

Wilson's Dictionary of Bible Types

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CHAPTER 12

Man - Myrtle

MAN

This name is used as a type of all mankind, both men and women.

It is also used as a type of GOD Himself. It is the name given to the new nature which we received at conversion. It typifies also the physical body in which the person lives. It represents the mind and thoughts of men.

Some of the places in which these types are used will be found in the following list:

Man of War	Exodus 15:3
Man of the Heart	I Peter, 3:4
Man of the Earth	Psalms 10:18
Man of GOD	Deuteronomy 33:1
Man of Peace	Psalms 120:7.
The New Man	Ephesians 2:15.
The Man	John 19:5.
The Outward Man	II Corinthians 4:16.
The Inner man	Ephesians 3:16.
The Vain Man	James 2:20
The Double-minded Man	James 1:8
The Hidden Man	I Peter 3:4

MAN OF GOD

There are several men in the Scripture to whom is applied this type. Each one receives this designation because of some characteristic in his life.

We shall see this in the list that follows:

Moses, the Model of Intercession	Jeremiah 15:1
The Angel of the Lord, Model of Sufficiency	Judges 13:6
The Pre-existent CHRIST, Model of Justice	I Samuel 2:27
Samuel, Model of Understanding	I Samuel 9:6
Shemaiah, Model of Counsel	I Kings 12:22
Elijah, Model of Faithfulness	I Kings 17:18
Elisha, Model of Kindness	II Kings 4:7
Ahijah, Model of Severity	II Kings 23:16
David, Model of Praise	II Chronicles 8:14
Isaiah, Model of Spirituality	II Chronicles 25:7
Igdaliah, Model of Consecration	Jeremiah 35:4
Timothy, Model of Holiness	I Timothy 6:11
You, the Saint of GOD, Model of Godliness	II Timothy 3:17

MAN (FIRST)

I Corinthians 15:47 Adam is used in this case under this title as the beginning of the human race so that every person on earth partakes of the characteristics of that first man. Physically we are all made like he was made. We have the same members and faculties. He began the human race, and was the first one of that race.

MAN (SECOND)

I Corinthians 15:47 CHRIST JESUS is called the second man because He began a new race of heavenly people. He was the first one of that marvelous family called the "Church," or the "Body," or the "Kingdom," or the "Family" of GOD. All those who belong to CHRIST JESUS have come to Him for the beginning of a new life, and have received that new life, are like Him in some respects and will eventually be fully conformed to His image. Each of these men, Adam the first, and JESUS the second, began a new race of people. The first one is earthly in character, and the second is heavenly in character.

MANNA

Deuteronomy 8:3 (a) This bread is a type of CHRIST, the living Bread. GOD gave it to Israel in a miraculous way. He is the living bread which sustains the lives of GOD's people. It was always pure white. It was sweet. There was enough for all. (See also John 6:49; Hebrews 9:4).

Revelation 2:17 (a) This bread is a type of some sort of unseen and unknown blessings which are given by GOD for the blessing of His people when they live victorious lives for Him. It is a gift that is lovely, precious, attractive and satisfying, but the character of it is unknown.

MANSION

John 14:2 (b) Our blessed Lord used this word to describe the wonderful place He is preparing in glory for His own children. We do not know what it is like, nor just where in glory it will be located, but we do know that if the architect of the universe is making it, it will be gorgeous,

glorious and marvelous.

MANTLE

II Kings 2:14 (c) This is an emblem of authority. Elijah, who was the master of Elisha, left this garment for Elisha, so that all would know that Elisha now was the successor to Elijah, and could and would exercise all the powers of Elijah. It may be understood as a type of spiritual power conveyed from the greater to the lesser.

MARBLE

Song of Solomon 5:15 (c) This beautiful stone is a symbol of strength, vigor, stamina and symmetry. Soldiers, prize fighters, sailors, mountain climbers and foot travelers know the need of strong, durable legs. The picture is given to us by Solomon to represent the Lord JESUS who would always walk with us and never tire. He would fight for us and never lose. He would go with us and never fail.

MARK

Genesis 4:15 (c) Cain received this sign from GOD which was to tell the world that this man was a sinner, a murderer. Since that time sin has left its mark upon the human body. The face tells the story of the drunkard. The eyes tell the story of jealousy and hatred. The body is influenced by the sins which are committed.

Ezekiel 9:4 (c) By this GOD indicates that He marks His own people with those blessed attributes of GOD which distinguish them from all others as the people of GOD. (See Revelation 3:12).

