

7 - O.T. PICTURES OF THE DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS WITH THE N.T. IMPORTANT APPLICATION FOR ALL BELIEVERS

Oh that we might grow spiritually into fathers! – **1John 2:12-14 JND**. These O.T. types held in the heart (Prov. 4:23) will allow this to be so.

These 7-O.T. types of the Lord's death are very precious and very important for us as believers to understand, reckon the N.T. doctrine by faith and then apply this truth daily in our lives so as to glorify our God and our Father and honour our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus accomplished all of these types in the 3 dark hours on the cross followed by His resurrection and ascension. It is to be noted that the O.T. types are infinitely magnified and enlarged doctrinally by Christ Jesus in His death.

Summary:

1. **THE PASSOVER LAMB (Ex. 12:1-17)** – A type of the work of the Lord Jesus toward God (**PROPITIATION**) and also (**SUBSTITUTION**) for our sins (**Rom. 3:23-26; 1Pet. 1:18-19**).

Every believer reckons this truth to be true when they see Christ as their Saviour through repentance. This frees the believer from the righteous judgment of God and also provides remission of sins and redeems the believer to God.

The **Passover feast** is closely associated with the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**; a type of the life of the believer keeping themselves clean (sanctified for God) throughout their whole life.

The Passover was kept in Egypt and also once in the wilderness (**Num. 9**) and once when the Israelites reached the Promised Land (**Josh. 5**). For the believer in Christ Jesus we are simultaneously in the world, as to fact, in the wilderness, as to experience, and in heavenly places, as to spirit. We are to remember the death of our Lord Jesus and express our heartfelt thanks to Him in worship and in living for God and our beloved Lord (**1Cor. 11:23-29; 5:7, 8**).

2. **THE RED SEA (Ex. 14:1-31)** - A type of the death of Christ for us delivering us from Satan's power and placing us on resurrection ground in Christ. (**Rom. 4:23-5:11**).

After crossing the Red sea the word 'salvation' is first used in Scripture (**Ex. 14:13; 15:2**). For the believer in Christ Jesus this is a very important truth to reckon by faith and gives us the assurance of complete deliverance from the power of Satan and gives us the joy and peace of justification (seen as righteous before God in Christ Jesus).

As this truth deepens by faith we lose sight of self and glory in God, in tribulations and develop endurance in our daily trials as we long for our precious Saviour to come and be openly glorified. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts.

Although the reckoning of this truth may be a one-time thing to faith; it is a continuous source of joy and strength. We see this with the apostle Paul in Philippians while in prison for Christ's sake. He rejoices there and is able to encourage others. He reminds us that true spiritual circumcision is "*to worship God in Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh*" (**Phi. 3:3-15**). The apostle yearns to learn more of the power of Christ's resurrection and the fellowship of Christ's martyr sufferings. His eye and heart are on the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

This should also be our portion.

3. **AT REPHIDIM (Ex. 17:1-16)** – Here we have the smiting of the Rock, a picture of the death of Christ and the water flowing forth; a picture of the Holy Spirit being sent forth.

The smiting of the ROCK is Christ's death and suffering at the hand of a holy and righteous God for sin and the water flowing out is a type of the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Then Moses with Aaron and Hur are seen on the "top of the hill" a picture of Christ as our Great High Priest in the presence of God to help us with our weaknesses while Joshua (a type of the Spirit of Christ) in the valley below fighting with Amalek (the flesh).

In the N.T. we have these truths presented for faith (**1Pet. 2:24; 3:18; 2Cor. 5:21; Heb. 2: 17-3:2; 4:14-16; Rom. 8:26, 27, 34-39; Gal. 5:10-18**).

4. **THE RED HEIFER (Num. 19:1-22)** – Here we have a picture of Christ's death being the basis of His **Advocacy** for us when we sin to cleanse us and bring us back into communion with the Lord Jesus and our Father after repentance (**1John 1:9-2:2 JND**).

When the work of repentance deepens from the realization of the gravity of what we have done (3rd day) and then what Christ had to suffer for our sin we are brought back into communion with our Father (7th day) by the advocacy of Christ Jesus.

