

**GOD'S USE OF TYPES AND WORD PICTURES – 2 TIMOTHY 2:15a**

Last week in part one we learned the two most important words in the Bible—*like* and *as*. These words draw comparisons and contrasts revealing details that are \_\_\_\_\_ easily understood or exposed elsewhere. In today's study we will examine another unique way God communicates to us in the Bible—through *types and word pictures*. The OT is primarily \_\_\_\_\_ in nature while the NT is \_\_\_\_\_. These keys will help you understand the Old Testament, directly connecting it to the New. Once you grasp this method, you will start seeing examples frequently employed throughout scripture. While this will increase your Bible knowledge, the goal is to strengthen your \_\_\_\_\_ in the *word of truth*, affecting your life with God on a daily basis.

## 1. Teaching by word \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-11

## a. The Bible is a picture book

- Young children learn by looking at pictures in a book, a board, or on a screen  
As God's children we learn the same way
- We discover these pictures by comparing scripture with scripture – 1 Cor. 2:9-13; Is. 28:9-13  
Moses wrote of Jesus yet never mentioned his name or revealed his identity directly. He spoke throughout his writings using word pictures – Jo. 5:45-47
- Word pictures breath \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual life into the Bible's historic narratives

b. *Some* OT word pictures

- Genesis 4 – Cain and Abel  
Pictures for every NT believer the battle between the flesh and the spirit – Gal. 5:16-17  
Pictures salvation by works vs. grace through the shed blood of a lamb – Heb. 11:4; 1 Jo. 3:12  
Pictures the battle between Jesus Christ *in his first coming* and the devil – Heb. 11:4; 12:24
- Genesis 5 – The life and times of Enoch  
Pictures details surrounding the premillennial rapture of church age saints – Mt. 24:37-39; Heb. 11:5
- Genesis 19 – The escape from Sodom... Lot, his wife, and virgin daughters  
Pictures poor male leadership, sin and its long-term consequences – NT  
Pictures the grace of God by rapturing lukewarm Laodicean Christians sparing them from tribulation and death – 1 Cor. 3:15; Rev. 3:14-17

- Genesis 22 – Abraham’s faith is proven by offering up Isaac  
Pictures the crucifixion of Christ and details surrounding his passion – Mt. 27; Mk. 15; Lk. 23; Jo. 19
- Genesis 24 – The unnamed servant finds a bride for Isaac—Rebekah  
Pictures for every unmarried believer how to find a spouse and the character qualities to look for  
Pictures our marriage to Jesus Christ and how the entire spiritual process took place – NT  
Pictures Rebekah as a type of the NT believer and the character qualities we should manifest – NT
- Genesis 40 – Joseph interprets the dreams of both the baker and the butler  
Pictures every false religion compared to genuine salvation through the blood of Christ – NT
- Exodus 12 – The Passover and exit of God’s people from bondage in Egypt  
Pictures the one-time sacrifice of Christ as the spotless lamb of God setting sinners free - NT
- Exodus 17 – The fight between the Israelites (led by Joshua) and Amalek  
Pictures the wrestling match between the believer and the enemy – Eph. 6:10-18  
Pictures for every believer how to pray during an extreme crisis – 1 Thess. 5:17  
Pictures the fight between Christ and sin—including the evil world system – Mt. 26:36; Mk. 14:32
- Numbers 21 – The brazen (bronze) serpent  
Pictures Christ on the cross and his vicarious payment for sin – Jo. 3:14-15; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13  
A picture of the symbol for the American Medical Association

## 2. Teaching by \_\_\_\_\_

- a. This method unlocks countless *additional* details not found anywhere else in scripture
  - Types are a foreshadow or illustration of a person, place or event
  - Types are symbols depicting something else—like an icon on your phone, computer or TV  
These icons, symbols and images help us when travelling thru an airport, road or highway... wherever found they help us easily identify the restroom, information booths, pedestrian crossings, traffic flow, money exchange, and a host of necessary destinations and services
  - This method does \_\_\_\_\_ spiritualize scripture or allow for allegorizing the Bible at random at the desire or whim of the reader. Types are defined clearly by comparing scripture with scripture

b. Some types found in scripture

- Major types of Jesus Christ

Adam	Jacob	Samuel
Abel	Joseph	David
Seth	Moses	<u>Solomon</u>
Noah	Aaron	Elijah
Abraham	Joshua	Elisha
Melchizedek	Barak	Hezekiah
Isaac	Gideon	Jonah

