

Deciphering the Code

A good portion of scripture is written in a prophetic code. When certain rules are applied, many strange images will take on new life and meaning. All you need is the code. The appendix of this study contains over 300 idioms and their possible meaning.

PROPHETIC PICTURES

It has been said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." God would probably agree with this wise statement. God uses a visual language called types. To understand types, you have to realize that a majority of the Bible is written in a prophetic "code". These codes take animals, plants, metals, colors, even numbers and attach a meaning or definition to them. If this code is understood, many familiar scriptures will come to life in a new and exciting way

THE ACACIA

An interesting example in this prophetic code is the Acacia (or Shittim) tree. In the Middle East, the Acacia starts as a small thorn bush found in the desert. In time, this bush can grow into a fairly large size tree. When dead branches fall from this tree, they are limbs bearing one to two inch thorns. God, in declaring the curse said,

"Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you."
Genesis 3:17 & 18

Thorns, by God's proclamation, now become one of the codes for the curse. In many places in the Bible¹, wood is idiomatic of man; or more specifically, man and his mortality. This decoding process was demonstrated regarding King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel chapter 4.

"The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which could be seen by all the earth... it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth."
Daniel 4:20 & 22

We can now look upon the Acacia as a specific code denoting mortal man under the curse. Let us look at an example of how God uses this code with Moses.

THE BURNING BUSH

In Exodus 3, Moses was curious to discover why a burning desert bush was not consumed. He then finds himself talking to the immortal God. For many years I had struggled with the question: "Why a burning bush? Why not a frozen tree or a scene from a sci-fi movie?"

¹ ref. Ezekiel 15:16, Job 24:20 and Psalm 1:1-3

To piece together this puzzle, let us first look at the idiom of fire. In many places in the Bible, fire is idiomatic of the wrath and judgment of God. The bush that was burning was the Acacia, or the thorn bush of the desert. From what we have learned of the two codes; cursed man (Acacia bush) is under the judgment of God (fire) but is not consumed. The burning bush is therefore a model of God's grace. Therefore, God is saying to Moses that sinful mankind is under the judgment of God, but not consumed. This picture is what the apostle Peter alluded to when he wrote,

But the heavens and the earth which now exist are kept in store (not consumed) by the same word, reserved for fire until the day of judgment (the burning) and perdition of ungodly men (the bush). II Peter 3:7

So now we can see by our idiomatic code that it was the grace of God that drew a murderer like Moses into the presence of the most holy "I AM". It is also the grace of God that draws us to the One who bore the curse (the Acacia) upon His own head.

THE CROWN OF THORNS

As I had described earlier, the dead branches of the Acacia tree drop to the ground bearing two to three inch thorns. These branches were fashioned by Roman soldiers as a mock crown and placed upon the head of a condemned prisoner.

When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on [Jesus'] head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Matthew 27:29

The curse proclaimed in Genesis (the thorn) is now pressed into the head of this carpenter thereby bearing the curse originally meant for man. Isaiah prophesied this more than 600 years before His birth.

Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:4 & 5

Later, this same Jesus was to bear a wood cross to the top of mount Moriah, the same peak where the patriarch Abraham was to offer his son Isaac. It is good possibility that the wood that Isaac bore up the mountain was Acacia wood. It is also possible that the cross itself was of the same kind of tree. Wood therefore has two idiomatic meanings; mortal man and the cross.

Again, it may seem difficult to grasp at first, but remember that you are, in many respects, learning a new language. In time you will see how these codes work. And then you will be able to apply them in your own research.

Bible pictorial codes take on several forms. Let us examine just a few of the more common:

THE METALLIC CODE

As one who dabbles in engineering, it is important for me to understand the properties of certain metals. When I go to the hardware store to buy a saw blade or a drill bit, I make sure that the word "carbide" is written within its description. This extremely hard and durable material will lengthen the life of any chosen cutting tool. Aluminum is worthless as a cutting material due to its soft pliable make-up. It is, on the other hand, extremely light and therefore perfect for aircraft fabrication.

If I were to say that my heart is like aluminum, you would use this metallic code to say, "I believe he is feeling very light hearted." If I were to say that my heart is like carbide, you would use this code to say, "This man is very hard hearted."

God also uses metals and other hard substances (such as rock) to provide descriptive analogies.

The Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. Isaiah 50:7

Here we see Isaiah using the hard substance of *flint* to illustrate his immovable devotion to God.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S STATUE

In prophetic code, metals can illustrate one's greatness in strength or esteem whether he be man or nation. Metals can also symbolize deity and eternity, blood and redemption or judgment and fire. In the days of ancient Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar II had a disturbing dream that would later be revealed by a small Jewish youth named Daniel.

"You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. "This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron..." Daniel 2:31-33

Starting from the head and working down, you will see that the metals decrease in value while at the same time increase in strength. Fortunately for us, Daniel provides the interpretation of this dream.

"This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all; you are this head of gold. But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. "And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters all things; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others." Daniel 2:36-40

The dream is an incredible description of four world powers. The head of gold, as Daniel had stated, was the kingdom of Babylon. Babylon was then subjugated by the Medo-Persian alliance in 539 B.C. as symbolized by the two arms joined at the chest of silver. Alexander the Great conquered the Medo-Persian Empire in 333 B.C. as represented by the belly and thighs of bronze. Alexander died in 323 B.C. thus leaving the kingdom divided to his four generals. The Greek and Hellenistic influence left by Alexander soon led to the rise of Rome in the first century B.C. as seen in the legs of Iron.²

THE BRASS SERPENT

The idiom of metal is also seen in one of the most detailed prophetic pictures in the Hebrew Bible and takes place toward the end of the forty year wandering in the wilderness. The children of Israel were becoming ungrateful in spite of the miraculous provisions that God had given them during this time of testing.

And the people spoke against God and against Moses:

"Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."

So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Numbers 21:4-6

The Bible has identified the code of the serpent in Genesis 3 as the devil or Satan. The plural use of *serpents* could be identified as sin. In sending fiery serpents into the camp, God illustrates how sin has bitten every man on earth whether they be good or bad people. The venom courses through their veins leaving only precious little time to seek out a cure for this sentence of death.

... when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. For the wages of sin is death.³

The reaction of the people was typical for man. He confesses his sin, and then expects God to save them on their terms. Notice how they plead for God to remove the serpents.

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us."

So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." Numbers 21:7-8

God did not provide salvation on *their* terms by removing the serpents. God knew that if He took away the serpents, the people would die anyway, for all had been bitten,

Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered the world, and death through sin (serpents), and thus death spread to all men (venom), because all sinned. Romans 5:12

² I have purposely left out a fifth kingdom symbolized by the feet with ten toes made of Iron and clay.

³ James 1:15 & Romans 6:23 Note that "sin" is falling short of perfection.

Removing the serpents on *their* terms would only be a bandage over the bite-mark. So God provided this strange device for their salvation. He provided a means by which they could live even with the venom injected inside their bloodstream. I had pondered over this device with just as much confusion as I did the burning bush. Why a serpent on a pole? The question was answered within the prophetic code.

Let us look at the individual elements used in Nebuchadnezzar's statue and find their parallel meaning. Gold is a very valuable metal because of its high tolerance against corrosion. Due to its non-corrosive nature, the element of gold becomes a symbol of the incorruptible God, or deity. This is why the mercy seat that covered the Ark of the Covenant was to be made of pure gold. This lid represented the throne of God.

You shall make a mercy seat of *pure gold*; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. Exodus 25:17

Silver was the material used as the price of redemption. It had also come to symbolize blood. It was the requirement of God in the Levitical law to offer the blood of an animal along with the silver shekels of the sanctuary for redemption to be complete.

If a person commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally... then he shall bring to the Lord as his trespass offering a ram without blemish from the flocks (blood), with your valuation in shekels of *silver* according to the shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering. Leviticus 5:15

This offering was a prophetic picture of the Messiah who was to be sacrificed as a sinless offering for the redemption of mankind.

...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like *silver* or *gold*...but with the precious *blood of Christ*, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. I Peter 1:18-19

Finally, let us look at the properties of bronze. Bronze or brass was the best metal for holding fire because of its high tolerance to heat. As I have shown in an earlier chapter, fire is a symbol for judgment. So bronze is often used as an idiom for both fire and judgment.

In the construction of the tabernacle, Moses was instructed to use brass for the altar and its utensils.

