

Bible Symbols

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Aaron – Lord Jesus as high priest

Adam – Lord Jesus;
Lord Jesus as Bridegroom;
Human race

Adultery – Unfaithfulness to
Bridegroom

Air – Dwelling place of God or man

Almond – Fruit of resurrection

Altar – Jesus Christ

Amalakites – The flesh, old nature; Self

Aloes – Life

Angel – Messenger (good or bad)

Ant – Believer studying

Ark – Lord Jesus; Lord Jesus as Saviour

Arm – Strength

Armour – Protection (good and bad)

Armourbearer – Protector

Arrow – Intervention

Ass – Rebellious mankind, human race,
stubborn (Wild-lost; broken-saved)

Assyrian – Devil

Babylon – Secular Humanism

Badger – Protection

Baptism – Death, burial, resurrection

Barn – Self-sufficiency

Bars – Strength

Bastard – Lost person

Bear – World

Beast – Living creatures (antichrist,
animals, cherubim)

Bed – Place of rest (good and evil)

Beggar – The soul with a sense of need

Begging – Spiritual bankruptcy

Belly – Seat of the will

Bethabara – House of passage

Bethany – House of affliction

Bethesda – House of mercy

Bethlehem – House of bread

Bethsaida – House of fishing

Blind – Without understanding
(saved or lost)

Blood – Life to the saved; death to the lost

Blue – Heaven

Boards – Sanctified humanity

Body – Lord Jesus; Church;
Lost souls

Boil – Depravity

Bones – Strength (good or evil)

Book – Record

Bowels – Seat of emotion, compassion

Bramble Bush – Satan

Branch – Lord and His people;
Devil and his people

Brass – Natural judgment

Bread – Lord Jesus; Church (Lord's people);
Bible (Word of God);
Staff of Life (good or evil)

Bread, Unleavened – Without evil

Bread, Living – From Heaven, eternal life

Bread, Broken – His body was broken
for us

Breastplate – Protection for the heart

Bride – Church

Bridegroom – Lord Jesus

Brother – Family member in God's
family

Bullock (Ox) – Service (good or bad);
Lord Jesus as a servant

Bush – Nation of Israel

Bushel – Limitation

Butter – Directing power of the Word

Cain – Bloodless religion; Salvation
by works

Camel – Nation of Israel

Candle – Human spirit (good or evil)

Candlestick – Lord

Carpenter – Lord Jesus; Human builders
(good or evil)

Cart – Worldly religion

Cave – Place of sorrow

Chain – Authority; Spiritual bondage
(good or evil)

Chamber – Intimate fellowship
(good or evil)

Chariots – Self-will (good or evil)

Cherub – Lord Jesus in 4-fold revelation
(4-wings)

Children – Descendants, heirs; Immaturity;
Saved people; Circumcision,
sanctification

Circumcision – Sanctification

City – Dwelling of a certain group;
City of God; Heaven; City of
the world; Present existence;
City of the lost; Hell

Clay – Human weakness

Cloth – Testimony (good or evil)

Clothes – Testimony (good or bad)

Cloud – Glory of the Word

Clovenfooted – Separated walk

Cock – Pride

Cold – Spiritual indifference

Colt – Mankind

Coney – Believer trusting

Congregation – Fellowship

Cords – Bondage

Covenant – Agreement

Cross – Dead humanity

Crown – Reward (good or evil)

Crystal – Glory of God

Cup – Responsibility

Darkness – Ignorance

David – Lord Jesus as King in rejection

Death – Lost condition; Half dead (alive and lost); Second death (dead and lost); Dead believers (old nature lost)

Desert – Place lacking water of the Word

Dew – Simplicity of the Word

Disciple – Believer (true or false)

Dogs – Lost Gentiles

Door – Lord Jesus

Dove – Peace

Dragon – Satan

Drought – Absence of the Word

Dung – Extraneous refuse

Dust – Insignificance of man

Eagle – Christ in His humanity,
Believer in Him;
Antichrist in his humanity,
Believers in him;

Ear – Free will

Earth – Gentiles; All of humanity;
Dwelling place of man

Earthquake – Fear of humanity

Edom – Kingdom of the flesh

Egypt – The world

Emerald – Lord Jesus; Tribe of
Judah

Esau – Flesh; Old nature

Eye – Understanding

Eyebrows – Submission of
understanding

Eyelids – Veiled understanding

Face – Knowledge

Faint – Become discouraged

Fall – Time of harvest

Famine – No spiritual food

Fat – Self indulgence (evil);
Blessing of God (good)

Father – Ancestor; God the Father;
Source of authority

Feet – Person's walk; Authority

Fence – Protection

Field – World

Fig – Covenant

Fire – Supernatural judgment

Fist – Might

Flesh – Nature of God, man animals
(good or evil)

