

SYMBOLS

FROM

THE

BIBLE

Book 4

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## INTRODUCTION

As I watched (on TV) Robert Morris give his sermons to Gateway Church in Texas, he shared what it meant to him when he discovered that the Bible has many parabolic or symbolic uses of words in it. He explained some of them in his sermons.

I became interested in writing down the symbolic meanings of some of the words in the Bible as Robert taught it, and as I read the Word, and as I read other books also.

I compiled these into a file which is following.

I also put in this file some of the descriptions of "figurative words" listed in my KJV Bible. Therefore when it says "Figurative of: " that is from:

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Jeremiah 10:5 - idols

# SCORPIONS

Scorpions: demons

**Luke 10:17**

**The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." (Jesus said) "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy."**

**Ezekiel 2:6**

**Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you, and you live among scorpions.**

Figurative of:

Heavy burdens

**1 Kings 12:11**

**My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.**

Agents of antichrist

**Revelation 9:3, 5, 10**

**And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth... The agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man... they had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Adaddon, and Greek, Apollyon.**

## SEA

Sea: people, nations

### **Isaiah 27:1**

**In that day, the Lord will punish with his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.**

### **Psalm 93:3-4**

**The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea - the Lord on high is mighty.**

### **Psalm 98:7**

**Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

The wicked

### **Isaiah 57:20**

**But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud.**

Figurative of:

Extension of the Gospel

### **Isaiah 11:9**

**They will neither harm nor destroy on my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

Afflictions

### **Isaiah 43:2**

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you.**

Righteousness

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**If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea.**

False teachers

**Jude 13**

**They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.**



# SEAL

Seal: instrument used to authenticate ownership

Seal: Holy Spirit

## **Ephesians 4:30**

**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

Figurative of:

Ownership of married love

## **Song of Solomon 4:12**

**You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride; you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain.**

## **Song of Solomon 8:6**

**Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame.**

Hidden things

## **Isaiah 29:11**

**For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I can't; it is sealed."**

Acceptance of Christ

## **John 3:32-33**

**He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony; he who receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.**

God's witness to Christ

## **John 6:27**

**Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.**

Believer's security

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

**Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

Assurance

**Ephesians 4:30**

**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

God's ownership of His people

**Revelation 7:2-3**

**Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."**

## SEED

Seed: the Word

### **Mark 4:3-8, 14**

**A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times... The farmer sows the word.**

Seed: the message about the kingdom

### **Matthew 13:18-19**

**Listen the to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed along the path.**

Seed: Jesus Christ

### **Galatians 3:19**

**What then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed [Galatians 4:4] to whom the promise referred had come.**

### **Genesis 3:15**

**And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring [seed] and hers; he will crush your head and you will strike his heel.**

Good seed: people of the kingdom

### **Matthew 13:24-25**

**Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away."**

### **Matthew 13:37-39**

**He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels."**

Figurative of:

New believers

**1 Peter 1:23**

**For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.**

God's Word

**Matthew 13:3, 31-32**

**Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed... He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."**

Christ's death

**John 12:24**

**I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.**

Christians' body

**1 Corinthians 15:36-37**

**How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come? When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.**

## SERPENT

Serpent: the devil, Satan

### **Genesis 3:1 KJV**

**Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.**

### **Luke 10:19**

**He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy."**

### **Revelation 12:9**

**The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.**

Figurative of:

Intoxication

### **Proverbs 23:31, 32**

**Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.**

Wisdom

### **Matthew 10:16**

**I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.**

Malice

### **Psalms 58:4**

**Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears.**

Unexpected evil

### **Ecclesiastes 10:8**

**Whoever digs a pit may fall into it; whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake.**

Enemies

**Isaiah 14:29**

**Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken; from the root of that snake will spring up a viper, its fruit will be a darting, venomous serpent.**

Christ

**John 3:14-16**

**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.**

Satan

**Revelation 20:2**

**He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.**

## SEVENS

Seven: a week of years, with each year being 360 days. Seventy 'sevens' equals 490 prophetic years

### **Daniel 9:24**

**Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.**

Symbol of:

Purification

### **Psalm 12:6**

**And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.**

Worship

### **Psalm 119:164**

**Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.**

Gospel light

### **Isaiah 30:26**

**The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people, and heals the wounds he inflicted.**

Spirits

### **Revelation 1:4**

**John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne.**

Seals

### **Revelation 5:1**

**Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.**

Angels

**Revelation 8:2**

**And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.**

Heads and crowns

**Revelation 13:1**

**And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.**

Plagues

**Revelation 15:6**

**Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues.**

Bowls

**Revelation 15:7**

**Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.**

Kings

**Revelation 17:10**

**They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.**



## SHEAVES

Sheaves: people who belong to the Lord

**Genesis 37:7**

**Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."**

**Psalm 126:6**

**He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.**

Sheaves: people gathered together by the Lord to be threshed (beaten)

