

SYMBOLIC MEANINGS

Abraham's Bosom

A close, personal relationship

Luke 16:22 - 23

Ark of the Covenant

The Presence of God

2Chronicles 7:1 - 3, Ezekiel 8 - 11

Armor

War, Spiritual Protection

Jeremiah 50:35 - 37, Romans 13:12, Ephesians 6

Arrows

War, God's judgment

Job 6:4, Psalm 38:2

Ashes

Insignificance, Worthlessness

Genesis 18:27, Job 30:19

Ass

Humility, Peace, Wildness

Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:5, Genesis 16:12

Destruction of Sodom with brimstone

Babylon

Man's system of rule that is led and deceived by Satan the devil

Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 17:3, 5

Bald, Baldness

Barrenness

Jeremiah 47:5

Banner

Rallying point or place for God's people

Isaiah 5:26, 11:10, Jeremiah 4:21

Beasts

Worldly kingdoms ran by carnal men

Daniel 7:17, 1Corinthians 15:32

Bitter, Bitterness

Cruelty, Misery

Genesis 27:34, Exodus 15:23, Numbers 5:18

Blindness

Lack of mental or spiritual perception, inability to make moral distinctions

Isaiah 42:16, 18 - 19, Matthew 23:16, John 9:39

Body

A whole person, that which is corrupt

Romans 6:6, 12, 7:24, Hebrews 10:5

Bowels

Deep emotion or feelings

Job 30:27, Lamentations 1:20

Brass

Firm, strong, hardness, obstinacy

Psalms 107:16, Isaiah 48:4, Ezekiel 22:18

Brimstone

Utter destruction and punishment

Job 18:15, Psalm 11:6, Isaiah 30:33, Luke 17:29, Revelation 9:17

Candles or Candlesticks

True churches of God

Revelation 1:20, 2:1

Chariots

Angelic hosts

Zechariah 6:1, Psalm 68:17

Cloak

To hide, make an excuse

1Thessalonians 2:5, John 15:22

Cornerstone

The Messiah or Savior of man

Psalms 118:22, Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10, Luke 20:17, Acts 4:11, 1Peter 2:7

Crown

Victory over something, a reward

James 1:12, Revelation 2:10

Cup

That which is portioned out, especially God's judgments. Can also represent Jesus' sufferings.

Psalm 11:6, Revelation 14:10, Matthew 26:39

Dark, Darkness

Moral depravity and its punishment

Psalm 82:5, Proverbs 2:13, John 3:19

Day

Span of a human life, an indefinite time period, a set time, a past time, a future time

Genesis 3:14, 5:4, 25:24, Psalm 18:18, Deuteronomy 31:14

Deaf

Disregard for the things of God

Isaiah 29:18, 42:18 - 19

Door

Opportunity, Freedom, Power

Matthew 25:10, Acts 14:27, 1Corinthians 16:9, Colossians 4:3

Dragon

Satan the devil

Ezekiel 29:3, Revelation 12:3, 9

Earthquake

Calamities

Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:12

Eyes

The heart, mind, disposition of man

Psalms 119:18, Ephesians 1:18, Matthew 13:13, Proverbs 6:17

Face of God

Favor or Grace from God

Psalms 13:1, Daniel 9:17

Fire

Judgment

Numbers 11:1, 3, Isaiah 42:25

Forehead

Beliefs, Choices, Character of a Person

Revelation 7:3, 13:16

Furnace

Affliction

Isaiah 48:10, Jeremiah 11:4

Gold

Earthly riches and luxury, Purity, In-corruption, Something of great value

Job 3:15, 1 Peter 1:7, Revelation 3:18, Acts 17:29, 1 Peter 1:7, 18, 3:3, Proverbs 3:14, 8:10, Jeremiah 4:30, 10:4