He made all the utensils for the altar: the pans, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the fire pans; all its utensils he made of *bronze*. Exodus 38:3

There were two reasons why the altar in the tabernacle was made with this material; durability under extreme temperatures and idiomatic representation of sin being judged on the altar of sacrifice.

Let us now see if we can decode the prophetic picture illustrated in the brass serpent.

So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a [wooden] pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. Numbers 21:9

As I have shown earlier in this chapter, wood has two specific meanings; mortal man and the cross. In this case, the bronze serpent was to be hung on a wooden pole. If you look up the word "pole" in the Hebrew language you would find that the word is more accurately translated "standard". A standard differed from a pole in that it had a cross section to hold a flag. Without the flag, a standard looks very much like a Roman cross.

Returning to our identification, we see a standard with a serpent hung over it. The serpent is identified in Genesis 3 as being Satan; bronze symbolizes judgment. The brass serpent on the pole then makes this prophetic statement,

"Satan (serpent) has been judged (brass) by the cross (pole)"

To confirm this use of code, we need to look at an event that took place during the days of Jesus. A Jewish leader, Nicodemus, was naturally confused and disquieted by this man from Nazareth. He not only claimed the title of Messiah, but claimed equality with God as well. Jesus then appealed to him as a teacher of the Torah by revealing the prophetic picture of the brass serpent.

"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And *as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up*, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:13-15

God did not remove the serpents from the people because the venom already mortally infected them. Rather, He set a prophetic picture that said, in effect, *though you are riddled with the venom of sin, all you need to do is keep your eyes on my Son and you will live*. Jesus then added,

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17

It is interesting to note that this same brass serpent later became an idol of worship to Israel. God never intended the serpent on the pole to be worshiped as a god, it was a signpost pointing to the suffering messiah. Yet how many times have we been guilty of the same crime concerning our artifacts of worship rather than approaching God in spirit and in truth?

CREATURE CODE

In the previous example, the snake was identified as a code for sin and Satan. Using animals as identification is not a new idea. For example, if I held up two photographs, one of an eagle and the other a lion, could you tell me which would represent the United States? Could you tell me which would represent England?

THE EAGLE

The people of the United States would not have difficulty identifying the eagle as the symbol for America. However, in the prophetic code, the eagle represents a power much greater than the United States.

As an *eagle* stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the Lord alone led him. Deuteronomy 32:11-12

The eagle represents a swift and mortal attack, or in the context above, as deity. We can see this in nature how eagles militantly protect their young.

THE OX

Next, let us look at the prophetic significance of the ox. We will start by examining two scriptures. The first is found in Deuteronomy 25:4.

You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.

Now let us compare this with a passage in Deuteronomy 24:14-15.

You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy... Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you.

Paul in writing to the Corinthians makes a comparison of these two passages.

For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain."

Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

I Corinthians 9:9-10

Paul explains the Deuteronomy passages as being a figurative picture of the benevolent handling of a servant. By this we can look upon the ox as an idiom of a suffering servant.

THE LION

The lion is aptly titled "King of the Beasts". I have seen many a documentary where even the bravest men freeze with fear or run for cover when confronted with a lion. The lion in prophetic code illustrates someone you do not necessarily wish to provoke. Besides its usual feline description, the dictionary defines a lion as "... a person of great eminence and prestige".⁴ The Bible describes a lion much the same way.

A *lion*, is mighty among beasts and does not turn away from any.
Proverbs 30:30

⁴ The American Heritage Dictionary

When Jacob prophesied over the twelve tribes of Israel, he came to Judah and proclaimed that out of his lineage will come the Messiah. Jacob also made it clear that this coming King was not One to provoke.

Judah is a *lion's* whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a *lion*; and as a *lion*, who shall rouse him? ... he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.

Genesis 9-11

Along with being regal, strong and fear demanding; this great beast is also the messianic emblem of the tribe of Judah or the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah". This title makes the lion the symbol of the kingly Messianic line.

The lion, as with many animals of the creature codes, is used several ways in the prophetic deciphering. It has been used as a description of Babylon, Great Britain and possibly even the United States (young lions).

THE THRONE OF GOD

Two people; the prophet Ezekiel and the apostle John have described the throne of God. Both their descriptions contained living creatures that had certain strange attributes in common.

Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a *man*, each of the four had the face of a *lion* on the right side, each of the four had the face of an *ox* on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an *eagle*. Ezekiel 1:5 & 10

The first living creature was like a *lion*, the second living creature like a *calf*, the third living creature had a face like a *man*, and the fourth living creature was like a flying *eagle*. Revelation 4:7

This would be a strange and puzzling sight were it not for the prophetic code. There are four accounts of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Each of these accounts provide a separate attribute of His persona.

Matthew came from the priestly lineage of Levi. He traced Christ's genealogy from Abraham; through the kingly line of Judah; to His earthly father Joseph. His book was written in Hebrew to Hebrews and focused primarily on Jesus as the Messianic "Lion of the Tribe of Judah".

Mark's approach was different in that he focused his gospel on presenting Jesus as a suffering servant.

Luke was a physician,⁵ so he concentrated on the humanity of Jesus or his being a man amongst men. This is why Luke traces his genealogy from his mother Mary, to the first man, Adam.

John focused his eyewitness account on the deity of Jesus. His genealogy links Him in the beginning with God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-2 & 14

⁵ ref. Colossians 4:14

So now we see that Matthew's gospel identifies Jesus as the *Lion* of the tribe of Judah. Mark offers Him as an *ox* or a suffering servant. Luke presents Jesus as a *man* and John proclaims Him as an *eagle* or deity incarnate.

Looking back to the throne of God we see the four living creatures that resemble a creature with four faces; the face of a lion, ox, man and eagle. The witness of the four gospels is pictured in front of the throne of God in prophetic code and points to the fourfold gospel of Jesus Christ.

Though these creatures have been looked upon in a figurative or prophetic sense. It must be assumed that these creatures are actual heavenly beings that literally exist. God created them as a picture of the coming Messiah and keeps them close to His throne at all times.

THE LAMB

The primary function of prophecy is not just to prove that God exists or that He wrote the Bible. The primary function of prophecy is to identify the messiah and when He will come. Prophecy gives us the who, what, when, where and why before events take place.

One of the ways God illustrated this was with the Passover lamb. The day of Passover was when God slew the entire first born of Egypt as a final plague toward the release of the enslaved Jews. The details of its sacrifice were given just before the Jews were to be delivered from bondage in Egypt.

"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month (Nisan) every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.'" Exodus 12:3

On the tenth day of the Jewish month of Nisan, a lamb was to be selected for each Hebrew household. John the Baptist bore witness that Jesus of Nazareth was to be this Passover lamb for all mankind.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" John 1:29-30

It was on the tenth of Nisan that Jesus sat upon a colt and rode into Jerusalem. On that road to the Eastern Gate He allowed himself to be heralded as the coming Messiah and king of the house of David. The prophet Zechariah described this event in depth five hundred years earlier.⁶

And a very great multitude spread their garments on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" When He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." Matthew 21:8-11

⁶ ref. Zechariah 9:9

Four days later, on the fourteenth of Nisan, you were to eat the Passover supper which consisted of bitter herbs and unleavened bread (or Matzot).

"In the first month,(Nisan) on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread... and with bitter herbs they shall eat it."
Exodus 12:18b & 8

This bitter meal was a symbol to remind future generations of the bitter bondage they experienced in Egypt. It was also a prophetic picture of another bitter supper that happened on that very day.

After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death. Mark 14:1

The fourteenth of Nisan was also the day you were to kill the unspotted lamb. You were then to place the blood of the lamb in a basin located at the threshold of Egyptian houses (This basin was originally used for the washing of feet). You were then to take a small broom style brush made of hyssop and dip it in the threshold of the door. With this blood soaked brush, you were then to strike the two doorposts and the lintel. When the death angel came to kill the first born, it would see the cross of blood painted on the door and "pass-over" that house as a sign of God's mercy.

Jesus on that day became the Lamb of God that took away the sin of the world. He was slain at the very hour the Passover lamb was slain at the temple. His blood stained the cross on the very points where lamb's bloodstained the doors in Egypt.

The Jewish people were given the oracles of God concerning the identification of the messiah. In the prophetic picture of the lamb we see that the coming King was first to be rejected and slaughtered for the remission of the sins of the world. Seven hundred years before Christ's crucifixion, Isaiah gave the ultimate prophetic picture seen in the slaughtered lamb.

Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; *He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth.* He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked; but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Isaiah 53:4-10

As we have learned earlier with the brass serpent, as long as you look to the messiah, you will not die. We all have the venom of sin-unto-death coursing through our veins. It is only a matter of time before mortality hits each one of us. Fortunately, the prophecies have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel.

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

IT'S YOUR TURN

Provided on the following pages is a list of over three hundred idioms so that you can explore and decode many scriptural passages. In all my years of reading the Bible, nothing has excited me more than discovering the existence of types. I hope you will experience the same joy as you seek to decipher the code.

The Idiomatic Code

I have also spoken by the prophets, and have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets." Hosea 12:10

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Vegetation

Hyssop.....	Contrite
Hyssop.....	Low Esteem
Cedar.....	High Esteem
Tree.....	Ruler - King
Tree.....	The Cross
Tree.....	Source of Doctrine
Wood.....	Mortal Man
Wood.....	The Cross
Shittim-Acacia Wood.....	Humanity
Fruit.....	Doctrine
Fruit.....	Evidence of Faith
Pomegranate.....	630 Laws of God
Sycamore Tree.....	The Lowlands
Palm Branches.....	Time of Rejoicing
Field.....	The World
Thorn.....	The Curse
Chaff.....	Wicked / Doomed
Chaff.....	Useless - Fruitless
Hay.....	Works of the Flesh
Stubble.....	Uselessness
Flowers.....	Fleeting Glory
Grass.....	Short Life span
The Vine.....	Jesus (Life Giver)
The Offshoot (Branch).....	Jesus (Growth of Remnant)
Grain.....	Saved Humanity
Grapes.....	Human Body
Seed.....	The Word of God
Mustard Seed.....	Minimal but Sufficient Faith
Almonds.....	First fruit (Resurrection)
Weeds.....	Worldly Distractions
Olive.....	That Which Bears Witness
Fig Tree.....	Israel (National Relationship)
Vine.....	Israel (Spiritual Relationship)
Bramble Bush.....	Israel/Jacob (Failure State)
Olive Tree.....	Israel (Witness State)
Olive Tree.....	Israel (Covenant State)
Myrtle.....	Fragrance & No Fruit
Willow.....	No Fragrance & No Fruit
Palm.....	No Fragrance but has Fruit
Citrus.....	Has both Fragrance & Fruit

Earthen

Mountain.....Government
Flood.....Persecution
Earthquake.....Shaking of Status Quo

Sea (Raging).....Gentile Nations
Sea of Glass (Calm).....The Word in the Church
The Pit (w/o water).....Death (Sheol/Hades)
Bottomless Pit.....Center of the World

Lightning.....Spiritual Power Witnessed
Thunder.....Spiritual Power Heard
Rainbow.....Noahic Covenant

Threshing Floor.....Final Judgment
Harvest.....Gathering for Judgment
Clay.....Human Flesh
Clay Pots.....Human Body

Living Water (Moving).....Holy Spirit (Word in Motion)
Water.....The Word (Life Giving)
Water.....The Word (Cleansing)
Clouds.....Word Bearers
Cloud.....God's Direction by Day

Rain.....Blessing (Grace)
Latter Rain.....Out Pouring of Holy Spirit
Wind.....Moving of the Holy Spirit
River.....Death
Cosmic
Sun (Morning Star).....The Son (Ruler of the Day)
Star.....Angel
Moon.....Believers in the Messiah

Spice and Ingredient

Frankincense.....Intercession
Frankincense.....Priesthood
Frankincense.....Sweet Smell When Stripped

Myrrh.....Death
Myrrh.....Prophet
Myrrh.....Sweet Smell When Crushed

Incense.....Prayer
Balm.....That Which Heals
Honey.....Sweetness
Leaven.....Sin - Pride

Salt.....Spirit Filled
Salt.....Generate Thirst
Salt.....Preserves
Salt.....Painful Cleansing of wounds
Salt.....Covenant

Garments and Uniforms

Clothing..... Righteousness

Breastplate..... That Which Protects the Heart

Breastplate..... Righteousness (Spiritual)