**Micah 4:12**

**But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, he who gathers them like sheaves to the threshing floor.**

## SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd - Christ

**John 10:14-15**

**I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

Shepherd of Israel -God

**Psalm 80:1**

**Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.**

**Isaiah 63:11**

**Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people - where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock?**

Worthless shepherd: one who deserts the flock

**Zechariah 11:17**

**Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock!**

Hired hand: cares nothing for the sheep

**John 10:12-13**

**The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.**

Descriptive of:

God

**Psalm 78:52, 53**

**But he brought his people out like a flock; he led them like sheep through the desert. He guided them safely, so they were unafraid.**

Christ

**Hebrews 13:20**

**May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will.**

Joshua

**Numbers 27:16-23**

**Moses said to the Lord, "May the Lord, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."**

**So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him."**

David

**2 Samuel 5:2**

**In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, "You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler."**

Judges

**1 Chronicles 17:6**

**Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders whom I commanded to shepherd my people, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"**

National leaders

**Jeremiah 49:19**

**Like a lion coming up from Jordan's thickets to a rich pastureland, I will chase Edom from its land in an instant. Who is the chosen one I will appoint for this? Who is like me and who can challenge me? And what shepherd can stand against me?**

Cyrus

**Isaiah 44:28**

**[I am the Lord] who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid." '**

Jewish leaders

**Matthew 9:36**

**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.**

Church elders

**1 Peter 5:1, 2**

**To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers.**

## SHEEP

Sheep: those who belong to the Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

**John 10:11**

**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

Sheep: Those who know Jesus Christ, their Shepherd.

**John 10:14**

**I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me**

Sheep: those who listen to Jesus' voice

**John 10:3**

**The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.**

Sheep: those who follow Jesus and know his voice

**John 10:4**

**His sheep follow him because they know his voice.**

Figurative of:

Innocent

**2 Samuel 24:17**

**When David saw the angel who was striking down the people, he said to the Lord, "I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall upon me and my family."**

Wicked

**Psalm 49:14**

**Like sheep they are destined for the grave, and death will feed on them. The upright will rule over them in the morning; their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions.**

Jewish people

**Psalm 74:1**

**Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?**

Backsliders

**Jeremiah 50:6**

**My people have been lost sheep.**

Lost sinners

**Matthew 9:36**

**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.**

Christians

**John 10:7, 11, 14**

**I am the gate for the sheep...I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...I know my sheep and my sheep know me.**

Christ

**John 1:29**

**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

Church

**Acts 20:28**

**Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.**

# SHIELD

Figurative of:

God's protection

**Psalm 33:20**

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

Favor

**Psalm 5:12**

**For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

Salvation

**Psalm 18:35 RSV**

**Thou hast given me the shield of thy salvation, and thy right hand supported me, and thy help made me great.**

Truth

**Psalm 91:4 KJV**

**He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

Faith

**Ephesians 6:16**

**In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

Rulers

**Psalm 47:9 RSV**

**The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

# SHOES

Symbolism of:

Putting on - readiness for a journey

## **Exodus 12:11**

**This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.**

Putting off - reverence before God

## **Exodus 3:5**

**"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."**

## **Joshua 5:15**

**The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy," And Joshua did so.**

Want of - mourning

## **2 Samuel 15:30**

**But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot.**

Giving to another - renunciation of Mosaic marriage right

## **Ruth 4:7-8**

**(Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself," And he removed his sandal.**

To loose another's - act of homage

## **Luke 3:16**

**John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."**



Figurative of:

Preparation for service

**Ephesians 6:14-15**

**Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.**

Protection and provision

**Deuteronomy 33:25 KJV**

**Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.**

Alertness

**Isaiah 5:27**

**Not one of them grows tired or stumbles, not one slumbers or sleeps; not a belt is loosened at the waist, not a sandal thong is broken.**

# SIEVE

Figurative of:

God's judgment

**Amos 9:9**

**For I will give the command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations as grain is shaken in a sieve, and not a pebble will reach the ground.**

**Isaiah 30:28**

**He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction.**

Satan's temptation

**Luke 22:31**

**Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.**

# SIGNS

# SILVER

Figurative of:

God's Word

**Psalm 12:6**

**And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.**

God's people

**Zechariah 13:9**

**This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, "They are my people," and they will say, "The Lord is our God."**

Understanding

**Proverbs 3:13, 14**

**Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.**

Degeneration

**Isaiah 1:22**

**Your silver has become dross, your choice wine is diluted with water.**

Reprobation

**Jeremiah 6:30**

**They are called rejected silver, because the Lord has rejected them.**

## SILVER CORD

Silver cord: that which ties you to life

**Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**

**Remember him - before the silver cord is severed or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.**

# SMOKE

Figurative of:

