; of physical convulsions; of loves (lawful and forbidden); of famines; pestilence and earthquakes; of invasions; massacres; sieges and sack of towns; religion, politics and superstition; of the foundation and overthrow of kingdoms, states and empires; of family histories in their minutest details; of personal adventure; of personalities, in accusations and vindication of character; etc. Hence, while a creed is the driest and most repulsive elaboration of the ‘black art’; the Bible is the most interesting and readable book in the world. It is intelligible in all its doctrines; but it reveals them so as to make it incumbent on the reader TO REASON THEM OUT...hence ‘the deep things of God’ are addressed to faith, not implicit, but resulting from a devout examination of the wonderful details of this most extraordinary of all books.”—John Thomas, 1847***

Luk 24:27, 44-45 “Beginning at *Moses and all the prophets*, he **EXPOUNDED** unto them in *all the scriptures the things concerning himself*...And he said unto them, **THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH I SPAKE UNTO YOU, WHILE I WAS YET WITH YOU**, that *all things must be fulfilled*, which were written in *the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me*. Then opened (“expounded”) he their understanding, *that they might understand the scriptures*” (TAUGHT BY PARABLES)

Act 17:2-3 “And Paul, as his manner was, **WENT IN UNTO THEM**, and three sabbath days **REASONED WITH THEM OUT OF THE SCRIPTURES, OPENING** (“expounding”) and alleging, that *Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead*; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ”

▪ **“Expound”**: to study O.T. to interpret the N.T.—Acts 26:22-23; 18:28

Act 28:23 “When they had appointed him a day, there came many to him **INTO HIS LODGING**; to whom he **EXPOUNDED** *and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets*, from **MORNING TILL EVENING**”

➤ **The Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ are embedded in the O.T.**

Acts 18:28 “For (Apollos) mightily convinced the Jews, *and that publickly, SHEWING BY THE SCRIPTURES that Jesus was Christ*”

□ “As the *O.T. Scriptures* were the only inspired writings then available, this proves that *the entire redemptive work of the Lord Jesus* is contained within its pages, IN PRECEPT, PARABLE, ALLEGORY, TYPE AND SHADOW” —*Acts Expositor*

John 5:39, 45-47 “*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me...Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.*”

Rom 15:4 “Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our LEARNING, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”

- Greek word “learning” appears 21x in N.T. 19x trans. “doctrine.”
- The Old Testament isn’t merely history, but doctrine expressed in events that are prophetic shadows, types and allegories of the particulars of the Gospel (Kingdom of God & Name of Jesus Christ).

## The Death and Resurrection of Christ the Key to Open Scripture—

**Luke 24:27-31** “Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made *as though he would have gone further*. But they constrained him, saying, *Abide with us* (Mar 4:10-11): for it is toward evening, and *the day is far spent* (Joh 9:4-5). And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, HE TOOK BREAD, AND BLESSED IT, AND BRAKE, AND GAVE TO THEM. AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, AND THEY KNEW HIM; AND HE VANISHED OUT OF THEIR SIGHT.”

- The death and resurrection of Christ was the “key” to unlock the understanding of all Scripture. Prophesied but not revealed until his death (1Pet 1:10-12), this hidden wisdom of the “mystery” (*concealed purpose* 1Cor 2:6-10) has now been fully revealed (Eph 3). This event is figuratively expressed in the Song of Solomon (Son 5:1-6), and enacted by the symbolic three-day death and resurrection of the apostle Paul. It was necessary to comprehend Christ’s sacrifice to open the Law and Prophets (Acts 9).