Flood – Trials of the Word

Flowers – Glory of Man

Fly – Moral uncleanness

Foreskin – Rebellion

Foundation – Lord Jesus; Satan's
counterfeit

Fox – Intellectualism (Trust in
human wisdom)

Frankincense - Worship

Frog – Spiritual uncleanness

Frost – Conviction of the Word

Fruit – Results (good or evil);
Offspring

Gall – Bitterness

Gate – Authority

Girdle – Preparation

Goat – Sin-bearer

Gold – Deity (true or false)

Good Samaritan – Lord Jesus

Grape – Spiritual fruit (good or evil)

Grass – Flesh; Nature (of man, God,
animals)

Grave – Physical death

Greek – Gentiles, specifically
educated gentiles

Green – Healthy (good or evil)

Greyhound – Believer running

Ground, Soil – Human heart

Grove - Place of false religion

Hail – Destruction of the Word

Hair – Submission (positive
or negative)

Hand (Left) – Submission (good
or evil)

Hand (Right) – Power (true or
counterfeit)

Harp – Joy or rejoicing

Harvest – Time of prosperity

Hay – Flesh

Head – Authority (good or evil); Seat
of the mind

Heal – Salvation

Heart – Whole inner man (mind,
emotions, will)

Heat – Spiritual pressure

Heaven – Dwelling place of God;
Dwelling place of man

Hedge – Protection

Helmet – Protection of the mind

Hemorrhoids – Humanism

Herb – Human experience

Hill – Place of revelation

Honey – Human sweetness

Hoof – Walk

Hooks - Rest

Horn –Leader, leading, leadership

Horse – Self confidence;
Self sufficiency

Horseleach – Life remover

Horseman – Self exaltation

House – Church (true or professing);
Human body (natural or
spiritual; Family type
relationship (good or evil)

Hyssop – Faith

Incense – Prayer

Inn – Professing Church

Iron – Unyielding; Strength; Hardness

Jacob – Heart of man; Deceiver

Jasper – Judgment; Tribe of
Benjamin

Jericho – City of the curse;
Earthly-city of palm trees
Eternal – Hell

Jerusalem – City of God
(earthly – bondage;
heavenly – free)

Jewel – The Lord's People

Joshua – The Lord Jesus as Captain of
our salvation

Judas – Devil

Key – Control

Kiss – Professed affection

Lamb – First, Lord Jesus;
occasionally, believer

Lamp – Human spirit (good or evil);
Testimony

Leaven – Evil

Leaves – Profession of faith
(true or false)

Leopard – Flesh

Leprosy – Sin

Leviathan – Devil

Levite – Lord Jesus; Believers;
Only truly saved

Lice – Intellectual uncleanness

Light – Knowledge, wisdom

Lightning – Word living

Linen – Righteousness

Lion – Devil; Lord Jesus

Living Stones – Human race; Works of
men; Lost humanity

Loins – Source of life

Locust – Believer witnessing

Manna – Word of God written

Marriage – Profession of salvation
(True or False)

Meat – Deeper truth of the Bible;
Body of the Lord Jesus;
Personal desire (good
or evil)

Milk – Simple truth of the Bible

Moon – Church of God

Moses – Law of God; Lord Jesus
as mediator

Mother – Christian; True church;
False church

Mountain – Place of revelation,
sometimes of truth,
sometimes of error

Mouse – Socialism (Worshipping and serving
creature more than Creator)

Mouth – Revelation (good or evil)

Myrrh – Suffering and humiliation

Nails – Security

Nakedness – Public – rebellion;
Private – nature of man

Nose – Discernment, the spirit within

Odor – Prayer

Offering – Worship

Oil – Holy Spirit

Ointment – Consecration

Ox (Calf, Bullock) – Service (good or bad); Lord Jesus as Servant

Passover – Sacrifice; Lord's Supper

Pasture – Satisfaction (good or bad)

Pearl – Deep truth of Word; The church; Counterfeit of Satan

Penny (Pence) – Day's wages

Pentecost – Advent of Holy Spirit; 50 days after resurrection

Pharisee – Religious traditionalist

Pillar – Support

Pitch – Blood (death to lost, life to saved)