God's anger

**Deuteronomy 29:20 RSV**

**The Lord would not pardon him, but rather the anger of the Lord and his jealousy would smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book would settle upon him, and the Lord would blot out his name from under heaven.**

Our life

**Psalm 102:3**

**For my days vanish like smoke.**

Spiritual distress

**Psalm 119:83**

**Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget your decrees.**

Weak nations

**Isaiah 7:4**

**Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stumps of firewood.**

Something offensive

**Isaiah 65:5**

**[A people who continually provoke me] ...who say, "Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!" Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.**

Spirit's advent

**Joel 2:29, 30**

**Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

Christ's gentleness

**Matthew 12:20**

**A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.**

## SNAKES

(See serpent)

Snakes: demons

### **Luke 10:17**

**The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." (Jesus said) "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy."**

### **Psalm 91:13**

**You will tread upon the lion and the cobra, you will trample the great lion and the serpent**



## SNOW

Snow: clean, pure

### **Isaiah 1:18-20**

**"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land, but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

Whiteness illustrative of:

Leprosy

### **Exodus 4:6**

**Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.**

Converted sinner

### **Psalms 51:7**

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Nazarite's purity

### **Lamentations 4:7**

**Their princes were brighter than snow and whiter than milk.**

Messiah's glory

### **Mark 9:3**

**His clothes became dazzling white (white as snow), whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.**

Angel

### **Matthew 28:2-3**

**And angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. his appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.**

Risen Christ

**Revelation 1:14**

**His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow.**

# SODOM

Figurative of:

Jerusalem

## **Isaiah 1:9-10**

**Unless the Lord Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom: listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!**

Judah

## **Ezekiel 16:46-48**

**Your older sister was Samaria, who lived to the north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lived to the south of you with her daughters, was Sodom. You not only walked in their ways and copied their detestable practices, but in all your ways you soon became more depraved than they. As surely as I love, declares the Sovereign Lord, your sister Sodom and her daughters never did what you and your daughters have done.**

Wickedness

## **Deuteronomy 32:32**

**Their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah. Their grapes are filled with poison, and their clusters with bitterness.**

Sin of, illustrative of:

Shamelessness

## **Isaiah 3:9**

**The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it.**

Obduracy

## **Jeremiah 23:14**

**And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: they commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah.**

Unnaturalness

**Jude 7**

**In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.**

Destruction of, illustrative of:

God's wrath

**Deuteronomy 29:23**

**The whole land will be a burning waste of salt and sulfur - nothing planted, nothing sprouting, no vegetation growing on it. It will be like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in fierce anger.**

Sudden destruction

**Lamentations 4:6**

**The punishment of my people is greater than that of Sodom, which was overthrown in a moment without a hand turned to help her.**

Total destruction

**Jeremiah 49:18**

**"As Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown, along with their neighboring towns," says the Lord, "so no one will live there; no man will dwell in it."**

Future judgment

**Matthew 11:23, 24**

**And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you, that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.**

Examples of wickedness

**2 Peter 2:6**

**If he [God] condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.**

## SOIL

Soil: where the word is planted, the heart

1. Hard soil: pathway
2. Rocky soil: shallow root, don't allow teaching of Word to go deep in their lives; give it up when trouble comes
3. Thorny soil: cares of world, deceitfulness of riches, desires for other things
4. Good soil: produces crop, multiplication

### **Matthew 13:8**

**Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.**

### **Luke 8:15**

**But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.**

### **Mark 4:3-8, 14**

**A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times... The farmer sows the word.**

### **Ezekiel 17:8**

**It had been planted in good soil by abundant water so that it would produce branches, bear fruit and become a splendid vine.**

# STAR

Star that had fallen to earth: Satan

## **Revelation 9:1-3**

**The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a giant furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.**

## **Isaiah 14:12**

**How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth.**

Star: leader of church

## **Revelation 1:20**

**The seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

Stars: the twelve tribes of Israel (also see Revelation 7:4-8)

## **Revelation 12:1-2**

**A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.**

Stars: the angels who fell with Satan

## **Revelation 12:3**

**Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.**

## **Revelation 12:7**

**And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who led the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.**

Figurative of:

Christ's first advent

**Numbers 24:17**

**I see him, but not now: I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.**

Christ's second advent

**Revelation 22:16**

**I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.**

Angels

**Revelation 1:16, 20**

**In his right hand he held seven stars... The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand...is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

Princes

**Daniel 8:10**

**It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.**

Judgment

**Ezekiel 32:7**

**When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light. All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you; I will bring darkness over your land, declares the Sovereign Lord.**

False security

**Obadiah 4**

**"Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the Lord.**



Glorified saints

**Daniel 12:3**

**Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.**

Apostates

**Jude 13**

**They are like wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.**

# STONES

Figurative of:

Reprobation

**1 Samuel 25:37**

**Then in the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him all these things, and his heart failed him and he became like a stone.**

Contempt

**2 Samuel 16:6, 13**

**He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left...So David and his men continued along the road while Shimei was going along the hillside opposite him, cursing as he went and throwing stones at him and showering him with dirt.**

Christ rejected

**Psalms 118:22**

**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.**

Gift

**Proverbs 17:8 RSV**

**A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever he turns he prospers.**

Christ as foundation

**Isaiah 28:16**

**So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed."**

Desolation

**Jeremiah 51:26**

**"No rock will be taken from you for a cornerstone, nor any stone for a foundation, for you will be desolate forever," declares the Lord.**

Unregeneracy

**Ezekiel 11:19**

**I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.**

Christ's advent

**Daniel 2:34, 35**

**While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.**

Conscience

**Habakkuk 2:11**

**The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.**

Insensibility

**Zechariah 7:12**

**They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets.**

Gentiles

**Matthew 3:9**

**And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.**

Christ as head

**Matthew 21:42-44**

**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Good works

**1 Corinthians 3:12**

**If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.**

Christians

**1 Peter 2:5**

**You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Spirit's witness

**Revelation 2:17**

**To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.**

## STOREHOUSES

Storehouses: a place for storing something

**Psalm 33:7**

**He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

Descriptive of:

Barns

**Deuteronomy 28:8 KJV**

**The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto.**

Warehouses

**Genesis 41:56**

**When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt.**

Temple

**Malachi 3:10**

**Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.**

God's portion

**1 Corinthians 16:2 RSV**

**On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come.**

# STREAMS IN DESERT

ISAIAH 35

# SUN

Sun: Jacob (Israel)

## **Genesis 37:9**

**Then he [Joseph] had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."**

**When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"**

## **Revelation 12:1-2**

**A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.**

The sun, moon, and stars symbolize Jacob, his wife, and his twelve sons, which were the root of the tribe of Israel (Jacob) so this sign of the woman represents Israel. Out of Israel came the birth of Jesus Christ.

Figurative of:

God's presence

## **Psalms 84:11**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

Earth's sphere of action

## **Ecclesiastes 1:3, 9, 14**

**What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? ...What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun... I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.**

God's law

## **Psalms 19:1, 4-6**

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands...Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming**

**forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.**

Future glory

**Matthew 13:43**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**

Christ's glory

**Matthew 17:2**

**There he [Christ] was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.**

#### OTHER SCRIPTURES ON THE SUN

Sun: endurance

**Psalms 89:35-37**

**Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness - and I will not lie to David - that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun.**

Sun: great brilliance

**Isaiah 30:26**

**The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.**

Sun: Christ, the righteous One

**Malachi 4:2**

**But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.**



# SWORD

Sword: bitter words

**Psalm 64:3**

**They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their words like deadly arrows.**

Figurative of:

Divine retribution

**Deuteronomy 32:41**

**When I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand grasps it in judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me.**

Divine victory

**Joshua 5:13**

**Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"**

**"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord, I have now come."**

God's judgment

**1 Chronicles 21:12**

**So Gad went to David and said to him, "This is what the Lord says: 'Take your choice: three years of famine, three months of being swept away before your enemies, with their swords overtaking you, or three days of the sword of the Lord - days of plague in the land, with the angel of the Lord ravaging every part of Israel.' Now then, decide how I should answer the one who sent me."**

A prostitute

**Proverbs 5:3, 4**

**The lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.**

Anguish of soul

**Luke 2:34-35**

**Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."**

State

**Romans 13:4 RSV**

**For he [governing authority, ruler] is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain; he is the servant of God to execute his wrath on the wrongdoer.**

Word of God

**Ephesians 6:17**

**Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

## TEETH

Teeth: power to harm

**Psalm 3:7**

**Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.**

**Psalm 58:6**

**Break the teeth in their mouths, O God; tear out, O Lord, the fangs of the lions!**

Figurative of:

Destruction

**Job 4:10**

**The lions may roar and growl, yet the teeth of the great lions are broken.**

Holding on to life

**Job 13:14 KJV**

**Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?**

God's chastening

**Job 16:9**

**God assails me and tears me in his anger and gnashes his teeth at me.**

Escaped with the "skin of my teeth"

**Job 19:20**

**I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped with only the skin of my teeth.**

Justice

**Matthew 5:38**

**You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth."**

Hatred

**Psalm 35:16**

**Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked; they gnashed their teeth at me.**

Oppression

**Psalm 57:4**

**I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts - men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.**

Corporate guilt

**Jeremiah 31:29, 30**

**In those days people will no longer say, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes - his own teeth will be set on edge.**

