

Types And Symbols According to AT Pierson

“A type is something emblematic or symbolic, used to express, represent or forecast some person truth or image.”¹ P

“There are several distinct sorts:

Typical Persons - Adam, Cain, Abel, Melchizedek, Abram, Issac, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, Saul, David, Ruth, Rahab, and Jonah.

Typical Events - Babel’s confusion of the tongues, the crossing of the Red Sea, lifting up the brazen serpent, smiting the rock, the siege of Jericho, Pentecost, etc.

Typical Actions - Zedekiah making horns of iron, to represent the repulse of the Syrians. (II Chronicles 18:10)

Typical Structures - Noah’s Ark, Tabernacle, Temple, Solomon’s House of Cedar, etc.

Typical Furniture - Altar, Laver, the Ark and Mercy Seat.

Typical Rituals - Offerings, five great festivals, Passover, the day of atonement, the year of jubilee, etc.

Typical Robes - the high priest, the breastplate, the Holy Crown.

Typical Rules and Regulations - laws about unclean contact with the dead, etc.

Typical Forms - the cube, pyramid, sphere, square, circle or triangle.

Typical Colors - blue, red, white, purple, green, etc.

Typical Numbers - four, seven, twelve, forty, seventy, one hundred, etc.

Typical Instruments - trumpets, harps, rod, spear, hammer, etc.”²

¹ A.T. Pierson, *Knowing the Scriptures*, Pg. 340

² Ibid. Pg. 341-342

“A few prominent types in Scripture:

Babel or Babylon - type of a godless, man-glorifying civilization.
Blindness - of ignorance, willful misapprehension and judicial veiling.

Bride - of redeemed church of Christ.

Bridegroom - of Christ in covenant with His people.

Bulls - of violent foes, destroying God’s heritage.

Candlesticks - of churches.

Chariots - of hosts of God, or obedient angelic servants.

Crown - of victory and reward.

Cup - of divine blessing in fulness.

Darkness - of gloom, wretchedness, despair.

Dogs - of the impure and vile and persecuting.

Door - of entrance, opening to salvation or opportunity.

Dragon - of Satan in violent assault.

Fire - of the power of God- generally in judgment.

Furnace - deep affliction.

Garments - of righteousness, or sin.

Gates- of power and security especially connected with sessions of judges and armed forces.

Girdle - of strength, particularly in race.

Hail - of sudden divine judgment in retribution.

Harvest - of good or evil brought to ripeness.

Hunger - of strong yearning, unsatisfied desire.

Incense - of prayer, praise and intercession.



Keys - of authority and control.

Night - of adversity, superstition, affliction.

Oil - of fertility, joy, and anointing.

Palms - of victory.

Rock - of fixed truths and refuge.

Rod - of government and correction.

Salt - of influence, saving and savoring society.

Sea - of human society, especially in revolt.

Serpent - of subtlety and treachery-the devil.

Sheep - of disciples.

Star - of a prince or prominent ruler.

Sword - of slaughter or division.

Wilderness - of time or place of tribulation and exile.

Yoke - of toil and restraint.”³

³ Ibid. Pg.342 - 343