

# INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

*"Acts 17:11" and "2 Timothy 2:15"*

## CLASS #7 | Types & Symbols

**TYPES: "A God ordained OT person, place, thing or event (type or shadow) which share a common relationship and becomes a NT reality (antitype or substance)." Types mostly center on God's plan of redemption through the OT and points to the person of Christ in the New Testament.**

**The Greek word "tupos" is where we get the NT translation "type", "example" or "pattern".**

(Rom 5:14) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a **type** of Him who was to come.

[Adam represents those born of the human race; Jesus those reborn into the spiritual race]

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

(1 Cor 10:11) 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.

[The Children of Israel are an example of believers in Christ i.e. entering into Canaan, the rest of God]

(Heb 8:5) who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the **pattern** shown you on the mountain."

[The Tabernacle shares a likeness between different aspects of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ i.e. I Am the light of the world and the bread of life]

**The word "type" can also understood by words like "model," "shadow," "resemblance," "illustration," "likeness," and "foreshadowing." There are many different ways that commentators and Bible scholars have viewed typologies in the past. There are many different views on the use of types in Bible interpretation. Some avoid the subject of types altogether, others believe that types exist, but limited to specific Bible references i.e. 1 Cor 5:7 "Christ, who is our Passover." Others seem to classify types as anything the imagination can think up that does not bear any resemblance to anything else. We believe that Bible is overflowing with types, but in Biblical interpretation and teaching, we believe that we must have firm Biblical support to substantiate a given type. Some safe criterion for this understanding of a type includes the following: 1) there needs to be some obvious Scriptural resemblance between the type and its antitype; and 2) types must have a future corresponding antitype.**

**Jesus makes continual reference of His being prefigured (an antitype) in the OT:**

(Luke 24:27) And beginning at **Moses and all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things **concerning Himself**.

(Luke 24:30) Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

(Luke 24:31) Then **their eyes were opened and they knew Him**; and He vanished from their sight.

(Luke 24:32) And they said to one another, "Did not our **heart burn within us** while He talked with us on the road, and **while He opened the Scriptures to us?**"

(John 5:39) "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me**.

(John 5:40) "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

(Heb 10:7) Then I said, 'Behold, **I have come; In the volume of the book it is written of Me**; To do Your will, O God.'"

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## TYPES OF CHRIST IN THE OT

1. Stated Type;	Adam.....	Rom. 5:12-14; 1 Cor 15:21-22
2. Stated Type;	Melchizedek.....	Gen 14:18; Psalm 110:4; Heb.6:20-7:28
3. Stated Type;	Moses.....	Deut. 18:18; Acts 3:22-26, Heb 3:2
4. Stated Type;	Jonah.....	Matt. 12:39-41
5. Stated Type;	David.....	Ezek. 37:24; Luke 1:32, Jer. 23:5-6
6. Stated Type;	Solomon.....	2 Sam. 7:12-16; Matt. 12:42
7. Stated Type;	The Seed.....	Gen. 3:15; Gal 3:16
8. Possible Type;	Isaac .....	Gen. 22; Heb 11:17-19
9. Possible Type;	Joseph .....	Gen. 37-45; Acts 7:9-14

## MOSES: An Example of a Type of Christ;

(Deu 18:18) 'I will raise up for them **a Prophet like you** from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

(Acts 3:22) "For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you **a Prophet** like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

(Acts 3:23) 'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear **that Prophet** shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

(Acts 3:24) "Yes, and **all the prophets**, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also **foretold these days**.  
[Peter, speaking of Jesus]

(Heb 3:2) **who was faithful to Him** who appointed Him, **as Moses also was faithful** in all His house.

1. Preserved from infant drowning.....	Ex. 2:2-10/ Matt. 2:14-15
2. Tempted but had victory over sin.....	Ex. 7:11/ Matt. 4:2
3. Control over nature (sea, wind).....	Ex. 14:21/ Matt. 8:26
4. Fed a multitude.....	Ex. 16:26/ Matt. 14:20-21
5. Radiant faces.....	Ex. 34-35/ Matt. 17:2
6. Endured murmuring.....	Ex. 15:24/ Mk. 7:2
7. Discredited at home.....	Nu. 2:1/ Jn. 7:5
8. Mighty intercessors.....	Ex. 32:32/ Jn. 17
9. Spoke the oracles of God.....	De. 18:18/ Jn. 7:46
10. 70 helpers.....	Nu. 11:16-17/ Lk. 10:1
11. Established memorial.....	Ex. 12:14/ Lk. 22:19
12. Reappeared after death.....	Matt. 17:3/ Acts 1:3
13. Forty years or days in the wilderness.....	Ex. 16:35/ Lk. 4:1-13
14. Both deliverers from bondage to liberty	

## THE PASSOVER LAMB: the type and its' antitype:

### The type; the Passover lamb

(Exo 12:5) 'Your **lamb shall be without blemish, a male** of the first year. You may **take it from the sheep or from the goats**.