Greediness

**Daniel 7:5, 7, 19**

**And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!' ...After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast - terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left... Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast; which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws - the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.**

Starvation

**Amos 4:6**

**"I gave you cleanness of teeth [empty stomachs] in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me," says the Lord.**

Hired prophets

**Micah 3:5 KJV**

**Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace.**

Remorse

**Matthew 13:42**

**They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

# TEMPLE

Temple: the body of Jesus

## **John 2:19-21**

**Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."**

**The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body.**

Temple: the church

## **1 Corinthians 3:16**

**Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.**

Temple: The believer's body

## **1 Corinthians 6:19**

**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?**

Temple: The apostate church

## **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**

**Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come, until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**

## TENS OF THE BIBLE

Expressive of:

Representation

**Ruth 4:2**

**Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so.**

Intensity

**Numbers 14:22**

**Not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times - not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers.**

Sufficiency

**Nehemiah 4:12**

**Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."**

Magnitude

**Daniel 1:20**

**In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.**

Remnant

**Amos 5:3**

**This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "The city that marches out a thousand strong for Israel will have only a hundred left; the town that marches out a hundred strong will have only ten left."**

Completion

**Daniel 7:7, 20, 24**

**After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast - It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns...I also wanted to**

**know about the ten horns on its head...The ten horns are ten kings who will come from the kingdom.**

Perfection

**Luke 19:16-17**

**The first one came and said, "Sir, your mina has earned ten more." "Well done, my good servant" his master replied. "Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities."**



# TENT

(Movable habitations)

Tent: place where you live

## **Psalm 91:9-10**

**If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.**

Tent: the human body

## **2 Corinthians 5:1**

**Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.**

Figurative of:

Shortness of life

## **Isaiah 38:12**

**Like a shepherd's tent my house has been pulled down and taken from me.**

Heaven

## **Isaiah 40:22**

**He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.**

Increase

## **Isaiah 54:2-3**

**Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left.**

# TERROR OF NIGHT

(Extreme fear)

Safeguards against found in:

Trusting in the Lord

## **Deuteronomy 20:1-4**

**When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. He shall say: "Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."**

God's promise

## **Psalm 91:5-8**

**You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

God's plan

## **Luke 21:9**

**When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.**

# THORNS

Figurative of:

Agents of Satan:

**2 Corinthians 12:7**

**To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.**

**Ezekiel 2:6**

**Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you, and you live among scorpions.**

**Numbers 33:55**

**But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live.**

**Judges 2:3**

**Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.**

Unbelief

**Isaiah 32:13, 15 NLT**

**For your land will be overgrown with thorns and briars...until at last the Spirit is poured out on us from heaven.**

Judgments

**Hosea 2:6 RSV**

**Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns; and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths.**

Indolence

**Proverbs 24:30, 31**

**I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins.**

Pain

**Proverbs 26:9 RSV**

**Like a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of fools.**

False prophets

**Matthew 7:15-16 RSV**

**Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?**

Barrenness

**Matthew 13:7, 22**

**Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them...As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.**

## THRESHING

Threshing: crushed

### **Isaiah 21:10**

**O my people, crushed on the threshing floor, I tell you what I have heard from the Lord Almighty, from the God of Israel.**

Figurative of:

God's judgments

### **Jeremiah 51:33**

**The Daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor at the time it is trampled; the time to harvest her will soon come.**

Minister's labor

### **1 Corinthians 9:9-10**

**For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest.**

# THUNDER

Figurative of:

God's power

**Job 26:14 NLT**

**These are just the beginning of all that he does, merely a whisper of his power. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power?**

Control

**Psalm 104:7**

**But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.**

Majesty

**Revelation 4:5**

**From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.**

Visitations of judgment

**Revelation 11:19**

**Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.**

## TIME

Time: one year  
Times: two years  
Half a time: half year

### **Revelation 12:14**

**The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.**

Sequence of prophetic events in time, indicated by:

"The time is fulfilled" (Christ's advent)

### **Mark 1:15 RSV**

**"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."**

"The fullness of the time" (Christ's advent)

### **Galatians 4:4**

**But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.**

"The times of the Gentiles" (the Gospel age)

### **Luke 21:24**

**They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

"The day of salvation" (the Gospel age)

### **2 Corinthians 6:2**

**For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."**

"In the last days" (the Gospel age)

### **Acts 2:17**

**In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.**

"In the last days" (the time before Christ's return)

**2 Timothy 3:1**

**But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.**

**John 12:48 KJV**

**He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

"New heavens"

**2 Peter 3:13 RSV**

**But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**



## TREASURE

Treasure: kingdom of heaven

### **Matthew 13:44**

**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.**

Figurative of:

Earth's productive capacity

### **Matthew 6:19**

**Do not store up for ourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.**

Wisdom

### **Proverbs 2:1-5**

**My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.**

People of God

### **Exodus 19:5**

**Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.**

Man's spiritual possibilities

### **Matthew 12:35 RSV**

**The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.**

New life in Christ

### **2 Corinthians 4:6-7**

**For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.**

Christ as the divine depository

**Colossians 2:2-3**

**In order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

Future rewards

**Matthew 6:20-21**

**But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

## TREES

Trees: people

### **Isaiah 44:23**

**Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.**

Good trees: the man with good things inside him, people of the kingdom

### **Psalm 1:2-3**

**He [the blessed man] is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

### **Psalm 92:13-15**

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

Bad trees: the man with bad things stored up in him

### **Matthew 12:33-35**

**Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit... how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil thing out of the evil stored up in him.**

Pine tree: the man who is eternal, everlasting

### **Isaiah 55:12-13**

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of a thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.**

Unnatural tree: Satan's growing empire with false teaching infiltrating the church

### **Matthew 13:31-32**

**The kingdom on heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds [evil spirits] come and perch in its branches.**

Tree of the knowledge of good and evil: Satan's tree

**Genesis 2:16-17**

**The Lord God commanded the man [Adam, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."**

**"You will not surely die," the serpent [Satan] said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**

Trees of the field: the people of the world

**Isaiah 55:12**

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

Tree of life: Jesus

**Revelation 2:7**

**To the one who is victorious, I [Jesus] will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.**

Trees: people

**Isaiah 41:19-20**

**I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set pines in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together, so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.**

Figurative of:

Righteous

**Psalms 1:1-3**

**Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

Believer's life

**Proverbs 11:30**

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he who wins souls is wise.**

Wisdom

**Proverbs 3:18**

**She [wisdom and understanding] is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.**

Basic character

**Matthew 7:17-19**

**Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.**

Continued prosperity

**Isaiah 65:22**

**No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands.**

Judgment

**Luke 23:31**

**For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?**

Eternal life

**Revelation 22:14**

**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.**

Covenant

**Romans 11:24**

**If you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!**

Trees mentioned by Perry Stone in his TV program

Olive tree - evergreen, live to be very old, endure cold and heat, no insects

Oak tree - strong, represent Patriarchs

Palm tree - outlasts storms, bend with the wind

Palm branch - waved for victory

Fig tree - Israel

Mustard tree- small seed, large growth

Willow tree - sorrow, weeping

## TRUMPET

Trumpets: symbols of testimony connected with the regathering and repentance of Israel after the Church Age is ended. (New Scofield NIV Study Bible, pg 176)

### **Joel 2:1-2**

**Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness.**

Used of, in Israel, to:

Signalize God's presence

### **Exodus 19:16, 19**

**On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast... and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.**

Regulate marchings

### **Numbers 10:2, 5, 6**

**Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out... When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out. At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out.**

Call assemblies

### **Numbers 10:2, 3, 7**

**Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out. When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting... To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the same signal.**

Announce a feast

### **Leviticus 23:23-25**

**The Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with**

**trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the Lord by fire.' "**

Alert against an enemy

**Nehemiah 4:17-20**

**Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me. Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"**

Herald a king

**1 Kings 1:34**

**There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, "Long live King Solomon!"**

Hail a religious event

**1 Chronicles 13:8**

**David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with sons and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets.**

Assist in worship

**Nehemiah 12:35-41**

**I assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall...As well as some priests with trumpets...The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction... the two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God...with their trumpets. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.**

Uses of, at Christ's return, to:

Herald Christ's coming

**Matthew 24:31**

**And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.**



Signalize prophetic events

**Revelation 8:2, 6, 13**

**And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets...Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them...As I watched I head an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"**

**Revelation 9:13-14**

**The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."**

Raise the dead

**1 Thessalonians 4:16**

**For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

## VALLEY

Valley: low places, low people

**Isaiah 40:4-5**

**Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, and the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it, For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

# VATS

God's blessings

**Proverbs 3:9-10**

**Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.**

## VINE - VINEYARD

Vine: Jesus

**John 15:1-4 NLT**

**I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.**

**I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)**

Vine: Adversity

**Job 15:32**

**Before his time he will be paid in full, and his branches will not flourish. He will be like a vine stripped of its unripe grapes, like an olive tree shedding its blossoms.**

Figurative of:

Jewish nation

**Isaiah 5:7**

**The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight.**

Growth in grace

**Hosea 14:7**

**Men will dwell again in his shade. He will flourish like the grain. He will blossom like a vine.**

Purifying afflictions

**John 15:2**

**Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.**

Peacefulness

**1 Kings 4:25 RSV**

**And Judah and Israel dwelt in safety, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon.**

Worthlessness

**John 15:2, 4, 6**

**He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit... No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine... if anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.**