- Major types of the antichrist

Cain	Saul	Ahab
Nimrod	Goliath	Nebuchadnezzar
Pharaoh	Nabal	Sennacherib
Balek	Absalom	Haman
Sisera	<u>Solomon</u>	Herod
Abimelech	Jeroboam	Judas Iscariot

- Types of the NT believer and/or local church

Eve	Moon	Virgin
Enoch	Candlestick	Temple / Tabernacle
Rebekah	Soldier	House or household
Ruth	Child	Human body
Sheep	Bride	

- Types of sin and the flesh

Serpent	Wound
Leprosy	Poison
Thief	Sickness
Debt	Vomit
Heavy burden	Uncleanness

- Types of the world (peoples, nations, systems, governments, etc.)

Field	Egypt
Wilderness	Babylon
Desert	Rome

- Types of opposing pairs

Cain vs. Abel

Jacob vs. Esau

Pharaoh vs. Moses

David vs. Goliath

Jesus vs. Satan

Sarah vs. Hagar

Baker vs. Butler

Janes and Jambres vs. Moses and Aaron

Elijah vs. Ahab or Jezebel

Paul vs. Elymus or Alexander the coppersmith or Caesar

- Types of the \_\_\_\_\_ itself

Sword            Meat

Hammer          Rain

Water            Gold

Bread            Light

Honey            Fire

Honeycomb      Dew

Milk              Seed

- Other interesting types found throughout scripture

Rock              Sun and Moon

Trees             Birds and fish

Ass                Oxen

Note: There are hundreds and hundreds of types found in the Old and New Testaments. Do not make them up out of thin air. Make sure that they line up with what the Bible clearly says.

NEXT WEEK: METHODS OF BIBLE *STUDY* – PART THREE

*God's use of key words and phrases*

# Addendum

## 18 major types of antichrist:

- 1) Cain – *“Cain, who was of that wicked one”* – 1 John 3:12; the devil was a *“murderer from the beginning”* – John 8:44; Cain was the first murderer and killed Abel because of his obedience to the word of God – Gen. 4; The Lord set a mark upon Cain – the antichrist is connected to a mark – Gen. 4:15; Rev. 13:16-18.
- 2) Nimrod – His name means *“rebel.”* He is a king over a kingdom in rebellion against God; he is the first king of Babylon; He is working to establish a unified world empire where everyone on earth will have the same government and religion – Gen. 11; he is the 13<sup>th</sup> in line from Adam.
- 3) Pharaoh – He is the king of Egypt which is a clear type of the world throughout scripture. He persecutes the nation of Israel – Ex. 4-12; During Israel’s tribulation in Egypt, Moses preached to Pharaoh for the deliverance of God’s people – Moses will also preach to the antichrist during the tribulation period – Rev. 11.
- 4) Balak – The evil Moabite king of Numbers 22-25 that caused Israel to stumble. He was part of a satanic trinity that had Baal as his false god – Balak as the false king – Balaam as the false prophet; this is like the devil’s trinity with a dragon as Satan, the father – the beast as Satan, the son – the false prophet as Satan, the unholy spirit.
- 5) Sisera – In Judges 4, *“He mightily oppressed the children of Israel.”* He is defeated at Megiddo, the antichrist is defeated at Megiddo; He dies from a head wound, the antichrist receives a head wound.
- 6) Abimelech – He is a worshipper of Baal. He is a rebel against Jehovah God; he sets himself up as king; he receives a deadly head wound – Judges 9:53.
- 7) Goliath – 1 Samuel 17 – He comes against the nation of Israel; he taunts them into fighting with him while he desires to destroy them; He is in the lineage of demonic giants – Gen. 6:1-4; David bruises his head – Gen. 3:15; David defeats him in the valley and ultimately takes him out with a sharp two-edged sword – Rev. 19:15.
- 8) Saul – The king chosen and received by the people before God’s anointed King David. He tried to usurp the priesthood – 1 Samuel 13; 2 Thess. 2:4; he was possessed by an evil spirit – 1 Samuel 28; Rev. 13; he was a self-willed ruler who constantly disobeyed God’s word; he relentlessly pursued God’s man; his ultimate demise was by his own doing – 1 Samuel 31:4.
- 9) Nabal – He rebelled against King David – 1 Samuel 25. He was called the *“son of Belial”* in 1 Samuel 25:17; this term was used for Satan in 2 Cor. 6:15. In 1 Samuel 25:38, *“The Lord smote Nabal”* just as he will smite the antichrist.
- 10) Absalom – His name means, *“Father of peace,”* yet he continuously rebelled against King David and stirred up trouble in David’s house. In his rebellion against the King, he took a third of the men with him – Rev. 12:4; in 2 Samuel 18:17-18 when he dies he goes to *“his own place”* ... his own place was a pit.
- 11) Solomon – He is associated with the number *“666”* in 1 Kings 10:14 and 2 Chron. 9:13; he raised heavy taxes against Israel like the antichrist during the tribulation period – 1 Kings 12:9. Solomon is the only type of antichrist and Christ in the entire Bible – 1 Kings 10 pictures Christ in the kingdom, while 1 Kings 11 pictures the antichrist. He was the wisest man alive, yet he disobeyed God and worshipped false gods due to the fornicating relationships he had with strange women.
- 12) Jeroboam – He was the first king of the divided Northern kingdom; he led Israel into rebellion against God and set up images for worship – 1 Kings 12; Rev. 13.

