Chapter 9 - SYMBOLISM IN THE OT

THE OT WAS WRITTEN FOR OUR EXAMPLE

*Now these things became our **examples**, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted (1 Co 10:6).* p. 133

*nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer, 11 Now **all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come (1 Co 10:9-11).* p. 133

Jacob's Ladder:

OT Event: Jacob was traveling; the sun had set so he lay down place to sleep. p. 133

Then he dreamed, and *behold, a **ladder** was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it (Gen 28:12).*

NT Fulfilment: Jesus told Nathanael He had seen him sitting under a fig tree before Philip called for him. p. 134

*And He said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the **angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man'** (Jn. 1:51).* p. 134

Deliverance from Egyptian Slavery:

OT Event: The deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt is symbolic of the Christian's deliverance from the slavery of sin.

*And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down **to** **deliver** **them** out of the hand of the Egyptians, and bring them from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, … (Ex 3:7-8a).* p. 134

NT Fulfillment:

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:13-14). p. 135

The Passover Lamb:

OT Event:

Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: "on the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household (Ex 12:3). … Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it (Ex. 12:6-7). p. 135

NT Fulfillment:

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29) …* p. 136

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct, received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (1 Pe. 1:18-19). p. 136

"When I See the Blood:" p. 136

OT Event:

*For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, **I will pass over you**; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt (Ex. 12:12-13).* p. 137

NT Fulfillment:

… For indeed Christ, our Passover was sacrificed for us (1 Co. 5:7b). p. 137

*Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire I have desired **to eat this Passover** with you before I suffer; (Lu. 22:15) Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, '**This cup is the new covenant in my blood**, which is shed for you (Lu. 22:20).* p. 137

Leaven Represents Sin:

OT Event: Before every Passover meal, the Jewish household is to remove all presence of leavening. p. 137

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats unleavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel (Ex. 12:15). p. 137

NT Confirmation:

Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are

unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover was sacrificed for us. 8 *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the* ***leaven*** ***of*** *malice and* ***wickedness****, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Co 5:6-8).* *p. 138*

Water from a Rock:

OT Event:

…camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, Give us water, that we may drink. (Ex 17:1b-2).

[God told Moses] "…Take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6 *Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall* ***strike*** *the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink" (Ex. 17:5b-6).* *p. 138*

NT Confirmation:

and *all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that* ***Rock*** ***was*** ***Christ*** (1 Co. 10:4). *p. 138*

Moses Lifting Up a Serpent on a Stake:

OT Event:

And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? .... 6 *So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died (Nu. 21:5b-6).* *p. 140*

Then the LORD said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it shall live. 9 *So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived (Nu. 21:8-9).* *p. 140*

NT Confirmation:

And *as Moses* ***lifted*** ***up*** *the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,* 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (Jn. 3:14-15). *p. 141*