Belt..... Truth

Belt..... That From Which All Hangs

Sandal..... Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

Sandal..... Our Walk

Sandal..... Promise

Helmet..... Salvation

Helmet..... That Which Protects the Head

Shield Faith

Shield Defensive Armor

Sword (Gr. Machaira)..... The Word (Surgical Offense)

Sword (Gr. Rhomphaia)..... The Word (Hacking Attack)

Sword Offensive Weaponry

Bow War Maker

Bow Launcher

Mantle Prophets Authority

Skirt..... Prepared Area of Protection

Hem..... Rank

Crown (Gr. Diadem) Highest Authority

Crown (Gr. Stephanos) Reward - Trophy

Rod Discipline

Rod Correction

Rod Chastisement

Instrument

Trumpet..... Proclamation

Trumpet..... Call to Assembly

Trumpet..... Call to Worship

Trumpet..... Call to Battle

Trumpet..... Give Direction in the March

Harp..... Great Rejoicing

Jesus

Banner..... Jesus (Messiah)

Blood.....Jesus (Substitutional Death)

The Vine.....Jesus (Life Giver)

The Offshoot (Branch)..... Jesus (Fruit of the Remnant)

The Door (Gate)..... Jesus (Way to the Holy Place)

The Bread (Manna)..... Jesus (Our Sustenance)

The Light (Menorah)..... Jesus (Saved from Blindness)

The Shepherd Jesus (Leader and Protector)

The Resurrection.....Jesus (Victor Over Death)

The Way..... Jesus (Our Direction)

The TruthJesus (Our Focus)

The Life..... Jesus (Our All)

Rock (Gr. Petra)Jesus (Solid Foundation)

Rock (Heb. Tsur) Jesus (Pre-Resurrection)

Rock (Heb. Sela).....Jesus (Post-Resurrection)

Seed of the Woman..... Jesus (Messiah/Son of Man)

Cornerstone..... Jesus (Head of the Church)

The Word of God.....Jesus (Title and Rank)

The Ark Jesus (Our Hiding Place)

"I AM" Jesus (Our Speaking God)

BridegroomJesus (Our Beloved)

Holy Spirit

OilHoly Spirit

Living Water (Moving)..... Holy Spirit (Word in Motion)

Latter RainOut Pouring of the Holy Spirit

Wind.....Moving of the Holy Spirit

Jewish Order

Workers of vineyard Jewish Laity

Figs.....Messianic Jews

Circumcision..... Separation from the Flesh

Chains Captivity - Bondage

Location

Eden World Under God's Rule
Sodom World Under Satan's Rule
Egypt The World
Egypt Bondage - Worldly

Red Sea Baptism
Jordan River Boundary to Victorious Living
Jericho Victorious Spiritual Warfare

Babylon Unity of Corrupt Man
Babylon World Rule and Religion
Babylon Captivity - Carnality

Jerusalem The Individual
Jerusalem Center of God's Attention
Sinai (Wilderness) Trials - Testings
Bethel First Encounter with God
Shiloh First Coming

Metals

Gold Kingship
Gold Deity
Gold Faith of Great Worth
Gold Greatest in Power/Rule
Gold (Purified by Fire) Faith Tested by Trials

Silver Blood
Silver Redemption
Silver Next Greatest in Power/Rule

Bronze Judgment
Bronze Fire

Iron Great Unbreakable Strength

Body Sections

Head How One Controls
Feet..... How One Approaches
Mouth (Teeth) How One Devours
Tongue Language

Breasts..... Life's Nourishment
Wings Swift Travel
Eyes..... All Seeing
Eye One's Perspective

Hair One's Glory
Tears..... Sorrow
Bowels..... Center of One's Being
Right Hand..... One's Greatest Strength

Belly The god of the Carnal
Blood..... Life of the Body
Blood Shed..... Death

Afflictions

Leprosy Sin Condition
Lame Unvictorious Walk
Blindness..... Spiritual Ignorance
Possessed..... Demonic Bondage

Ceremonial

Virgin Bride The Church
Bridegroom Second Coming of Christ
Marriage..... Joining Two to Make One
Virgin Attendants..... Jewish Group
Wine Joy

Israel

Fig Tree..... Israel (National Relationship)
Vine..... Israel (Spiritual Relationship)
Bramble Bush..... Israel (Failure State)
Olive Tree Israel (Witness State)
Olive Tree Israel (Covenant State)