**1Cor 2:7-8 “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: FOR HAD THEY KNOWN IT, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY”**

**Rom 16:25-26 “Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, AND THE PREACHING OF JESUS CHRIST, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest...” (Eph 3:1-7; Col 1:25-27)**

- **When the disciples asked why he taught by parables, the Lord responded: “Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.” Accepting Jesus as the Messiah provided knowledge that “many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” Rejecting him meant the Jews’ retained a “heart waxed gross, ears dull of hearing” and “eyes” that were “closed” (Mat 13:11-17). Thus, their blindness remained.**

□ “The Christ-idea was in the world before Moses lived. Adam and Eve received the first promise of his appearing... Enoch, the seventh from Adam, predicted his coming with his ten thousand saints; Abraham saw his day and was glad... (Moses) was caused by Yahweh to put them on record, and to commit the writings to the custody of the Hebrew nation... After him the Christ-idea was... *represented* by Joshua at the head of Yahweh’s hosts in the conquest of the Holy Land from the Gentiles. It was also *dramatized* in the history of David and Solomon, and the Mosaic doctrine concerning Christ, *amplified* by Samuel, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and all the prophets... We MUST STUDY Moses and the prophets, or we can KNOW NOTHING as we ought to know it concerning the ‘Wonderful One’... IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW GOD APART FROM THE CHRIST-DOCTRINE OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; for the knowledge of Christ is the knowledge of God-manifestation to man.”

***J. Thomas, Phanerosis, pg. 77-78***

SYMBOLIC USE OF THINGS CREATED

HEAVEN/RULING POWERS - DEUT.32:1...ISA.1:2...  
ISA.49:13...DAN. 8:10...

EARTH/PEOPLE - GEN.6:11...DEUT.32:1...PSA.96:13  
ISA.34:1...JER.51:7...MICAH 1:2...ZECH.1:11

WORLD/PEOPLE - PSA.9:8...ISA.13:1...JO 3:16...  
JO 8:26...HEB.11:38...REV.12:9...REV.13:3

LAND/PEOPLE - PSA.100:1

SEA/PEOPLE (WICKED) - ISA.17:12...ISA.57:20

JER.6:23...JUDE 13

SUN/CHRIST - ISA.60:20...MAL 4:2...2 PET.1:19...REV.22:16

MOON/CHURCH - REV.17:3 - 9, 18

STARS/SAINTS - DAN.12:3 REV.12:1

LIGHT/KNOWLEDGE, RIGHTEOUSNESS - PSA.119:30

ISA.60:20...JOEL 3:19...2 COR.4:6...EPH.5:13

DARKNESS/IGNORANCE, SIN - JOB 37:19...ROM.13:12...2 COR.6:14

MOUNTAINS/KINGDOMS - DAN.2:35...JOEL 3:10 (Matt.24:32)

TREES...FIG/ISRAEL - JER.24: 1-5 HOSEA 9:10...JOEL 1:6,7

OLIVE/ISRAEL - ROM.11:15-24 VINE/ISRAEL - ISA.5:2(see v. 7)

GRASS/FLESH, MAN - PSA.90: 5,6...PSA.103: 15,16

ISA.40: 6-8...JAS.1:10...1 PET. 1:24

FISH/PEOPLE - HAB. 1:14... MATT. 4:19

WHALE/PHARACH - EZEK. 32:2

ANIMALS...LAMB/CHRIST - JO.1:29

SHEEP/LORD'S PEOPLE - PSA.23:1...PSA.74:1...PSA.79:13

MATT.15:24...MATT.25:32

GOATS/REJECTED - MATT. 25:32

HORSE/WAR - EKOD.15:1...PROV.21:31...ZECH.10:3

REV.10:3

THE KEY....1 COR.15:46 - FIRST THE NATURAL, THEN THE  
SPIRITUAL

## SEVEN DAYS - CREATION WEEK

Six Days Creation Read Psa.104:1-30 & Col.1:16

First Day Light

ver.1 Psa.104:30 Reviewed face of Earth  
Jer.4:23 without form, void, no light  
Isa.45:7 formed light & darkness  
II Cor.4:6 God commanded light to shine  
Symbolic use....Psa.119:130\*Word