Fruitful life

**Psalms 128:1-3**

**Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.**

God's kingdom

**Matthew 20:1, 8**

**For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard...When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."**

## VIRGINS

Virgin who is wise: caught up into heaven when the Lord comes for them

Virgin who is unwise: left behind when the Lord comes

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

**At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out." "No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves." But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. "Sir! Sir!" they said. "Open the door for us!" But he replied, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you." Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.**

Figurative of:

Christians

### **Revelation 14:3-5**

**No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.**

# WATER

Waters: peoples, multitudes, nations, languages

## **Revelation 17:15**

**The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.**

Water: Word of God

## **Ephesians 5:26**

**Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.**

## **John 15:3**

**You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.**

Water: Holy Spirit

## **John 7:37-39**

**On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.**

Living water: The Holy Spirit

## **John 4:10**

**Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.**

Figurative of:

Instability

## **Genesis 49:4**

**Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel.**

Cowardice

**Joshua 7:5**

**They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water.**

Spiritual growth

**Psalm 1:3**

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

Peace

**Psalm 23:2**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.**

Afflictions

**Isaiah 43:2**

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.**

Persecution

**Psalm 124:3, 4-5**

**If the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us ...The flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.**

Adultery

**Proverbs 9:17-18**

**"Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!" But little do they know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of the grave.**

Universal gospel

**Isaiah 11:9**

**The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**



Salvation

**Isaiah 55:1, 7**

**Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! ...Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

Gospel age

**Isaiah 41:17-18**

**The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.**

Eternal life

**Revelation 22:17**

**Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.**

Christ

**John 4:13, 25-26**

**Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life...The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."**

Regeneration

**John 7:37, 38**

**On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scriptures has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.**

## WAVES

Infants tossed by false teaching and deceitful scheming

**Ephesians 4:14**

**Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.**

One who doubts

**James 1:6**

**But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.**

The wicked

**Isaiah 57:20**

**But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud.**

# WAY

(See highway)

Way: Christ

**John 14:6**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

## WEEDS

Weeds: people of the evil one

### **Matthew 13:24-25**

**Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away."**

### **Matthew 13:37-39**

**He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels."**

## WEEK

Week: seven years

### **Genesis 29:26-28**

**Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."**

## WELLS

Well: One's wife

**Proverbs 5:15**

**Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.**

Well: Mouth of the righteous

**Proverbs 10:11**

**The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.**

Well: Wisdom

**Proverbs 16:22**

**Prudence is the fountain of life to the prudent.**

Well: Salvation

**Isaiah 12:3**

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Well: Rich blessings

**Jeremiah 2:13**

**My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water (the fountain of living waters), and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.**

Well: False teaching

**2 Peter 2:17**

**These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.**

Well: The Holy Spirit

**John 4:10**

**Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.**

# WHEAT

Figurative of:

Spiritual blessings

**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you. (Psalm 81:16)**

God's Word

**Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? Says the Lord. (Jeremiah 23:28 RSV)**

Christians

**His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:12)**

Christ's death

**I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (John 12:24)**

Resurrection

**When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. (1 Corinthians 15:37)**

## WHEEL

Wheel: that which ties you to life

**Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**

**Remember him - before the silver cord is severed or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.**

Figurative of:

Future things

**Ezekiel 1:15, 17, 20, 26, 28; 2:3**

**As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each creature with its four faces....As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the creatures faced...Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, and the wheels would rise along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels...Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like a throne of sapphire, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man...This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord, and I heard the voice of one speaking...He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites..."**

Punishment

**Proverbs 20:26**

**A wise king winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them.**

Cycle of nature ("course")

**James 3:6 RSV**

**And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting of fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell.**

God's sovereignty

**Ezekiel 10:9, 18-19**

**I looked, and I saw beside the cherubim four wheels, one beside each of the cherubim...Then the glory of the Lord departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. While I watched, the cherubim spread their wings and rose from the ground, and as they went, the wheels went with them.**



**They stopped at the entrance to the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.**

## WHITE

Descriptive of:

Glory and majesty

**Daniel 7:9**

**As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow, the hair of his head was white like wool.**

**Revelation 20:11**

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it.**

Purity, glory

**Revelation 1:14**

**His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.**

Victory

**Revelation 6:2**

**I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.**

Completion

**John 4:35 RSV**

**Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?" I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.**

# WILDERNESS

Descriptive of:

Israel's wanderings

**Exodus 16:1-14**

**The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.**

Desolate place

**Matthew 3:1-3 RSV**

**In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea.**

Desolation

**Jeremiah 22:6 RSV**

**For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah: "You are as Gilead to me, as the summit of Lebanon, yet surely I will make you a desert (wilderness), an uninhabited city.**