Revelation 13:16-17 (a) Since GOD marks His children with a distinctive brand of some kind, so the Devil, imitating GOD, puts a mark on all of his children. No one knows what the mark is, and all conjectures are in vain. This brand by the devil is put on the forehead where everyone can see it, or in the hand where it can be hidden. This sign distinguishes the devil's children from GOD's children, and will probably be branded upon all the unsaved during the tribulation days.

MARRIAGE

Isaiah 54:1 (a) This situation is described more particularly in Galatians 4:27. The Lord is telling us that Israel is married to GOD, and is "the wife" of GOD. GOD calls Himself "her husband." The ungodly are those who have no relationship to GOD. Their number far exceeds the number of those who belong to GOD. Those on the broad road are many, while those on the narrow road are few. This is also the story of the difference between Israel and the Church. The laws of Sinai produced a few followers, but the love of Calvary has produced a multitude of followers. The Jewish nation has remained few in number, while among the Gentiles the Gospel has brought multitudes into the family of GOD.

Isaiah 62:4 (a) The time is coming when Israel, GOD's people, will again own all their own land to the east of the sea, they will walk with GOD, they will live godly lives, they will love the

GOD of their land, and He will again be able to shower upon them the blessings of Heaven, hath spiritual and physical.

Jeremiah 3:14 (a) In this place GOD is calling His people Israel to return to Him in sweet fellowship and confiding trust so that He may again be to them all that a husband should be.

Malachi 2:11 (a) The affection of Judah for idols is compared to a marriage wherein the heart that should have been joined to the Lord turned away from Him to be joined to idols.

Romans 7:4 (a) This is a beautiful type of the blessed relationship which is brought about when the sinner trusts the Lord JESUS and is born again. It is the act of being saved wherein the sinner gives himself to CHRIST and CHRIST gives Himself to the sinner in a very sweet, eternal and devoted union.

Revelation 19:7 (a) In this way is described that precious, mysterious union which will take place some day in the sky between the Lord JESUS and His bride, the Church. Individually, we are married to CHRIST at the moment we are saved. Collectively, we will enjoy this precious mutual event some day above the clouds when all the Church of GOD is united together, differences are forgotten, sectarian lines are eliminated, and the saints go marching in to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

MARSH

Ezekiel 47:11 (b) This word describes the lives of certain people. They live in the lowlands of life where the stinging, crawling, evil varmints of sin make their habitation, and where dirt abounds in the life, the soul and the words of those who live there. The Gospel never reaches them. The light of Heaven is shut out. The story of GOD's grace is not permitted. They live in the mire and the muck of filth, sin and wickedness, and are never changed, except by the Spirit of GOD.

MAST

Proverbs 23:34 (b) Here we see a type of the condition of a drunken man who reels to and fro and has no certain standing. He is blown about easily by the winds of lust, and is carried away by his own evil mind.

Isaiah 33:23 (b) This type represents the helplessness of GOD's people to handle their own affairs properly. They must depend fully on the guidance of the Lord for their daily path.

MAUL

Proverbs 25:18 (c) A false friend is compared to this instrument which is used to crush, damage and injure that upon which it is used.

MEAL

II Kings 4:41 (c) This meal may be taken to represent CHRIST Himself, or it may be the Word

of GOD. Both CHRIST and His Word are able to dispel all poisonous thoughts in the life, and to deliver safely from the evil doctrines and teachings of false religions. Since the meal offering represents the life of CHRIST offered to the Father instead of our own, we are rather inclined to believe that this meal may represent the blessed Person of our Lord JESUS who delivers from all evil doctrines, and every poisonous faith.

MEASURE

Psalm 39:4 (b) This figure probably represents the value of a person's time. Much time is wasted each day we live. We should evaluate both our time and our actions to see of what value these are, either to GOD or to man. If we do so we shall live useful lives, profitable in every way.

Matthew 7:2 (b) It is quite evident that our Lord knows exactly how much reward to give and also indicates that men know how much reward to give. A man will receive what he is worth, both from the hands of men and from the Lord. (See also Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38).

Matthew 23:32 (a) By this figure we learn that the evil deeds of the fathers are brought to full completion in the lives of their children. The evil that the fathers failed to do were committed by the children.

Luke 6:38 (a) Here we learn of the abundant reward that is given in large quantities to those who themselves minister blessings to others.