Second Day Firmament - Heaven

ver.6 Rev.10:6 all in them  
Psa.19:1 God's handiwork

Third Day Dry Land - Seas

ver.9 Seas - Job 26:7-13 boundaries for seas  
Jer.5:22 boundaries for sea Acts 4:24 God  
made seas

ver.11 Grass, Herb, Trees Luke 12:28 God clothes grass  
Psa.104:14 grass and herb

Fourth Day Sun, Moon, Stars

ver.14 lights in Firmament  
ver.16 two lights - Day & Night - Stars Psa.8:3,4 \* 33:6,7

Fifth Day Fish and Fowl

ver.19 Rev.10:6

Sixth Day Beasts - Man

ver.24 Beasts - Psa.50:10 God's  
ver.26 Man \* Deut.4:32 Moses Isa45:8 God Mal.2:10

Seventh Day REST \*\* BLESSED Heb.4:4 God did rest

II ver.2,3 Rested Exod.31:17 became Sabbath Day (rest, repose,  
intermission)

SYMBOLIC USE OF THINGS CREATED I Cor.15:46 Natural explains  
spiritual.

Earth- Jer.4:28 Psa.69:34 Heb.6:7,8 Heavens Dan.4:26 ruling  
powers Rev.6:14 powers overthrown Light IICor.4:6 Light of  
knowledge of God Ephes.5:13 John 3:19 Sea Isa.57:20 Jer.6:  
23 Rev.4:6 Isa.17:12 Jude 13 raging waves. Grass Psa.90:3-  
6 man 103:14-16 James 1:10 IPet.1:24 Isa.40:6 all flesh  
is grass. Trees Psa.1:3 Sun Mal.4:2- Christ Moon Church  
(religious power) Rev.3:12 Pagans overcome by Constantine.  
Stars Dan.12:3 Those in Kingdom Rulers. Fish Mat.4:19  
Hab.1:14 People whale Ezek.32:2 Fowl  
Beasts men Eccles.3:18,19 nations Dan.8:3&20, 5&21. Man  
ICor.15:46,47 Adam symbol of Christ Day of Rest, Sabbath  
Heb.4:8-11 Remaineth Rest For People

**Notes: Bro H. Phillips (baptized 1928)—literal Creation and its corresponding allegory. Most of us perceive the general shadows, but desire confidence to “open” or expound them in greater detail. Elder brethren help to this end.**

Gen 1:1 In the beginning  
God created the heaven  
and the earth.

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens  
and the earth were finished,  
and all the host of them.

- *Genesis 1-2 records a precise chronological order to establishing the “heavens and the earth.” The details of Seven days are given to this process. Concerning the Lord’s return and the “heavens and the earth,” the apostle wrote by inspiration:*

“One day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day...we, according to his promise, LOOK FOR NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH, WHEREIN DWELLETH RIGHTEOUSNESS.” —2Pet 3:7-13

- *Spirit-language deliberately paralleled with the Genesis record.*

Isa. 65:17-24 “For, behold, *I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people:* and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

**Rev 21:1-6** *“I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and THERE WAS NO MORE SEA. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem...”*

**Gen 1:2** *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

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**GENES**  
**CHAPTER 1**  
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 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that *it was*

the day...: 14 I  
 Heb. be- between the day and between the night.  
 1 Ps. 136, 5; Jn. 1. 1-3; Col. 1. 16, 17; He. 1. 8-10 & 11. 3.  
 2 Jer. 4. 23.  
 3 2 Co. 4. 6; Ps. 136, 16 7,8,9. to rule the day...: Heb. for the

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**Jer 4:22-23** *“For my people (Israel) is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light”* (J. Martin “Hebrews” pg 11)

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Isa 45:7 Regarding Israel, God states: “*I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil*”

Isa 45:17-18 “*But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited*”

### **The Light—quote:**

2Cor 4:6 “*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*” (Mal 4:2 Sun)

Col 1:15-16 “(Christ) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him*” (“the last Adam” 1Cor 15:45)

Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

*The establishment of the New Heavens and the New Earth begins with Light and the setting of the New Firmament*

Dan 12:2-3 “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament*; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever”

HEAVEN/RULING POWERS - DEUT. 32:1...ISA  
ISA. 49:13...DAN. 8:10...2PET. 3:10-12

1The 4:14-17 “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air*: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (Heb 12:1)

Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

“Waters under heaven” are “gathered together unto one place” so that the “dry land” appears; emerging as in a national baptism.