- 13) Ahab – He is Israel’s most evil king – 1 Kings 16:30. His wife is Jezebel... she is defined in Rev. 2:20 as a false religious system; she is the woman riding the beast in Rev. 17:3; she is the one-world religion of the antichrist used to unify the world during the tribulation. She has black robed priests called “*father*” who use idols as aids in worship in their “*house of gods*” – Judges 17-18.
- 14) Nebuchadnezzar – He is the evil king of Babylon that besieged Jerusalem and took God’s people captive; he targets God’s people to systematically feed them a steady diet of his food in order to change their thinking and ultimately their identity – Daniel 1; He erects an image of himself and decrees the people to worship it – Daniel 3; he is associated with a fiery hot place – Daniel 4; he is ultimately defeated and abased by God – Daniel 4. He is called a “*dragon*” in Jeremiah 51:34; Rev. 13:4.
- 15) Sennacherib – He is the wicked king of Assyria that invades Israel from the North; Assyrian is a term used to identify the antichrist in the OT; both the word “*Assyrian*” and “*Sennacherib*” are each found 13 times in the Bible.
- 16) Haman – The wicked ruler who persecutes the Jews in the book of Esther. Because of his intense hatred for one person, he tries to destroy the entire Jewish race from off the face of the earth; he rules during a time when a Gentile bride is removed and has been replaced by a Jewish bride; he is called the “*adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman*” – Esther 7:6.
- 17) Herod – A Roman king in power at the first coming of Christ... a Roman king will be in power at the second coming of Christ. Sought to kill the Messiah by wiping out all children who were potential royal lineage – Mt. 2:16; Rev. 12:4-5. He beheads John the Baptist, whom Elijah during the tribulation is a type of.
- 18) Judas Iscariot – He is only one of two persons ever called the “*son of perdition*” – John 17:12, the other is the antichrist – 2 Thess. 2:3. In John 6:66 Judas fits the description of the spirit of Antichrist – 1 John 2:19-23 and then is called a “*devil*” in verses 70-71. Satan himself actually enters the body of Judas Iscariot – John 13:27. After his suicidal death he goes to “*his own place*” – Acts 1:25; Rev. 11:7; 17:18.

\*Some major types of antichrists throughout church history:

- 1) Nero
- 2) Constantine
- 3) Charlemagne
- 4) Napoleon
- 5) Hitler

*1 John 2:18 – Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*