John 3:34 (a) The Father does not give the Holy Spirit on the installment plan, nor just in partial portions, but He gives His entire Holy Spirit to the Lord JESUS, but also to any other true believer who desires to be Spirit-filled.

Romans 12:3 (a) All do not have the same mental capacity. Some are more well developed mentally than others. The Lord is telling us by this figure that He is able to supply the graces of Heaven to every person according to their capacity.

Revelation 6:0 (a) By this we learn that the blessings of GOD will be measured out to men, and there will not be an abundance of supply, but rather a meager supply in the time of GOD's wrath.

Revelation 21:17 (b) There are many standards of measurements in the earth used in different countries. In this case the Lord is giving us the elements that will be used for determining human conditions of human hearts and lives.

MEAT

Judges 14:14 (c) The lion is the eater and the honey is the meat. It is a lovely picture of the sweet, precious and delightful food which we find in the Lord JESUS CHRIST as we partake of Him for the blessing of our souls.

Psalm 42:3 (a) There are those who feed upon their sorrows. Their griefs are never comforted, and their conversation is continually about the troubles they have had. They are never satisfied unless they weep over former losses.

Psalms 69:21 (a) When our Saviour was hanging on the Cross hungry, thirsty and torn with grief and sorrow, they gave Him the bitter gall instead of the comfort and the water that He so much needed.

Proverbs 23:6 (a) The wicked seem to have every kind of blessing that the heart desires. Often these riches have been obtained by dishonest means and methods. The Lord wants us to be satisfied with that which He provides, and which we obtained by honest efforts. Let us not crave to have that which the devil gives.

Daniel 1:3 (c) The rich food which came from the king's table had been offered first to an idol. Daniel would have none of that which was highly esteemed among men, and especially among royalty. It was defiled food. Let us remember that the finest that the world can give is not the portion of GOD's people.

John 4:12, 34 (a) Our Lord indicates by this type that the will of GOD satisfied the longings of the heart of the Son of GOD, and that he flourished and grew on the service of His Father. We too should feed on the will, the words and the work of GOD.

John 6:27 (a) The Lord is using this figure to indicate worldly gain and worldly goods upon which men feed for satisfaction. Rather He offers us the blessings of the Christian life as food for our souls and hearts.

John 6:55 (a) This passage refers definitely to a very intimate association with CHRIST wherein He Himself in His own person becomes priceless and precious to our hearts' affections. The mother says to her baby, "I could eat you up!" It is a figure which indicates that the heart, soul and life are wrapped up in the Son of GOD.

I Corinthians 8:13 (a) It is quite evident that Paul uses this figure to show that he would not do anything which his own soul desired, if the doing of it would hurt the heart and the feelings of one of GOD's dear children.

Hebrews 5:12 (a) The word in this passage is used to illustrate the deep truths of the Word of GOD. Those Christians had to receive the simplest kind of teaching because they had not learned to think through the doctrines and the philosophies of the Word of GOD.

Hebrews 13:9 (a) The heart is not to be influenced by human arguments, man-made theories, and various religious devices. GOD wants our souls to be strong and healthy because we are resting upon the facts of the Scriptures, and not on the fancies of men.

MEDICINE

Jeremiah 30:13 (a) The Scriptures are used as a type in this place because they heal the broken heart, they mend the wounds that sin makes, they bind up the bruises that are incurred in wandering away from GOD's path.

Jeremiah 46:11 (a) The many means and methods used by Israel to help in their troubles and

sorrows are described by this type. Men are still evading GOD's remedy and trying by legislation and by religious programs and by social service plans to relieve the wickedness and sin of men. None of these remedies are successful. Every one fails. Only that which is provided by GOD through JESUS CHRIST, and administered by the Holy Spirit will succeed in curing the ills of society.

MELCHIZEDEK

Hebrews 7:1 (a) Scholars disagree on the position occupied by this priest. Some are quite sure that he was an Old Testament incarnation of CHRIST JESUS Himself. Others believe that he was a strange, unusual character who was a type of the Saviour. The evidence is not too clear, and the reader may use either conclusion that he feels the Scriptures justify.

MELT (and forms)

Exodus 15:15 (a) The inhabitants were to be made weak and helpless with fear because of the power of GOD. (See also Joshua 2:11 ; Joshua 14:8; II Samuel 17:10; Isaiah 13:7).

Judges 5:5 (b) In this song Deborah uses many figures of speech to indicate the overwhelming power of GOD. She is indicating that Heaven and earth all combine in revealing the victorious power of the defender of Israel. It also may be considered as a figure of the way great difficulties, hindrances and impediments disappear when GOD moves for the blessing of His people. (See Psalm 46:6; Psalm 97:5; Isaiah 34:3).