## WIND (S)

Winds: the Lord's messengers

### **Psalm 104:4**

**He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.**

Four winds of heaven

### **Daniel 7:2**

**Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea.**

Four winds of the earth

### **Revelation 7:1**

**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.**

Four winds

### **Ezekiel 37:9**

**Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "**

(the Hebrew word for breath can also mean wind or spirit)

Figurative of:

Life's shortness

### **Job 7:7 KJV**

**O remember that my life is wind; mine eyes shall no more see good.**

Empty speech

### **Job 8:2**

**How long will you say such things? Your words are like a blustering wind.**

Empty boasting

**Proverbs 25:14**

**Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give.**

Vanity

**Ecclesiastes 5:16**

**As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind?**

Calamity

**Isaiah 32:1-2**

**See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.**

God's chastisement

**Hosea 13:15**

**An east wind from the Lord will come, blowing in from the desert; his spring will fail and his well dry up. His storehouse will be plundered of all its treasures.**

God's judgment

**Jeremiah 22:22**

**The wind will drive all your shepherds away, and your allies will go into exile. Then you will be ashamed and disgraced because of all your wickedness.**

Dispersion

**Ezekiel 5:10**

**I will inflict punishment on you and will scatter all your survivors to the winds.**

Restoration

**Ezekiel 37:9**

**Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "**

(the Hebrew word for breath can also mean wind or spirit)

Ruin

**Hosea 8:7**

**They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind.**

Holy Spirit

**Acts 2:2, 4**

**Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

False teaching

**Ephesians 4:14**

**Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.**

## WINE

Figurative of:

God's wrath

**Psalm 75:8**

**In the hand of the Lord is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.**

Wisdom's blessings

**Proverbs 9:2, 5**

**Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine.**

Gospel

**Isaiah 55:1**

**Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.**

Christ's blood

**Matthew 26:27-29**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."**

Abominations

**Revelation 17:2**

**Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.**

Degeneration

**Isaiah 1:22**

**Your silver has become dross, your choice wine is diluted with water.**





## WINEPRESS

Winepress: war, battle

### **Judges 7:25**

**They also captured two of the Midianite leaders, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb.**

Winepress: God's wrath

### **Revelation 14:17-20**

**Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle. "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." The angel swung this sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press.**

### **Revelation 19:15**

**Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.**

## WINGS

Wings - shelter

**Psalm 91:4**

**He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. - Psalm 91:4  
NLT**

Wings - refuge

**Ruth 2:12**

**May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you  
have come to take refuge.**

Wings - God's provision and help

**Exodus 19:4**

**You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagle's  
wings and brought you to myself.**

Wings: Spiritual renewal

**Isaiah 40:31**

**But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings  
like eagles.**

Wings: Flight of riches

**Proverbs 23:5**

**Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and  
fly off to the sky like an eagle.**

Wings - transportation

**Revelation 12:14**

**The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the  
place prepared for her in the desert, where she will be taken care of for a time, times  
and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.**

## WOLVES

Wolves - men who distort the truth

### **Acts 20:29-31**

**I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!**

Figurative of:

False teachers

### **Matthew 7:15**

**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will know them.**

Gospel transformation

### **Isaiah 11:6**

**The wolf will live with the lamb.**

## WOMAN

Woman: city

**Revelation 17:18**

**The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.**

Woman: Israel

**Revelation 12:1-2**

**A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.**

**Revelation 12:6**

**The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.**

## WOMEN

Women: churches

### **Isaiah 4:1**

**In that day seven women will take hold of one man and say, "We will eat our own food and provide our own clothes; only let us be called by your name. Take away our disgrace."**

Seven women represent the churches (See seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3). The churches will say to the one man (Jesus) that they will eat their own food (choose what they will believe rather than His Word), provide their own clothes (their own righteousness rather than His), but still want to be called by His name (Christians) so they won't be disgraced. (Ideas from Robert Morris in a sermon.)

# WONDERS

## WOOL

Wool: whiteness, cleanness

### **Isaiah 1:18-20**

**"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land, but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

## YEAST

Yeast: that which grows until it influences all the dough.

### **Matthew 13:33**

**He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.**

Old yeast: malice and wickedness

### **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

**Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast - as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.**

Yeast: Teaching that is wrong.

### **Matthew 16:6, 11-12**

**"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ... "How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**



# ZION

Figurative of:

Israel as a people of God

**2 Kings 19:21**

**This is the word that the Lord has spoken against him: "The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises you and mocks you."**

God's spiritual kingdom

**Psalm 125:1**

**Those who trust the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.**

The Church

**Hebrews 12:22-23**

**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.**

Eternal city

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**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.**

Heaven

**Revelation 14:1**

**Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.**

# 144,000

144,000: the redeemed of the earth.

**Revelation 14:1, 3**

**Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads... And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.**

144,000: a pure group

**Revelation 14:4**

**These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure.**

