

THE TYPICAL PRINCIPLE IN THE STUDY OF YOUR BIBLE:

1. **Definition:** A type is a divine illustration of some scriptural truth. A type is a "shadow of things to come" i.e., it is a picture of something found later.
2. The English word "type" is derived from the Greek word "tupos," which is translated in our Bible as "print," "figure," "pattern," "fashion," "form," and "example."
3. The Greek word has several shades of meaning and speaks of a blow, an impression or stamp, mark, pattern, form, or mould.
4. Types are classified as people (Joseph, a type of Christ), events (deliverance of Israel from Egypt), things (brazen serpent), rituals (offerings, priesthood, sacrifices, Passover lamb, etc.).
5. The danger in the study of types is to see types where none were intended. Not everything in the Bible is a type or picture of something else.
6. Some obvious and legitimate types in Scripture for profitable study include, the brazen serpent, the two birds, the red heifer, manna, Jonah, the cities of refuge, Melchizedek, the O.T. feasts, the Tabernacle (extensive), the High Priest's garments, the offerings and sacrifices, etc.
7. The safest way to study types is if they are identified as such within the Scriptures, e.g. the brazen serpent – Jesus said it was a picture of Him being lifted up to save people in John 3.