(Exo 12:6) '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**.

(Exo 12:7) '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.

(Exo 12:13) '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.

(Exo 12:14) 'So this day shall be to you **a memorial**; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as **a feast by an everlasting ordinance**.

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(Exo 12:21 NKJV) Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the **Passover lamb**.

## **The antitype; Jesus**

(Isa 53:7) He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**

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

(1 Cor 5:7) 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.**

(Heb 9:12) Not with the blood of goats and calves, **but with His own blood** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

(Heb 10:4) For it is not possible **that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.**

(Rev 5:6) And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb as though it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

## **THE ROCK IN THE WILDERNESS: the type and its' antitype:**

### **The type; the Rock (Law of first mention):**

(Exo 17:6) "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." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

(Num 20:8) "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. **Speak to the rock** before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."

(Num 20:9) So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.

(Num 20:10) And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together **before the rock**; and he said to them, "Hear now, **you rebels!** Must we bring water for you **out of this rock?**"

(Num 20:11) Then **Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod**; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

(Num 20:12) Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore **you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.**"

### **The antitype; Christ**

(Psa 18:2) **The LORD is my rock** and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

(2 Sam 22:47) "The LORD lives! Blessed be **my Rock!** Let God be exalted, **The Rock** of my salvation!

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

(Mat 16:18) "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

## **ISAAC: the type and its' antitype:**

### **The type; Isaac, Abraham's only begotten son**

(Gen 22:7) But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said,

"Look, the fire and the wood, but **where is the lamb for a burnt offering?**"

(Gen 22:8) And Abraham said, "My son, **God will provide for Himself the lamb** for a burnt offering." So the two of them

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went together.

## The antitype; Christ

(Heb 11:17) **By faith** Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up **his only begotten son,**

(Heb 11:18) of whom it was said, "In Isaac **your seed** shall be called,"

(Heb 11:19) concluding that God was able to **raise him up, even from the dead**, from which he also received him **in a figurative sense.**

## ADDITIONAL SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ISAAC AND JESUS:

1. Both has miracle births
2. Both were mocked by half brothers
3. Both lived in perfect harmony with their fathers
4. Both were willing sacrifices
5. Both carried their own wood to be sacrificed
6. Both were sacrificed on Mt. Moriah
7. Jesus was called the Lamb of God; Isaac had a ram take his place in the sacrifice
8. Both were resurrected from death

## TRANSACTIONS AND EVENTS AS TYPES:

1. The ark of Noah as baptism and preservation..... 1 Pet. 3:20-21
2. Christ our Passover..... 1 Cor. 5:7
3. Israel and Jesus being called out of Egypt..... Exodus; Matt. 2:15
4. Passage through the Red Sea, the giving of manna, Moses' face being veiled, water flowing from the smitten rock..... 1 Cor. 10
5. Serpent in the wilderness..... Nu. 21:9; John 3:14, Rev 2:18