The seriousness of the sin in the sight of God is seen with even those involved in helping are unclean until evening (**Num. 19:4-7, 19**)

The Red Heifer was "*without spot*", the sinlessness of Christ; "*He did no sin*" and "*upon which never came yoke*" the sinless nature of Christ; "*in Him was no sin*" (**1Pet. 2:22; 1John 1:5; 3:5**).

5. **THE BRAZEN SERPENT (Num. 21:4-16)** - Here we have a picture of Christ's death delivering us from ***sin in the flesh*** that incorrigible principle of evil in our old nature. This was previously seen in the type of Amalek and after nearly 40 years in the wilderness it has not changed!

This important type shows us the faithfulness of God and the unchangeableness of the flesh (**Dt. 8:2; John 3:1-15; 6:63; Rom. 7:10-8:3; 2Cor. 5:21**).

We can reckon this truth by faith as we see what Christ has accomplished in His death but it must be practically exercised continuously or the flesh (though condemned) will still try to vaunt itself. The Holy Spirit in us lusteth against the flesh (**Ga. 5:17**) and if we walk in the Spirit we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh (**Gal. 5:16**).

6. **THE CROSSING THE JORDAN (Josh. 3-4:9)** – Here we have a picture of the death of Christ and our death and resurrection and ascension with Him. This type places us in Christ risen, ascended and blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places.

When we apprehend this in our hearts will be separate from the world and as heavenly citizens be in the enjoyment of all our spiritual blessings in Christ (**2Cor. 2:14-3:18; Ephesians chapters 1-6**). We need the 7-part armor to hold on to the appreciation of this position even though we can never lose it.

WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD Eph. 6:13 - 18

- There is no protection for the back or knees as we must stand and face the enemy in submission to the Lord and His Word.
- There is no human armour but the armour of God and we must have on the whole armour.
- Satan will detect any part that is lacking and thus the whole armour must be put on.

#	ARMOUR PART	SCRIPTURE	ACTION	COMMENT
1.	Loins	Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth ,	Defense	This refers to our thoughts and affections being held in order by the truth giving strength for the inner man. 1 Pet. 1:13
2.	Breastplate	And having on the breastplate of righteousness ;	Defense	This refers to our practical conduct, our walk consistent with the position and relationships in which we are set. Rev. 19:8
3.	Feet	And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace ;	Defense	Those whose feet are shod with peace are marked by peace even when in conflict. Rom. 14:17-19
4.	Front of Body	Above all, taking the shield of faith ...	Defense	This is the daily faith and trust in God which gives us the assurance that God is for us. Rom. 10:17
5.	Head	And take the helmet of salvation ,	Defense	We are able to go forward with courage and energy conscious that, even in our weaknesses, God is the God of our salvation, and that Christ is able to save us to the utmost. Heb. 7:25
6.	Sword	and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God :	first offensive action (word of God)	Using the Word of God in the power of the Spirit while being in a right condition is our only needed weapon. Heb. 4:12
7.	Prayer	Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit , and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;	Dependence	This refers to our being watchful, persevering with earnest prayer in the Spirit for all saints. This is all powerful and a source of widespread blessing. John 17

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **Romans 13:12**

7. **GILGAL AND THE 12-STONES (Josh. 4:1-14)** – Here we have a picture of the death of Christ and our returning to appreciate it and applying it in our lives from day to day exercising self-judgment.

The death of Christ is spoken of as “*circumcision of Christ*” (**Col. 2:11**) and we are complete in Him, buried, risen and quickened (**Col. 2:9, 10-13**).

This must be accepted by faith as a completed act and then applied daily in a practical way as we exercise self-judgment (**2 Cor. 4:10-15; Col. 3:5-10; Eph. 4:21-32; Phi. 3:3**)

For the believer these types all flow together in the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ and the giving of the Holy Spirit. Our gracious God and our Father has given us everything we need to glorify Him as we wait for our new body of glory.

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (**Rom. 8:32-39**)