

THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE SCARLET THREAD

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SCRIPTURE

Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these accusations true?" This was Stephen's reply: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. Our glorious God appeared to our ancestor Abraham... God also gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision... Abraham became the father of Isaac... Isaac became the father of Jacob... Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs of the Israelite nation. But God was with Joseph... (Then) Moses was born... Years later, when Joshua led our ancestors in battle against the nations that God drove out of this land, the Tabernacle was taken with them into their new territory. And it stayed there until the time of King David. David found favor with God." Acts 7 (selected verses)

Typology is something that actually happened that points to or is fulfilled in Christ.

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1/ Some things point to Christians concepts.

The flood washed away wickedness from the earth and baptism washes away wickedness from Christians.

Israel inherited a new piece of earth and Christians will inherit a new earth.

2/ Some things indirectly point to Jesus.

Adam's tree brought a curse and Jesus' tree broke the curse.

Babel brought separation through tongues and Pentecost brought unity through tongues.

3/ Some things directly point to Jesus.

Innocent blood was shed to cover Adam and Jesus' innocent blood was shed to cover Christians.

The Ark protected Noah from judgment and Jesus protects Christians from judgment.

Abraham offered his only son Isaac and God offered His only Son Jesus.

Joseph was loved by his father, envied and hated by his brothers, stripped of his robe, betrayed for silver by a trusted person, given over to Gentiles, resisted temptation but falsely accused, left to die with two criminals, went into a pit, rose to great power at the age of 30, sat at the right hand of the ruler, was bowed to, wasn't recognized at first but recognized at his second appearing, and did all of this to save many people and Jesus did too!

Job suffered innocently and Jesus suffered innocently.

The lamb's blood made judgment pass over Israel and "the Lamb's blood" makes judgment pass over Christians.

"Genesis 22 is a lamb for one man. Exodus 12 is a lamb for a family. Leviticus 16 is a lamb for a nation. John 1 is a lamb for a world." Sam Allberry

Moses delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage and Jesus delivers Christians from Satanic bondage.

Manna offered earthly life and Jesus offers eternal life.

"I am the living bread that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." John 6:51

The Sabbath brought momentary rest and Jesus brings forever rest.

"(The Egyptian gods were) the gods of insatiable productivity." Walter Brueggemann

The bronze serpent was the only cure for venom and Jesus is the only cure for sin.

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up... And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself." John 3:14; 12:32

Rahab's scarlet rope shielded her from judgment and Jesus' scarlet blood shields Christians from judgment.

Boaz redeemed Ruth and Jesus redeems Christians.

David crushed the head of Goliath and Jesus will crush the head of Satan.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. Romans 16:20

David brought in broken Mephibosheth in and Jesus brings in broken people.

Solomon's father sent him to build the Temple and Jesus' Father sent Him to build the Church.

Elijah ascended into heaven and Jesus ascended into heaven.

Elijah's mantle falls from the heavens and Jesus' Spirit falls from heaven.

Hosea was faithful to his unfaithful bride and Jesus is faithful to His unfaithful bride.

The fourth man saved the Hebrew boys from fire and Jesus saves Christians from eternal fire.

Mordecai was brought low before elevated and Jesus was brought low before elevated.

Esther arrived at an appointed time and Jesus arrived at an appointed time.

Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to restore and Jesus will return to Jerusalem to restore.

Jonah was in the fish for three days and Jesus was in the earth three days.

"You stiff necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. And they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. Acts 7 (selected verses)