LAND/PEOPLE - PSA.100:1  
SEA/PEOPLE (WICKED) - ISA.17:12...ISA.57:20  
JER.6:23...JUDE 13

Rev 16:15-16 “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon”

Subject of New Heavens/Earth

Zec 12:2-3 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about...all the people of the earth be gathered together against it” (Zep 3:8; Joel 3:2; Zec 14:1-2)

**The Dry Land—Israel in Salvation:** (remember Isa 45:17-18)

Exo 14:29 “The children of Israel *walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea*; and the waters were a wall unto them...” (1Cor 10:1-2)

Jos 4:20-22 “And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying...ye shall let your children know, saying, *Israel came over this Jordan on dry land*”



Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it

**KJV margin: Heb 4:4**

Seventh Day REST \*\* BLESSED Heb.4:4  
II ver.2,3 Rested Exod.31:17 became Sa

*The literal creation provides a symbolic prophecy for the New Heavens and the New Earth. The Heb. 4 quotation of Gen. 2 directly relates to Joshua leading God's people into the Land promised to Abraham!*

**Heb 4:1-10 "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. FOR UNTO US WAS \*THE GOSPEL PREACHED, as well as unto them...*For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works...*For if JESUS had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" \*SAME GOSPEL IN O.T. AND N.T.**

## O.T. History Reveals Doctrine by Prophetic Types & Shadow

- ***“Moses wrote not only of the literal, but of that in such a way that he intended something else than is contained in the words literally taken. His writings are therefore both literal and allegorical; and \*TO UNDERSTAND THEM IN THEIR ALLEGORICAL SENSE WE MUST PAY STRICT ATTENTION TO THEIR LITERAL SIGNIFICANCE, which is ‘the form of the knowledge and the truth’. The literal narrative is ‘the form’; the ‘knowledge and the truth’ the allegorical significance of that form” —J. Thomas, Phanerosis, pg. 95 \*KJV—consistent language***
- It is IMPOSSIBLE to know Christ as the “bread from heaven” (John 6) without a specific study of the “manna” to which he refers and is recorded in detail in the Law (Exo 16; Num 11).
- It is IMPOSSIBLE to know Jesus’ relationship to sinful flesh without (John 3) a careful consideration of the “serpent” on the pole to which he refers in the Law of Moses (Num 21).

***Note: allegories are not vague generalizations, but revealed in the detail of the literal. Law & Prophets—primary exposition of our pioneers. Statements are made in N.T., but the details are found in the O.T.***

## Detailed Study Must Be Made of the Law and Prophets:

- It is IMPOSSIBLE to know Christ as the “high priest” after the “order of Melchisedec” (Heb 5-6), without a careful study of Genesis 14, and all other elements of the priesthood.
- It is IMPOSSIBLE to know Christ as the complete provisional sacrifice of Yahweh (Heb 10:5-12), without a thorough study of the detailed offerings recorded in the Law of Moses (Lev 1-6).
- We CANNOT understand how God will “dwell with men” (2Cor 6:16; Rev 21:3; John 1:14), without a detailed study of each element of Tabernacle (Exo 25-40). These were “figures of the true,” says the apostle (Heb 9:24).