Plague – Curse

Plant – Establish

Porch – Conviction of Holy Spirit

Potter – God the Father as Creator

Precious Stones – Lord's people

Priest – Lord Jesus; Believers; Religious hypocrites

Promised Land – Victorious Christian life

Psaltery – Truth

Purple – Royalty

Raiment – Testimony

Rain – Doctrine of the Word

Rainbow – Grace

Ram – Consecration

Raven – Natural man

Reins – Intentions

Rest – Salvation; Friendship;
Self-sufficient

Ring – Eternity

Rings (Building Material) – Eternal
Nature of Christ

Robe – Testimony of position

Rock – Lord Jesus

Rocks – False gods

Rod (fillets) – Authority; Lord Jesus

Room – Place of friendship

Root – Source, often Lord Jesus

Roof – Place of revelation

Sabbath – Rest of Salvation; Dedication;
Eternity

Sackcloth – Humiliation; Sorrow

Salt – Conviction

Sadducees – Religious liberals

Salt – Conviction

Samaritan – Lord Jesus

Sardius – Power; Tribe of Reuben

Saul – King; Self

Scarlet – Service

Sea – Lost masses of the earth

Seal – Authentication

Season – Appointed time

Seed – Offspring; Lord Jesus; Word
of God; Children

Seir, Mt. – Revelation of the flesh (natural
man)

Seraphim – Lord Jesus in 4-fold
revelation – 6 wings

Serpent – Personification of evil

Sheep – First, believer; Occasionally,
Lord Jesus

Shepherd – Leader (good or evil)

Shield – Protection for the body;
Lord Jesus

Ship – Local church

Shittim Wood – Suffering humanity

Shoe – Personal affirmation

Sickness – Manifestations of sin
in physical body

Silver – Redemption (true or false)

Sinai – Place of Law

Sister – Family member

Sleep – Death; Backslider; Rest

Slumber – Lacking discernment

Smell – Discern

Snow – Purity of the Lord

Socket – Basis

Soldier – Spiritual warrior (good
or evil)

Solomon – Lord Jesus in His
kingdom glory

Spikenard – Saving faith

Spider – Believer working

Spit – Water of Word;
God's mouth – God's Word
Man's mouth – man's word

Spring – Time of preparation

Stars, Star – Jews; Apostates;
Messengers of God; Nation
of Israel; Lord Jesus

Staves – Judgment of Humanity

Steward – Person with responsibilities

Stone – Lord Jesus; Human race - saved
or lost; Works of men; Believer

Storm – Tribulation, trouble

Stubble – Flesh; No value

Summer – Time of growth

Sun – Lord Jesus

Swine – Lost Jews

Sword – Word of truth, justice, judgment

Tabernacle – Lord Jesus; His people;
God's dwelling place in
Heaven

Table – Fellowship

Tares – Lost people

Tempest – Confusion

Theives – Devil and his angels

Thigh – Strength

Thirst – Desire (good or evil)

Thorns – Painful result of sin

Throne – Seat of power (good or evil)

Thunder – Word written; Voice of God
the Father

Tower – Hope of salvation (true or false)

Tree of Life – Lord Jesus

Trees – Lord Jesus; Mankind in general
(good of corrupt); World rulers;
Cross

Tree, Bay – Natural man

Tree, Cedar – Kindom glory (of Lord
Jesus, sometime, of Satan)

Tree, Palm – Righteous believer

Tree, Fig – Spiritual man

Tree, Olive – Spirit empowered witness

Universe – God

Vail, Veil – Mystery; Over face; Like
curtain; Lord Jesus after
the flesh

Valley – Trial or temptation

Vessel – Human body

Vine – Israel; Lord; His people

Vinegar – Corruption of mankind;
Corruption of Satan

Vineyard – Field of service

Virgin – Morality

Voice – Word spoken (good or evil)

Wages – Spiritual return on labor performed

Water – Word of God; Word of man; Holy spirit; Masses of the earth

Waves – Unbelief

Web, Spider's – Believer's works

Wheat – Christians; Lord Jesus

Wheel – Wisdom of God

Whirlwind – Confusing circumstances

White – Purity; Righteousness

Widow – Helplessness

Wilderness – This life

Wind – Circumstances; Holy Spirit

Window – Understanding (good or bad)

Wine – Intoxicating drink; Non-intoxicating drink; Blood of Christ; Wrath of God; Intoxicating ideas of Satan; Joy of salvation

Winepress – Place of surrender

Wings – Deliverance

Winter – Time of dormancy or suffering

Wolf – False prophets

Womb – Child bearing (physical or spiritual)

Wood – Sinful or sinless humanity

Wound – Outward exposure of inner flesh;
Sinful – man
Sinless – Lord Jesus

Numbers

One --- Singular Importance

Two --- Contrast

Three --- Completion

Four --- Revelation

Five --- Grace

Six --- Man

Seven --- Perfection

Eight --- New Beginnings

Nine --- Judgment

Ten --- Service

Eleven --- Imperfection

Twelve --- Perfect Government

Thirteen --- Rebellion

Forty --- Probation