Myrtle Tree Millennial Israel
Vineyard..... Nurtured Israel
Adulteress Wife Idolatrous Israel
God's Firstborn..... Redeemed Israel

Position and Condition

Prophet God's Intermediate to Man
Priest Man's Intermediate to God
King Free Will
Queen Immortality

Widow One Whose Guardian is God
Harlot Idolatry
Sower Evangelist
Man Humanity - Vulnerability

Mixed Multitude Unsanctified
Stranger Sinner
Leper Decomposed by Sin
Giants (Anakim) Our Greatest Trials or Fears

Tabernacle

Ark of the Covenant God's Presence
Pillar of Fire Warmth & Direction by Night
Cloud Protection & Direction by Day

The Door (Gate) Jesus (Way to the Holy Place)
The Bread (Manna) Jesus (Our Sustenance)
The Light (Menorah) Jesus (Saved from Blindness)

Curtain Barrier to God
Menorah Jesus (Vine to the Branches)
Altar Surrender - Sacrifice
Basin Cleansing Through the Word

Temple

Outer Court The Body
Temple The Soul
Holy of Holies The Spirit
Records
Sealed Scroll Writ of Ownership
Books Accountability
Books Individual's Life History

Valuables

Pearls Church Insights
Pearl Raptured Church
Talent Measure of Stewardship

Animal

Sheep..... Believers
Fish..... Souls of Men
Dogs..... Gentiles
Wolves..... Apostates
Ram..... Elder

Lamb..... Jesus (Sin Bearer)
Lamb..... Gentleness

Dove..... Purity - Fidelity
Dove..... Harmlessness
Dove..... Holy Spirit
Eagle's Wings..... Supernatural Intervention

Serpent..... Sure Subtleness
Snakes..... Sin
Beast..... Unearthly Form (Evil)
Living Creature..... Unearthly Form (Good)

Lion..... Messianic Prophetic Title
Ox..... Suffering Servant
Eagle..... Heavenly Dweller
Eagle..... Majesty - Deity

Lion..... That Which Crushes
Bear..... That Which Mauls
Leopard..... That Which Moves Swiftly
Beast..... That Which is Oppressive

Birds..... Demonic Predators
Scorpions..... Demonic Oppressors
Locust..... Demonic Destroyers
Crow..... Unbeliever Used by God

Goats..... Sin Bearers
Horses..... One's Own Strength
Donkey..... The Natural Man
Pigs..... Men of Revulsion

Serpent..... Satan (Seducer)
Snake..... Satan (Murderer)
Dragon..... Satan (Liar & Accuser)
Roaring Lion..... Satan (False Messiah)

Personal

"He that has ears to hear"..... **Every Living Person**

Miscellaneous

Throne.....	Ruler
Well of Water.....	Fills from Inside Out
Fire	Judgment
Fire	Trial or Persecution
Furnace.....	Tribulation
Supper	Intimate Fellowship
Wilderness.....	Spiritual Dryness
Wealth.....	Spiritual Blessing-Insight
House	A Being - Human/Angelic
House	Individual Government
Horn (Animal/Beast).....	Authority

Satan

Pharaoh	Satan (god of This World)
Serpent	Satan (Seducer)
Snake.....	Satan (Murderer)
Dragon.....	Satan (Liar & Accuser)
Roaring Lion.....	Satan (False Messiah)
Angel of Light.....	Satan (Deceiver)

Numeral

1.....	Unity - Godhead
2.....	Witness
3.....	Intimate Circle
3.....	Trinity
3.....	Place of Refuge
3.....	Perfection
4.....	World
5.....	Grace
6.....	Man
7.....	Completion
8.....	New Beginning
10.....	Witness of Future Event
10.....	Accountability
10.....	Responsibility
10.....	Testimony
12.....	Government
12.....	Divine Election
13.....	Satan
13.....	Double Blessing
20.....	Expectancy
24.....	Church
39.....	Mercy
40.....	Judgment
40.....	Probation
70.....	Righteous Chastisement
49.....	7x7.Signature
490.....	70x7.Signature
169.....	13x13.Signature
961.....	31x31.Signature
200.....	Evil Witness
666.....	man making himself to be God
888.....	Jesus (The New Beginning)