**Phi 3:3 “*We are the circumcision*, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh”**

- We CANNOT appreciate this N.T. reference without a thorough study of the deep doctrine of “circumcision” established in the O.T. *Christ and the apostles taught the O.T. is the key to the N.T.*

□ “Such is oftentimes the significant character of Bible history; *it is both literal and allegorical at the same time*. FOR BEING ALLEGORICAL IT DOES NOT THEREBY CEASE TO BE LITERALLY TRUE; NOR BECAUSE IT IS LITERAL DOES IT FAIL TO QUALIFY AS ALLEGORY. It is properly not pure parable but *enacted parable*: it retains its claim throughout to faultless accuracy. It is this which gives it its unique importance, *for its allegorical content, precisely because it is immanent in authentic historical facts, possesses the same property of truth as the facts themselves*. Thus its lessons remain permanently relevant even though the facts which first served to illustrate them belong to the distant past.” ***W.F. Barling, Law and Grace pg. 25***

Modern Christianity cannot decipher between literal and figurative. In fact, the Creation is considered just a metaphorical story, while the symbols in Revelation are thought to be literal.

□ “Whatever we may think of it, there the fact undoubtedly is; and it would be a pity to make the mistake of those who stoutly *shut their eyes and maintain there are no types and shadows connected either with the history or the institutions of Israel under Moses*”—***R. Roberts, Law of Moses, pg 104***

**Milk To Meat**—In both literal and figurative applications “milk” reps. the fundamental digestion of food—“As newborn babes, *desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*” (1Pet 2:1-2). Milk is directly defined by the apostle as “the first principles of the oracles of God” (Heb 5:12-14). “Meat” is used to represent a diet of deeper, more mature things in the Word of God, which the apostle urges brethren to ultimately advance (Heb 5:13-6:3):

“For every one that useth milk *is UNSKILFUL IN THE WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS*: for he is a babe. *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection*; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection...”

It is in this epistle where the subject of “figures” and “shadows” of the O.T. are specifically addressed (Heb 9:9, 24; 11:19; 8:5; 10:1).

## **Example—The Abrahamic Covenant**

**Gen 12:1** Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

**Gen 12:2** And **I WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

**Gen 12:3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **IN THEE SHALL ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED**.

- That God would make of Abraham's seed "a great nation" relates directly to his natural offspring and the development of the nation of Israel (Rom 9:6-8; Deu 7:6-8; 10:14-16; Lev 26:41-45; Rom 11:25-28 cf. *used for Ishmael* Gen 17:20-21)
- That God would multiply Abraham's seed to include "all families of the earth" relates to the inclusion of Gentiles being graft into Abraham through Christ by baptism (Rom 4:13-17; Gal 3:6-14; 26-29; 6:15-16; Eph 2:11-19; 3:4-6; Rom 2:28-29)
- *This first principle "milk" is enacted as typical "meat"—*

**This important doctrine concerning the “seed of Abraham” is literally and allegorically enacted in his “two sons”—**

**Gal 4:21-31 “Tell me, *ye that desire to be under THE LAW*, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that *Abraham had two sons*, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. WHICH THINGS ARE AN ALLEGORY: *for these are the two covenants*; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all...Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was *born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit*, even so *it is* now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son...So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free”** *\*allegory—literal event that also has a figurative meaning.*

**Proving it was always God's intent for Gentiles to be included as the "seed of Abraham," the apostle cites Biblical chronology—**

**Rom 4:9-17 "Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision (Jew) only, or upon the uncircumcision (Gentile) also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. *How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.* And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith WHICH *HE HAD YET BEING UNCIRCUMCISED: THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FATHER OF ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE, THOUGH THEY BE NOT CIRCUMCISED; THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS MIGHT BE IMPUTED UNTO THEM ALSO:* And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, *which he had being yet uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith...*to the end the promise might be sure TO ALL THE SEED; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; *who is the father of us all*"**

