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# Figures of Christ in the Wilderness

Types, Shadows and Applications from the Old Testament

# What Are These Figures?

- ▶ Characters, Institutions and Offices
- ▶ Ordinances and Ceremonies
- ▶ Miracles demonstrating God's power and provision



# The Passover

- ▶ The Passover instituted (Ex.12:1-28)
  - Blood of the Passover on the doorposts and the lintels (Ex.12:7, 12-13)
  - God passed over those in the house marked with blood (Num.12:13, 22)

# The Passover

- ▶ Jesus is called our Passover (1Cor.5:7)
  - Church is His “house” marked w/ His blood (1Tim.3:15) (Ac.20:28) (1Pet.1:19) (Eph.5:23)
  - We are added to this “house” in baptism (Ac.2:41-47)
  - Believers are to “keep the feast” without “leaven” (1Cor.5:8) (Col.3:1-12) (Rom.6:1-17) (Eph.4:22 – 5:11)

# The High Priest

- ▶ Aaron was appointed High Priest
  - Officiated at the altar (Heb.5:1-4)
  - He went into the Holy Place once each year (Heb.9:7)
  - He acted as an intercessor (Num.16:7)

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- ▶ Aaron was a type of Christ (Heb.5:5-10)
  - Jesus is both sacrifice and High Priest (Heb.9:11-12)
  - He has entered the holy place once for all time (Heb.9:12, 26)
  - In this capacity Jesus acts as our intercessor (Heb.7:20-27)

# The High Priest

- ▶ The priesthood of Christ is superior to that of Aaron
  - Offers a better sacrifice (Heb.9:23, 26)
  - In a better tabernacle (Heb.9:11, 24)
  - Officiates in a better priesthood (Heb.7:23-24)

# The Manna

- ▶ The bread from heaven (Exodus 16:1-34)
- ▶ Jesus described Himself as the “true bread” that came down from heaven (Jn.6:32) (cf. Ex.16:4) (Jn.6:48-50)
- ▶ As there was then, some today do not want the bread from heaven (Num.21:5)

# The Blood of the Covenant

- ▶ Moses received the law from God and delivered it to Israel (Ex.24:1-8) (Heb.9:16-23)
  - He read the words of the book (Ex.24:3-4)
  - The people agreed to obey God (Ex.24:3, 7)
  - Moses built an altar and erected a pillar of twelve stones (Ex.24:4)
  - Sacrifices were offered (Ex.24:5)

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- ▶ Moses received the law from God and delivered it to Israel (Ex.24:1-8) (Heb.9:16-23)
  - Then Moses sprinkled the people with the blood from the sacrifices saying, “This is the blood of the covenant” (Ex.24:6-8)



# The Blood of the Covenant

- ▶ There can be no covenant with God without the purifying of the covenant (Heb.9:22) (Lev.17:11)
  - The blood of Jesus is the blood of the New Testament (Matt.26:28)
  - This blood is sprinkled upon the heart of every penitent believer at baptism (Heb.10:19-23; 9:14) (Rom.6:3) (Ac.22:16) (Re.1:5)

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  - Following baptism, the penitent baptized believer is added to the covenant people – the church (Ac.2:47) (Heb.8:10)

# The Rock

- ▶ Twice Moses brought forth water from a rock in the wilderness
  - The first time was at Rephidim in the Wilderness on the way to Sinai (Ex.17:1-6)
  - The second occasion was at Kadesh (Num.20:1-13)

# The Rock

- ▶ Paul says this Rock was Christ (1Cor.10:4)
  - Metaphor based on Deut.32:4
  - The rock in the wilderness was a source of divine blessing for Israel (1Cor.10:4)
  - The analogy of the text shows it is possible to fail in being blessed

# The Bronze Serpent

- ▶ The people murmured against Moses (Num.21:5)
- ▶ The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and many of them died (Num.21:6)
- ▶ The people came to Moses confessing their sins, and Moses prayed for them (Num.21:7)

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- ▶ The Lord told Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it up on a pole and whoever would look at the brass serpent would be healed (Num.21:8-9)

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- ▶ Jesus likens himself to that brass serpent (Jn.3:14-16)
  - As Moses lifted up the serpent for the healing of the people, the Son of Man was lifted up on the cross for the healing of our sin (Jn.12:23-32)
  - Only those who looked upon the serpent were healed and only those that come to Christ through faith and obedience are saved (Jn.3:3-5, 36)

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- ▶ Israel's salvation is parallel to ours
  - Grace (Num.21:7)
  - Faith (Jn.3:14-15)
  - Works (Num.21:8-9)
- ▶ We are saved by:
  - Grace (Eph.2:8-9)
  - Faith (Mk.16:16)
  - Works (Jas.2:24)





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