MEPHIBOSHETH

II Samuel 9:6 (c) This interesting person has been taken as a type of all those whose walk is imperfect, their way of life is crooked, but they heard the call of the Lord, came to Him, were forgiven, were brought into His family, and their crooked feet were hidden under the table of His bounty, grace and mercy. This is such a wonderful type of the Saviour receiving the sinner, that the Queen of England recommended to Charles Stanley that he carry this message to all the armed forces.

MERCHANDISE

II Peter 2:3 (a) This is a very real and true figure or picture of that which happens in many religions. The devotees of many religious sects are absolutely bound to the rule and laws of their religion. Their leaders can do anything they wish to them, even to the suffering of the body. Men are only free in those groups where the Lord JESUS CHRIST is loved and trusted, and His Word is believed, accepted and practiced. There are religious slaves by the millions (See Revelation 18:13 Marg).

Matthew 22:5 (c) This is a type of any kind of business which allures and entices one away from the Lord JESUS and His fellowship.

John 2:16 (c) We see here a picture of any worldly enterprise brought into the house of GOD wherein His house loses its holy character and becomes a place for commercial enterprise.

Revelation 18:12-13 (b) This is a word to describe the great traffic carried on by the church, principally the Roman Catholic Church, which buys and sells vast quantities of various articles for the promotion and maintenance of its many activities. Included in this merchandise are the bodies and the souls of men which the Roman Catholics buy and sell for a profit.

MERCY SEAT

Exodus 25:17 (a) Here we see a type of the Lord JESUS CHRIST in Whom centers all the mercy of GOD and through Whom we receive mercy from GOD. He is called the "propitiation" in Romans 3:25 which is understood to be the same as the mercy seat. The expression "mercy seat" means "propitiatory." We come to the Lord JESUS, both as our High Priest, and also as our Mercy Seat, that we may confess our failures and receive again the cleansing of the precious Blood. Mercy abounds there. Mercy meets the needs and requirements of justice.

MIDNIGHT

Luke 11:5 (c) The term describes the deep perplexity and distress of a soul that has come to the end of his resources and is in soul trouble about his path and his future. It represents the man or the woman who calls at your door selling some article, but in his heart there is conviction of sin, and a realization of his need. You are supposed to have the Bread of Life to give to him in his deep distress.

MILE

Matthew 5:4.1 (a) The term is used to describe those actions wherein we do more than is expected of us. We give more than is requested of us. We show an interest beyond that which is required.

MILK

Exodus 23:19 (c) This is a warning against using the precious Word of GOD to injure or destroy that which it should build up and strengthen. The milk is a type of the Word of GOD. The milk should have been used to cause the kid to grow into a large, strong, healthy animal. Instead it was used to destroy the tender, young animal. GOD is telling us that we should not take that which He gives to us for constructive purposes and use it for destructive purposes. Baptism is an example. It was given to the church as a blessing, but has been used to destroy many churches, homes and lives. The heathen also had a custom of sprinkling the broth made in the above manner over their fields in order to make the fields fertile. The Lord condemns this custom of the heathen, and assures His people that blessing on the fields comes from Himself. (See under "**KID**." Also Exodus 34:26; Deuteronomy 14:21; 34:26).

Numbers 13:27 (b) This is a type of the multitude of blessings that abounded in the land of Palestine.

Isaiah 55:1 (b) Here we find a type of the sweet richness which awaits the soul who places his faith and trust in the living Lord.

I Corinthians 3:2 (a) Here is a picture of the simpler truths of the Scripture which most anyone can grasp without particular study and without much help. These truths are contrasted with the deeper and more difficult truths of the Word which are compared to meat. (See also Hebrews 5:13; I Peter 2:2).

MIRE

Job 30:19 (b) Job's sorrow, trouble, and poverty are compared to mud which is so unpleasant and so hard to get out from when one is submerged in it.

Psalm 69:2, 14 (b) This is a type of the deep trouble, the great sorrow, and the anguish of heart of the Lord JESUS CHRIST as He went through Gethsemane and Calvary.

Isaiah 57:20 (a) The filthiness in many human lives is compared to the dirt cast up constantly by the restless sea.

Jeremiah 38:22 (b) This is a type of the great difficulties into which Israel was plunged because of her iniquity and sin.