## PLACES AND THINGS AS TYPES:

1. The tabernacle (shadow of Christ in heaven)..... Heb.8:2,5;9:9-12,23-24;Acts 7:44
2. The Word of God (sword of the spirit)..... Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12
3. Offerings and sacrifices (shadow of the cross)..... Heb. 9:13-14, 10:14, 13:15
4. Blood (new covenant redemption)..... Matt. 26:28; Heb.9:22, 10:4
5. Lamb of God (Jesus)..... Jn. 1:29; Acts 8:32-35; Rev. 5:6, 13
6. The law (God's holy standards; a tutor to Christ)..... Heb. 10:1; Gal. 3:24
7. The veil (the separation between God and man)..... Heb. 10:20
8. The temple (the dwelling place of God)..... Is. 6; John 2:19,21
9. Egypt- "house of bondage" (the world)..... Ex. 13:3
10. Desert (testing and trials)..... Deut. 8:2; Matt. 4:1-11
11. Water (the Word)..... Eph. 5:26
12. Canaan (new covenant of rest)..... Heb. 4:8-9
13. The flesh (striving in the self life)..... Gal. 4:23-31
14. Mt. Sinai (the law and bondage).....Gal. 4:24-25
15. Baptism (death, resurrection and identification).....Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Co. 10
16. Circumcision (cutting away the flesh life)..... Deut. 10:16; Rom. 2:29; Col 2:11
17. Manna (God's gracious provision)..... Ex. 16:7; John 6:32-35
18. Leaven (sin, legalism and false doctrine)..... Ex.12:15;Lev 2:11;Matt.13:33,16:6,12
19. Mt. Zion (heaven)..... Ps 2:6; 48:2; Gal. 4:26; Rev.1-27
20. The Rock (Christ)..... 1 Cor 10:4

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**SYMBOLS: "Objects and things that represent something else without respect to a future fulfillment."**

(Rev 1:20) **"The mystery of the seven stars** which you saw in My right hand, and **the seven golden lampstands**: The seven stars **are the** angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw **are the** seven churches.

**Symbols as Similes- "A figure of speech likening one thing to another by the use of the words like, or as."**

(Rev 1:14) His head and hair were white **like** wool, as white **as** snow, and His eyes **like** a flame of fire;  
(Mat 23:27) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are **like** whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

**Symbols as Metaphors- "A figure of speech in which one thing is spoken of as if it were another."**

(John 15:5) **"I am the vine, you are the branches.** He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

(Mat 5:13a) **"You are the salt of the earth;**  
(Mat 5:14a) **"You are the light of the world.**

**SYMBOLISM IN THE "I AM'S" OF JESUS** (God's name- Ex. 3:14)

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| 1. The bread of life/manna, God's provision for man...      | John 6:31-35          |
| 2. Light of the world/true spiritual light.....             | John 8:12; 1 John 2:8 |
| 3. Door of the sheep/the way to God's presence.....         | John 10:7,9           |
| 4. Good shepherd/leading, protecting.....                   | John 10:11-13         |
| 5. Resurrection and the life/power to give and sustain life | John 11:25            |
| 6. Way, truth and life/exclusiveness.....                   | John 14:6             |
| 7. True vine/the life source.....                           | John 15:1,5           |
| 8. Before Abraham was, I AM/God Almighty.....               | John 8:57-58          |

**POSSIBLE SYMBOLISM IN NUMBERS**

- The number "1" = Unity, the first and last, beginning  
" " "2" = Division, difference & enmity, the 2nd day- void  
" " "3" = Divine perfection, the Trinity  
" " "5" = Grace  
" " "6" = Secular or human perfection  
" " "7" = Spiritual perfection, completion  
" " "8" = Starting over, back to the beginning, revival  
" " "9" = Finality & judgment  
" " "10" = Perfection of divine order; i.e. commandments  
" " "11" = Disorder, disorganization, imperfection  
" " "12" = Perfection of divine government; i.e. apostles  
" " "13" = Rebellion, apostasy, corruption, revolution  
" " "40" = Probation, trial, chastisement, judgment  
" " "70" = Perfect spiritual order is emphasis  
" " "666" = Emphatic expression of "6", the trinity of human perfection, human pride, independence from God and antichrist

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## POSSIBLE SYMBOLISM IN COLORS AND METALS

Blue = Heaven; Ex. 24:10  
Purple= Royalty, King of Kings; Jud. 8:26  
White = Purity, sinlessness; Rev. 6:11; 19:8  
Red = Blood, redemption; Is.1:18  
Gold = Kingship, Holy and just  
Silver = Atonement for our sins; redeemer  
Brass = Judgment  
Iron = Strength

**WARNING: Extreme typology and symbolism leads to allegorizing. An allegory is the search for secondary and hidden meanings without regard to the primary and obvious meaning of the Biblical text. Allegories are based on subjective interpretation found in one's imagination, where types focus on the objective understanding of historical Biblical truth. When interpretation becomes allegorical, the interpreter becomes the authority for inspiration over the Word itself.**

(2 Pet 1:20-21) knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

## **Charting the Children of Israel in Typology; Heb 3:7-4:11**

### What do the Children of Israel represent in Scripture?

(1 Cor 10:1) Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that **all our fathers** were **under the cloud**, all **passed through the sea**,  
(1 Cor 10:2) all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,  
(1 Cor 10:3) all ate the same spiritual food,  
(1 Cor 10:4) and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and **that Rock was Christ**.  
(1 Cor 10:5) But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.  
(1 Cor 10:6) Now **these things became our examples**, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. (1 Cor 10:11) 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.