***Abrahamic (Gen 12)—Circumcision: Ishmael (Gen 17)—then Isaac (Gen 21-22)***



❑ ***“This fragment of Abraham’s history has a signification beyond what appears on the face of it. The apostle informs that the incidents are allegorical. That is, **the two women** and their characteristics, represent **two covenants**; and **the two sons of Abraham** by them **two seeds**, or classes of people” —Elpis Israel***

○ **“THE ALLEGORY OF ABRAHAM’S LIFE” (pg. 258)—HPM, Expositor Bible Facts** possess greater meaning to those who comprehend the Gospel of the Kingdom. Note the remarkable chronology—

**Gen 21—Ishmael: The Natural Seed of Abraham “Cast Out”**

**Gen 22—Isaac: The Sacrifice true Seed: Son’s death, resurrection**

**Gen 23—Death of Sarah: Jerusalem in AD 70**

**Gen 24—Calling Isaac’s Bride: Gospel to the Sacrificial Son’s Ecclesia**

**Gen 25—Sons of Concubines: Truth to Many Nations**

**Mat 8:11-12 regarding the faith of the Roman Centurion, Jesus said:**

***“Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.***

***And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out...”***

## **Example—The Sin-Nature and Exaltation of Jesus Christ**

- As a matter of first principle milk, we know Jesus shared our nature; suffered death as a partaker of flesh and blood; and was raised from the death by God and given all authority.
- We reject the false teaching that Jesus was God himself or co-equal with God as part of a so-called Trinity. We know the Bible teaches that Jesus manifested God and was exalted by the Father and given all authority by Him (Phi 2:8-9).

**2Cor 5:21** “For he hath made him to be *sin for us*, who *knew no sin*; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2Cor 3:4)

**Rom 8:3** “God sending his own Son in *the likeness of sinful flesh*, and for sin, condemned *sin in the flesh*” (Heb 2:14-17; Rom 6:10; Gal 4:4)

**Phi 2:8-9** “Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him*, and given him a name which is above every name”

- ***This first principle “milk” is enacted as typical “meat”—***

## **Example: Doctrinal Truth affirmed by Types and Allegories—**

**Note the variation of the circumstances—which teach different emphasis on the principles of the Atonement—yet consistently a man brought to a figurative death unjustly is ultimately vindicated and exalted by a supreme power and given authority:**

- Joseph was raised up from prison by the one higher in power—Pharaoh—and given the authority to govern the whole land of Egypt, with all nations subservient to him (Gen 41).
- Mordecai was redeemed from being hanged on a tree by Haman and given the “ring” of all authority over the Medo-Persian (Est 8). empire. Yet the King was still the highest power in the Land.
- Daniel, who was saved from the Den of Lions, was lifted up and exalted by the Supreme King of all authority & power (Dan 6).
- Isaac was sacrificed by his father, and then raised in a figure to be given all that belonged to his father (Gen 22; 25).
- Nehemiah, the king’s cupbearer, went forth to restore Jerusalem, but did so only by the authority and power of the king (Neh 2)<sup>36</sup>.

**In an important discussion on the DOCTRINE of the Atonement Bro. Roberts very wisely appealed to the TYPES In The Law—**

**□ Questions and Questions—by *Robert Roberts***

**73.** Paul says the substance of the law or things *foreshadowed* in it are to be found in Christ (Col. 2:17; Rom. 2:20; Heb. 9:23; Heb. 10:1). This being so, can your theory furnish the *antitype* to the High Priest offering for himself (Lev. 16:6)?

**74.** Can your theory furnish the *antitype* to the scarlet which entered into the composition of the veil (that is to say, his flesh—Heb. 10:20)?

**75.** Can your theory furnish the *antitype* to the uncleanness imparting bodies of those beasts burnt without the camp (Heb. 13:11)?

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**80.** If you attempt to answer, do not content yourself with “yes;” but show us wherein all these things which were *typical of Christ* have their counterpart in a theory which teaches... etc.”