II Peter 2:22 (b) Here we see illustrated what GOD thinks of a life of worldliness. The pig represents an unsaved person who has cleaned up his life, perhaps has joined the church, and then has turned back into living his own way and enjoys the pleasures of sin.

MOAB

Ruth 1:2 (c) Moab may be taken to represent all that is outside of CHRIST in this world. Canaan or Palestine was GOD's country, and all other countries were heathen countries. Naomi and her husband left GOD's people to go down and live among the idolators. They found there were graves there, sorrow and tears abounded there. They were worse off in Moab than they were in Israel. Let us never think that we can find more blessing in the world among GOD's enemies than in the church among GOD's people.

MOCK

Proverbs 1:26 (a) We can hardly understand GOD mocking the sinner when the anguish and pain of GOD's wrath overtakes him. It has the thought of mimicking as GOD sees the suffering of those who rebel against Him.

MONEY

Isaiah 55:1 (a) This type condemns every religion that offers salvation by works. The type represents everything considered of spiritual value by human beings if it is used to purchase forgiveness, and obtain entrance into Heaven. Salvation is not for sale. It cannot be bought, nor earned, nor merited by any person, or in any way.

Matthew 22:19 (c) This represents legitimate things which should be given to those with whom

we are associated on earth. We should give to the family, to the community and to the government.

Matthew 25:18 (b) This word is typical of any gifts or talents given to a person by the Lord and which should be invested for Him in His service.

MOON

Song of Solomon 6:10 (c) This orb is probably a type of the church. It may also be considered as a type of the Christian. It shines in and upon a dark world as we should do. It has no light of its own, but reflects beautifully the light of the sun. We have no light of our own, but reflect the light of the Son of GOD. When the shadow of the earth gets in the way, the light of the moon is hindered. So when worldliness enters and clouds the church, the light of her testimonies obscured.

MORNING

Genesis 1:5 (c) We may consider that every day of the life will be filled with shadows (the evening), and sunshine (the morning). There will be sadness followed by gladness in each day. The morning times seem to represent the happy times of life when there are no griefs, sorrows nor troubles. It is the time when everything is going well. There is plenty of money available. The home is a happy home, and the business is prospering. It may also represent the coming of our Lord, which is described as "**a morning without clouds.**" It is probably the time referred to by Isaiah when he said, "**The morning cometh, and also the night.**" CHRIST is described as the Morning Star, for He will shine in His glory when He returns with power and great glory.

MORSEL - MOTH

Psalms 30:5 (c) This probably is a picture of the return of the Lord, the rapture of the church, and the beginning of a new day for GOD's people. (See also Psalm 49:14).

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (c) This represents the bright times in life when the sun is shining, the birds are singing and the soul is filled with hope and joy.

Isaiah 14:12 (b) The word is used in this place to describe the bright glories in the pre-earth days, when Satan was one of GOD's chief angels, clothed in the glory of Heaven, and living gorgeously in the light of GOD.

Isaiah 21:12 (b) Here we find described the great rapture of the Church, the morning time for GOD's people, in contrast with the night of darkness and trouble in which earth will enter.

Revelation 2:28 (b) Here is a description of the Lord JESUS as the One who shines brightly before the eternal dark overtakes men. He is the One who will direct the way when the shadows fall across the path.

Revelation 22:16 (a) By this figure the Lord describes the primal presence of CHRIST. It is a beautiful description of His deity.

MORSEL

Proverbs 17:1 (b) This figure is used as a type of earth's poorest possessions. It is better to have a very little of anything with a quiet heart, than to have a great supply of everything with a troubled heart.

MOSES

Exodus 2:10 (c) He is sometimes considered as a type of CHRIST in that he was the mediator between GOD and Israel. He was rejected and repudiated by Israel the same number of times that JESUS was rejected while on earth. He was somewhat clothed with glory on Mount Simi, as JESUS was clothed with glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. (See also Deuteronomy 18:15 which indicates this truth).

MOTE

Matthew 7:3 (b) This word describes what may be a very small and inconsiderate flaw in the life of another person, whereas the critic may have faults and flaws far greater than in the one he observes and criticizes. The mote is in the flaw in the other person's life, while the beam is the flaw in our own lives.

MOTH

Job 4:19 (b) This insect which weighs very little is used as a type of GOD's wrath in its least and lightest form. This, falling on mortal man, crushes him and wrecks him.

Psalms 39:11 (a) In this passage natural human beauty is compared to this insect in that it is quickly and easily lost, crushed and destroyed, even as this insect may be easily destroyed.

