

Chapter 3: Introduction to the Continuity of Biblical Imagery from the O.T. to N.T.

I. Some More Series Theme Verses:

(Romans 15:4) For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction (learning), so that through perseverance (endurance, patience) and the encouragement (comfort) of the Scriptures (γραφή / *graphē*) we might have hope. (NASB / ESV / NKJV / Greek) (Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 partially quoted below) (**Note:** Discuss three meanings of γραφή / *graphē*) (Cf. 2 Peter 3:16)

(1 Corinthians 10:1-11) ¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ... ⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire (crave, lust) evil as they did. ... ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (ESV, NASB, NKJV)

A. Historical Narrative: Covenant History of God's People, Israel through the Church (Matt. 16:18; 21:43)

B. Continuing Biblical Imagery: (From 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 Above) **The Way to Read the Whole Bible.**

1. Fathers or Patriarchs: (See Abraham, Isaac & Jacob through Moses, Joshua & David, etc. through Apostles to the Church Fathers & Doctors of the Church through the Reformers & Pentecostal Pioneers)

2. Cloud: The Manifest Presence (Glory) of the Holy Spirit. (See also Rainbows)

(Gen. 9:13-16; Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19-24; 16:10; 19:16; 20:21; 24:15-18; 33:9-10; 40:34-38; Lev.; Num.; Deut.; 2 Samuel 22, 23; 1 Kings 8:10-12; 2 Chron. 5:13-14; Neh. 9:12, 19; Ps. 18:11-12; Etc.; Prov.; Ecc.; Is.; Etc.; Major & Minor Prophets; to Matthew 17:5; 24:30; 16:64; Mark 9:7; 13:26; 14:62; Acts 1:9; Etc. to 1 Cor. 10:1-2; Heb. 12:1; Jude 1:12; Rev. 1:7; 10:1; 14:14-16) (That what 1 Corinthians 10:2 above means)

3. Passed through the Sea & Baptized into Moses to Baptism of John & Finally Baptized into Christ

4. "... in the Cloud and in the Sea..." We have a Much Superior Covenant. Experience God in Power.

5. "... spiritual food ... spiritual drink ... spiritual Rock ... Rock was Christ ..." (John 6:22-69 & 7:37-39)

6. Laid Low in the Wilderness ...

7. Death of the First Generation – Second Born Again Generation Entered the Land of Promise

II. Four Mindsets for Maximizing Study (Understanding of / Insight Into) the Hebrew Scriptures

A. Covenant Theology or Continuity of the Covenants: (Chapter 4 of Old Testament Optimization Series?) (See KOG Series Chapter 3D by GW at <http://gcfdayton.org/podcasts/sunday-school/> for 10/28/14)

B. Three Ways to See Jesus the Messiah (Christ) in the Old Testament (Use the Principles of the Apostles) (See Chapters 1 & 2 of O.T.O. Series at <http://gcfdayton.org/podcasts/sunday-school/> for 12/29/14 & 1/5/15)

C. **Today: Biblical Imagery; Word Pictures & Symbolism Continued from OT to NT: Direct & Intentional**

1. **Examples:** See John 1 & Revelation 1) Tree of Life; Lamb of God; Rock; Great Shepherd; Etc. Etc.

2. **Recommended:** *Through New Eyes: Developing a Biblical View of the World* by James B. Jordan

(Matthew 16:1-4) And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' ³ And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed. (See Parallel in Luke 11:29-32)

(Luke 11:29-32) ²⁹ As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand

up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

3. Biblical Symbolism & Imagery Is Continuous from Genesis to Revelation.

4. Scripture Interprets Scripture: Not an exact Code, but Powerful Ongoing Symbolism & Imagery

Example 1: Lampstands of Exact Specs & Pure Gold in Tabernacle & Temple; Matthew 5:15; Rev. 1:12-13, 20

Example 2: The 2 Beast of Revelation 13:1-18; Serpent as Beast in Garden; Adam clothed in skin;

Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4; Nebuchadnezzar's Idol in Daniel 3:1 which was 60 cubits tall by 6 cubits wide; the wild Beast Paul fought in Ephesus in 1 Cor. 15:32 & Acts 19; 1Kings 10:14 – Solomon's 666 talents of Gold. Etc.

5. Biblical Symbolism & Imagery is Key to Unlocking Much of the Ancient Lost Meaning of the Bible.

Quotes: Through New Eyes: Developing a Biblical View of the World by James B. Jordan from Pgs. 14, 15 & 16.

D. Eternal Decree, Dominion Eschatology & the Immutable Plan of God (Gen. 1:26-28 & Matt. 28:18-20)
(See KOG Series Chapter 3B: Eternal Decree at <http://gcfdayton.org/podcasts/sunday-school/> from Oct 28, 2014 & Upcoming KOG Chapters 3, 4, 5 & 12)

Highly Recommended: An Eschatology of Victory by J. Marcellus Kik & Paradise Restored by David Chilton

(Is. 46:9-10, 11b) Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, ¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My (purpose) counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my (good pleasure) purpose,' ¹¹ ... Truly I have spoken: Truly I will bring it to pass; I have (planned) purposed, and I will do it. (ESV / NASB Composite)

(Psalm 110:1-7) The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." ² The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." (NASB) (Cf. Psalm 2, 24, 37, 137, Etc. Etc. Ad Infinitum) (Cf. Psalm 23:5 "... in the presence of my enemies ...)

(Isaiah 2:2-5) Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. ³ And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Cf. Isaiah 2:2-5 Above & Micah 4:1-5)

(Isaiah 9:1-7) ... ⁶ For to us a child (will be) is born, to us a son (will be) is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be increase of no end to the His government and of peace, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will (accomplish) do this. (ESV / NASB) (See Acts 3:19-21)

(Matthew 5:5) ⁵ "Blessed are the (gentle) meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 16:18b)

(Exodus 19: 5-6) ⁴ 'You ... have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I ... brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' ...

(1 Peter 2:9) ⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light ...

(Habakkuk 2:14) "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea. (Cf. Numbers 14:20-21)

III. In 2015 – See The Whole Council of God in the Whole Bible

IV. Next Sunday: The Kingdom of God Series Returns: Upcoming:

Chapter 3: Major Biblical Themes: Dominion, Covenant, Creation, Kingdom, Restoration, Enemies and Christ

Chapter 4: An Introduction to Biblical Imagery (Major Symbols Surveyed)



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