The study of Scripture through the New and Old Testaments show an amazing emphasis on the history of the Children of Israel. From their 400-year bondage in Egypt, through their 40-year wilderness wandering, to their eventual entrance into the Promised land we see a remarkable similarity with our own Christian walks. This is not a far out imposed relationship that was created in some Bible commentator's imagination, but a specific ingenious design from God Himself to us. A careful look at the Scriptures will give us the following typology:

**Egypt** represents the oppression of the world.

**Pharaoh** represents the Devil who keeps the world captive and in bondage.

**Moses** represents Jesus Christ who is the one who delivers from bondage.

The **Passover** represents the believers salvation experience.

The **Red Sea** represents our baptism.

The **Wilderness** represents trials and unbelief (lack of faith).

The **Promised Land, Canaan** represents resting in the finished work of Christ, the Spirit filled walk of faith.

(Deu 4:37) "And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and **He brought you out** of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

(Deu 4:38) "driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, **to bring you in**, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.

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When the Lord brought out the Children of Israel from Egypt, it was for the expressed purpose to bring them into the Promised Land of rest.

(Heb 3:8) Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In **the day of trial in the wilderness,**

(Heb 3:9) Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.

(Heb 3:19) So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

(Heb 4:6) Since therefore it remains that **some must enter it,** and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

(Heb 4:8) For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

(Heb 4:1) Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, **let us fear lest any of you** seem to have come short of it.

(Heb 4:9) There remains therefore **a rest for the people of God.**

(Heb 4:10) For **he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works** as God did from His.

(Heb 4:11) **Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest,** lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Unbelief is the great hindrance that keeps people out of heaven (justification), as well as keeping them from spiritual rest, maturity and victory (sanctification). The desert of unbelief can produce an extremely barren and fruitless life in believers today. The difference between the Children of Israel under Moses and Christians today under Christ is that we have the power of Christ Himself leading and guiding us to victory and fruitfulness. In Jesus, we can choose to trust and obey at any time through the God's abounding resource of grace and the wilderness wandering is over. It's important to remember, however, that even in the wilderness, God showed great love, grace, compassion and forgiveness to His people.

(Psa 78:38) But **He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them.** Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath;

(Psa 78:39) For **He remembered that they were but flesh,** A breath that passes away and does not come again.

On the other hand, we also see that Children of Israel still had battles in the Promised Land. This is one reason that the Promised Land could not represent heaven or even salvation.

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## Typology Classroom Assignment

**Make a list of possible types in this passage and explain why it might be a type.**

### Genesis 22:1-14

(1) Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

(2) Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

(3) So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

(4) Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

(5) And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

(6) So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

(7) But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

(8) And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

(9) Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

(10) And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

(11) But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

(12) And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

(13) Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

(14) And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."



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## Typology Homework Assignment

Read through the story of Joseph in Genesis 37-45, and make a list of possible types in this passage, explaining why it might be a type, and explain how Jesus fulfills the antitype. Below is a chart to help you.

Type	Joseph	Christ
	Genesis 30:22-24; 37:3	Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:31-33
	Genesis 37:2	John 10:11
	Genesis 37:3	Matthew 3:17
	Genesis 37:4, 8	John 7:5; 15:25; Mark 3:21
	Genesis 37:18	Luke 23:21
	Genesis 37:28	Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 26:14-16
	Genesis 39:1-2	Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:7
	Genesis 39:14, 20	Matthew 26:59-62; 1 Peter 1:21-24
	Genesis 41:41	Luke 24:26; Philippians 2:9-11
	Genesis 42:8	John 1:11; 31-33; Luke 20:14; 21:4; 24:16
	Genesis 45:4, 14-15	Luke 23:34
	Genesis 45:5; 47:25	Matthew 1:21; 1 John 4:14
	Genesis 45:5-8; Psalm 105:16-17	Acts 2:23; 3:18; Ephesians 3:11
	Genesis 45:1-5; Acts 7:13	Zechariah 12:10; 13:6