Isaiah 50:9 (b) This type indicates the way the Lord uses little things to remove great things. Little troubles, little difficulties, little adversities destroy peace, joy, zeal, earnestness and even faith, just as a little moth will destroy a large, expensive garment.

Hosea 5:12 (a) The destructive insect eating away at the cloth is a picture of the way our Lord would quietly and slowly deal with Israel, taking away his blessings, one by one, and leaving them as a damaged garment, with no strength, no beauty and no power.

Matthew 6:19 (c) By this is represented decay in the animal kingdom from the moth, decay in the mineral kingdom by the rust, decay in the human kingdom by the thieves. All of these ruin and destroy the things we lay up for ourselves on the earth.

MOTHER

Judges 5:7 (a) Deborah as the deliverer of Israel took care of the people of GOD as though they were her own children.

Isaiah 50:1 (a) Israel as a united nation is compared to a wife or a bride who begat the great multitude of the people of Israel. The nation had turned away from GOD as a wife turns away from her husband. (See Hosea 2:2; 4:5; 10:14).

Jeremiah 50:12 (a) Those who founded and established the great city of Babylon are described in this manner. They formed this mighty, powerful group, they nourished the Babylonians, and taught them to war. The Lord describes the heathen gods and their customs as having been those who moulded Israel into their present evil condition. They followed the gods of the Hittites and the Amorites.

Ezekiel 19:2 (a) The strong, able founders of Israel are compared to a mother lion. The nature was fierce, and their attitude cruel. They were no longer the sheep of His pasture.

Ezekiel 23:2 (a) This type probably refers to the one kingdom which existed under Solomon. It was afterwards divided into two kingdoms, which are mentioned as the two daughters.

Matthew 12:49-50 (a) Our Lord indicates that there is a very close and sweet relationship between Himself and those who love Him enough to leave all other associations just to live with and for Him.

Romans 16:13 (a) The servant of GOD who leads GOD's people has that sweet, tender care for them and looks after their best interests as we find in the family relationship.

Revelation 17:5 (a) This term probably refers to the Roman Catholic church. Most of the large denominations have emerged from that tremendous system, and have carried with them some of the grave clothes, the habits, the ways and the customs of the Roman church. Some of these "daughters" are so near like the mother church that it is difficult to distinguish them from her.

MOUNT (and forms)

Deuteronomy 1:6 (c) This may be taken as a picture of the Christian who stays all the time around Calvary, or the story of his conversion, and makes no progress in the Christian life. He is occupied only with the death of CHRIST, and does not see the value nor the power of the risen CHRIST. He does not grow in grace nor in the knowledge of the Lord JESUS. The Lord wants us to go on and grow unto full stature for our Lord.

Psalms 11:1 (b) The figure here is used to represent some kind of refuge or protection which is outside the realm of GOD's provision. It refers to human plans and expedients for the protection and welfare of the person. He expects us to fly to Himself for refuge, and this picture is seen in Jeremiah 48:28.

Psalms 30:7 (b) David is referring to his strong position as king and ruler over a great and mighty nation. He gives GOD the credit for maintaining him in this exalted position.

Isaiah 14:13 (a) This figure is used to express the devil's determination to ascend above GOD in power and in glory. He planned to be at the very top of all excellence and authority. It may refer to the ambitions of any person to be the greatest, the highest and the best in Satan's kingdom.

Isaiah 30:17 **(a)** The type is used in this place to represent the supreme place of authority on the earth among the nations which Israel will occupy some day when CHRIST is King.

Isaiah 40:4 **(a)** By this delightful figure the Lord is encouraging us to know that He will remove obstacles and hindrances in the Christian's life so as to make His yoke easy and His burden light in the service which we render.

Matthew 17:20 **(a)** Our Lord is telling us the same message that He told to Zerubbabel in Zechariah 4:6-7. Troubles, hindrances, problems and difficulties are represented in the Bible as mountains. Those who know the Lord intimately and believe Him fully may address themselves to these problems and see the Lord solve them and remove them. Spirit-filled men see miracles happen in their lives. (See also Matthew 21:21; Mark 11:23).

Galatians 4:24 **(a)** Sinai was the place where the law was given to Moses. He brought the law down to the people. It revealed the perfect will of GOD, and GOD's thoughts and plans about man's holiness. These laws are permanent, inflexible and solid as the mountain.