Head

One who rules or is ruler

Ephesians 1:22

Hedge

Protection directly from God

Job 1:10, Ezekiel 13:5

Heel

Only a partial victory

Genesis 3:15

Honey

Abundance, something acceptable and desired

Exodus 3:8, 17, Leviticus 20:24, Revelation 10:9 - 10

Horn

Gentile King

Daniel 7:24, Revelation 17:12

Horse

War, Strength of military

Zechariah 9:10, Jeremiah 51:21

Hunger and Thirst

Greatly desire

Matthew 5:6, Luke 1:53

Hyssop

Cleansing

Psalm 51:7

Incense

Prayer, especially from believers

Malachi 1:11, Revelation 5:8

Keys

Power and authority, the ability to unlock or lock something

Isaiah 22:22, Revelation 1:18, 20:1

Leaven

Sin, non-biblical teachings

Matthew 16:12, 1Corinthians 5:6 - 8

Light

Instruction that comes from God and the Bible, a product of salvation

Psalms 27:1, 119:30, Proverbs 6:23, Job 24:13

Milk

Abundance, prosperity

Ezekiel 25:4, Joel 3:18

Mountains

A kingdom, authority or rule

Psalms 30:7, Isaiah 2:2, Daniel 4, 5, Revelation 17:9 - 11

Nicolaitans

Ruling over the faith of others, top-down church government

Revelation 2:1, 6, 12, 15

Night

Adversity, affliction, ignorance, time of evil

Isaiah 21:12, John 9:4, Revelation 21:25

Oil

Prosperity

Deuteronomy 32:13, 33:24, 2Kings 18:32

Pillar

Foundational

Galatians 2:9, 1Timothy 3:15

Rain

Something refreshing, delightful

Psalms 68:9, Isaiah 5:6

Rock

God as a refuge and salvation

Psalms 18:2, 94:22, 95:1

Rod

Correction

Psalms 2:9, Job 9:34, etc.

Salt

Judgment, purification, loyalty, covenant, the role of Christian in the world

Genesis 19:6, Exodus 30:35, Numbers 18:19, Matthew 5:13

Sea

A great number of people

Jeremiah 51:42, Ezekiel 26:3, Matthew 13:47, Revelation 13:1

Seal / Sealed

Ownership, security

Daniel 6:17, Jeremiah 32,11 - 12, Ephesians 4:30, 2Timothy 2:19

Scroll

God or man's written word

Ezra 6:2, Jeremiah 36:2, Ezekiel 3:1 - 3

Serpent

The wicked, or Satan the devil in particular

Psalms 58:4, Revelation 12:9, 20:2, Genesis 3:1, 2Corinthians 11:3

Sheep

God's people, or those who follow Jesus

Matthew 15:24, Mark 14:27, Luke 15:4, John 10:11, etc.

Shepherds

Rulers either in civil affairs or those who guide Christians

Nahum 3:18, Ezekiel 34:2

Shield

Defense, protection

Psalms 84:9, Ephesians 6:16

Silver

Redemption, an inferior kingdom compared to another, words of God's truth

Exodus 38:27, Daniel 2, Psalm 12:6

Sleep

Death

Daniel 12:2, John 11:11, 1Corinthians 11:30, 15:51, 1Thessalonians 4:14

Star

A prince or ruler, can also represent a righteous angel

Numbers 24:17, Daniel 8:10, Matthew 2:2, 7, 9 - 10

Stars of Heaven

Angels

Job 38:7, Revelation 12:4

Sword

War, killing

Isaiah 34:5, Ezekiel 21:3

Tail

Subjection, degradation

Deuteronomy 28:13, 44, Isaiah 9:15

Teeth

Cruelty

Psalm 3:7, Proverbs 30:14

Thorns

Desolation, troubles

Proverbs 24:31, Hosea 2:6

Throne

Kingdom, seat of government

Psalm 122:5, Daniel 7:9

Topheth (Valley of Hinnom)

The Lake of Fire

2Kings 23:10, Matthew 18:9, 23:33, Mark 9:43, Revelation 19:20

Tree of Life

Living God's way of life

Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1 - 2

Trees

Those who are great

Daniel 4:20 - 22

Veil

The way into God's presence is not open

Matthew 27:51, Hebrews 9:3, 10:20

Vineyard

The house of Israel

Isaiah 5:1 - 7, Jeremiah 12:10

Watchman

Prophet, Preacher

Ezekiel 3:17, Isaiah 62:6

Waters

Afflictions, multitudes, ordinances

Psalm 69:1, Isaiah 8:7, 55:1

Wilderness

Afflicted state

John 1:23, Revelation 12:6

Wine

Spiritual blessings, Divine judgments

Isaiah 25:6, 55:1, Psalm 60:3

Winepress

Total destruction

Isaiah 63:3, Revelation 14:19

Wings

Protection, assistance

Exodus 19:4, Psalm 17:8

Woman

City of Jerusalem, Christians in general

Ezekiel 26:2, 3, Revelation 12:1

Yoke

Servitude, burden

Jeremiah 5:5, Lamentations 3:27, Matthew 11:29 - 30