MOUTH

Numbers 16:30 **(a)** By this figure is described the opening up of the crust of the earth which permitted Korah, Dothan and Abiram and their properties and families to go down into the heart of the earth or hell. (See also Numbers 26:10; Psalm 69:15 Deuteronomy 11:6).

II Samuel 22:9 **(a)** This is a poetic expression used by David in the rejoicing of his heart. He is describing the greatness of GOD, the power of his Lord, and the judgments decreed by the great Judge when He pours out His wrath upon His enemies. (See Psalm 18:8).

II Kings 4:34 **(c)** We should learn by this figure that we are to talk to others in the language and in a manner which they can understand. This older prophet talked to the young man (in figure) n a way that a boy could understand the meaning. We should learn to do this also in our teaching and ministry.

Job 5:16 **(a)** The reference here is to the fact that the evil thoughts and desires of the heart find expression through the words that are spoken. The Lord by His grace and power prevents wicked people from saying evil things.

Job 31:27 **(a)** In this peculiar figure, Job describes the fact that he did not say one thing, and do something entirely different. There was no disagreement between his statements and his doings whereby he could deceive others. He was no hypocrite.

Job 41:19 **(a)** GOD is describing in poetic language the tremendous strength and fierce power of this animal which may have been one of the prehistoric monsters whose skeletons have been discovered.

Psalm 22:21 **(b)** This is a type of the cruel power, the blasphemous statements and the cutting words spoken by the enemies of CHRIST as they surrounded the Cross on which He hung.

Isaiah 5:14 (a) Hell is ever ready to receive all who are sent there by CHRIST, the Judge. The gates are never closed; the entrance is never barred. There is no limit to the number that she may take into her pit of torture.

Isaiah 6:7 (c) Here we find that which may be used as a description of the cleansing power of GOD on the speech, the language and the conversation of men who trust in Him.

Isaiah 9:12 (b) This type represents the power of the enemies of Israel to come with damage and cruel hatred to invade the land and destroy the inhabitants.

Isaiah 11:4 (b) The reference no doubt is to the word that shall issue from the mouth of the Lord JESUS when He comes to judge the earth in righteousness and to punish His enemies. The rod is also mentioned as a sword proceeding from the mouth of the Lord JESUS CHRIST. His word is sufficient to judge and condemn. (See also Isaiah 49:2; Revelation 2:16; Revelation 19:15).

Daniel 7:5 (b) The prophet is describing in an interesting way the King of the Media-Persian empire, Darius. That nation, with the Medians in supremacy, destroyed the kingdom of his three predecessors in Babylon. He is represented as devouring that which had been built up by the three great kings of Babylon.

Daniel 7:8 (b) The proud and boastful language of the Roman emperors is thus described by this figure. It refers to the great leaders of the mighty Roman empire, which is represented by this fourth beast. (See also v. 20).

Amos 3:12 (a) In this case the lion represents the invading hosts of the enemies of Israel who almost completely destroy the people of GOD. Very few of the Jews are left, and they are in hiding in any place they can find, such as under the bed, or hiding in a couch under the blankets. Only a very insignificant part of Israel is left after the enemies finish their attack. Not much is left with which Israel can walk and work, and not much is left of their power to hear the call or the will of GOD.

Nahum 3:12 (b) By this we understand that Nineveh would become an easy prey to an invading army, who would destroy her inhabitants and carry away her possessions. The eater is the enemy that shall come to conquer Nineveh.

Zechariah 5:8 (b) The ephah was a measuring vessel. It was open at the top. The women probably represent commerce and business. They have wings to show that they may traverse the entire world if they wish. The woman in the midst may represent the fact that commerce and business have invaded society, and in a large measure controls the morals and actions of people everywhere. The lead weight placed on the opening at the top of this vessel probably indicates that GOD Himself seals men to the decision which they make, so that they are unable to extricate themselves from the chaos, the deceit, the wickedness in which they find themselves.

I Corinthians 9:9 (a) The ox represents the Christian worker who is entitled to proper remuneration for the labor which he gives to GOD's people, and to the church. He brings spiritual blessings to the saints, and they should give temporal blessings to him. (See also I

Corinthians 9:11).

II Timothy 4:17 **(a)** Paul describes his enemies as lions who would by their words and by their power hinder his testimony and destroy his person.

Revelation 1:16 **(a)** This figure is often used about the words that come from the lips of our Lord. What he says is piercing, cutting and forceful. (See also Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 19:15).

Revelation 12:15 **(a)** By this figure is represented the power of Satan by which he endeavors to destroy the nation of Israel, and to blot out all trace of the Lord JESUS CHRIST. Probably he does most of this by his words, false teachings, false doctrines, and false religions which are in fact destroying millions of souls, and keeping them from CHRIST JESUS.

Revelation 13:2 **(a)** This beast is the antichrist from whom there comes announcements that create great hopes and words that create great fears. He is described as a monstrous wild and fierce animal who by his messages destroys millions. (See also Revelation 9:19).

MULE

Genesis 36:24 (c) If this word is correctly understood, then there is a wonderful lesson to be found in this passage. Mules were found in the wilderness because the asses had been mingling with the horses and producing these fine work animals while it was all unknown to the owners. It is the story of "unearned increment." It is the story of GOD granting rich blessing and increase without our definite planning or knowledge. GOD does this for His children frequently.

II Samuel 18:9 (c) In this story we see a picture of the disappointment which comes to those who trust in human devices and rest their hopes on earthly provisions. Absalom had hoped to use the mule either to carry him to victory, or else to carry him to safety. He was disappointed in both cases, and the mule became the means of his death. It is a warning to us not to place our confidence in any means or methods provided by earth's resources. The animal represents any doctrine, or theory, or religion which is man-made, and on which one often depends for salvation and deliverance. It will fail us in the hour of need.

MUSTARD (Tree)

Matthew 13:31 **(a)** This figure represents the great religious group called "the church." It began with a very small group, but has spread all over the earth, and has become a monstrosity. Its members include atheists, idolators and evildoers of every kind. Its branches reach out into every part of society, and in every nation. The birds in this church tree represent evil spirits ruling in church councils. (See also Mark 4:31; Luke 13:19).

Matthew 17:20 (Seed). **(a)** This figure is used to represent the individual believer. It does not refer to the size of his faith, for the Lord always condemned little faith. Little faith means big doubts. The Lord condemns these. He is telling us that though one may be obscure, unknown, uneducated and unimportant in life, yet if that person is full of faith as the seed is full of mustard, then he may see miracles performed in his life. (See also Luke 17:6).

MUZZLE

Deuteronomy 25:4 (a) This word has two meanings. The first is that we are to know that the servant of GOD, which is represented by the ox, should be free to tell the story of GOD's grace in his own way, and not be hindered by any rules or regulations of men. It also means that the servant of GOD is entitled to receive the benefits in a material way of his ministry. He should be given remuneration for his work. He is entitled to receive the food, the clothing and the other necessities of life because of his ministry. (See also I Corinthians 9:9; I Timothy 5:18).

MYRRH

Psalm 45:8 (c) This type represents the fragrance of CHRIST to GOD in His sacrificial death. His death went up to GOD as a sweet smelling savour, which is most blessed both to GOD and to man. (See also John 19:39).

Proverbs 7:17 (c) This may be taken as a picture or a type of the enticing, alluring schemes and plans of the harlots to attract men to their homes, and to a life of sinful pleasure.

Song of Solomon 1:13 (c) By this figure we understand the feelings of GOD's people concerning the loveliness of CHRIST to their hearts. The beauty, the fragrance and the attractiveness of the Lord JESUS are compared to the sweet odors arising from precious spices.

Matthew 2:11 (c) This perfume is the third of the gifts mentioned, which were brought to the Lord JESUS CHRIST by the wise men. It typifies the beauty and the value of CHRIST as He gave His life for us.

- the gold is a type of His perfection and loveliness in His prenatal days.
- the frankincense may be taken as a type of the beauty and loveliness of CHRIST during His life on earth.
- the myrrh may remind us of the preciousness and sweetness of CHRIST in His death.

MYRTLE

Isaiah 41:19 (c) The seven kinds of trees mentioned in this verse may be taken as types of seven kinds of Christian experience. The myrtle tree usually represents the happy, radiant Christian life which remains green and beautiful even through the winter months.

Isaiah 55:13 (b) No doubt our Lord is teaching us that when we walk with Him, believe His Word, and live for His glory, our lives will be filled with joy and gladness, instead of with sorrow, grief and pain such as the thorns produce. The brier represents the sorrows, pains and griefs of life, while the myrtle represents the joys the beauty and happiness of life.

Zechariah 1:8 (b) By this picture we may understand that our Lord coming forth in power and having upon Him the blood of His enemies because He trod the winepress alone is found mingling and mixing among a happy, radiant people of GOD in GOD's country.

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