

# TYPES AND SYMBOLS OF THE BIBLE

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*Kirkpatrick's guide to biblical symbolism covering the spiritual meanings of colors, numbers, objects, and types found throughout Scripture. He provides a comprehensive key to interpreting symbolic language including white for purity, red for sacrifice, blue for the Holy Spirit, and gold for deity.*

11 Chapters

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## 01 - Chapter 1

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Chapter One Numbers We can gain much insight by studying the numbers in God's Word, not to the text only, but in their prophetic revelations.

Number One Beginning God In the beginning was God, the one true God Genesis 1:1 The Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost are one! John 5:7 There is one God and one holy nation Ephesians 4:6, 1 Peter 2:9  
Number Two Witness, Division In the mouth of two or three witnesses Matthew 18:16 The Bible is divided into two testaments  
Number Three Complete All God's creation is complete in three: Father, Son, Holy Spirit Spirit, Soul, and Body Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Animal, Vegetable, Mineral  
Number Four Creation The four elements earth, air, fire, water The four directions north, south, east, west The four seasons Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter The four divisions of the day Morning, Noon, Evening, Midnight  
Number Five Grace The favor of God's grace God informed Paul, His grace was sufficient

Number Six Man The earth was prepared for man in six days Man was created on the sixth day The number 666 is the completeness of man, the best man can do without God

Number Seven Spiritual Perfection and Revelation The book of Revelations beautifully reveals the  
Number Seven Seven churches Seven Spirits of God Seven golden candlesticks Seven stars Seven lamps Seven seals Seven eyes Seven horns Seven angels Seven trumpets Seven heads Seven crowns Seven plagues Seven gold vials Seven mountains Seven kings God's Spiritual perfection comes in His revelation of the number seven  
Number Eight New Beginnings, Resurrection Jesus' transfiguration was on the eighth day Circumcision was to be on the eighth day Eight souls were saved in the flood

Number Nine Judgment The number nine consists of 3 x 3 It is the completeness of completeness Nine is also one short of coming into God's divine order  
Number Ten Perfection of Divine Order

Decade Ten years 10 Era One hundred years 10 x 10 Millennium One thousand years 10 x 10 x 10 Noah was the tenth generation The Ten Commandments One tenth = The Tithe Ten plagues in Egypt The ten virgins

Number Eleven Disorder, confusion After Judas' betrayal, there were only 11 apostles Before the Holy Spirit could come on the Day of Pentecost, the twelfth apostle had to be appointed  
Number Twelve Perfection of Government The twelve patriarchs The twelve apostles The twelve foundations of the Holy City Twelve persons anointed of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament  
Number Thirteen Satan, Rebellion All the names of satan are divisible by thirteen Israel rebelled against God thirteen times in the wilderness  
Number Fourteen Deliverance and Salvation

Israel was delivered the fourteenth day of the first month Matthew records 14 generations from Abraham to David 14 generations from David to the carrying away into Babylon 14 generations from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ, The Anointing which is our deliverer  
Number Fifteen Completion of God's Grace, Kingdom The Completion of God's Grace 3 x 5 The fifteenth

day of the first month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the symbol of the sinless body The fifteenth day of the seventh month is the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles marks the end of the sixth day of man and the beginning of the seventh day of the

Kingdom Number SixteenLove There are sixteen titles for Jehovah in the Bible In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 there are sixteen attributes of love Number SeventeenVictory In Romans, chapter eight, there are seventeen things listed which cannot separate us from the love of God In Hebrews, chapter twelve, there are seventeen differences in the Old Covenant compared with the New Covenant

Number EighteenBondage In Judges, Israel was held in bondage for eighteen years, first by Eglon and then by Ammon Jesus healed the woman who had been bound by satan for eighteen years  $6 + 6 + 6 = 18$ The best carnal man can accomplish Number NineteenFaith There are nineteen people listed in Hebrews, chapter eleven, the faith chapter Number TwentyRedemption,Time of Waiting The Israelite men were chosen to go to war at the age of twenty At the age of twenty, the children of Israel were to make an offering for their souls.

Jacob waited twenty years for his wives and possessions

Number Twenty-TwoLight There are twenty-two bowls of oil which hold the oil for the candlestick There were twenty-two thousand priests to serve the tabernacle.

There are twenty-two sections of light in the 119th chapter of

Psalms There are seven divisions of 22 verses in the book of

Lamentations Number Twenty-ThreeDeath There are twenty-three things listed in the book of Romans, chapter one, verses 28;32 which makes one worthy of death Number Twenty-FourPriesthood,

Higher Form of Government There are twenty-four elders around God's throne There were twenty-four courses of the priesthood in the tabernacle Number ThirtyMaturity Joseph was thirty when he stood before Pharaoh David was thirty when he began to reign in Hebron John the Baptist began preaching repentance at the age of thirty Jesus began His ministry at the age of thirty Number Thirty-threePromise Jesus was thirty-three when He went to the cross He was thirty-three when He arose, giving us the promise of eternal life Number FortyTrials, Probation, Testing Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness Jesus was tempted for forty days in the wilderness Jonah preached judgment to Nineveh for forty years In the book of Judges, Israel was given forty years of rest under Othniel, Barak, and Gideon Number Forty-twoCompletion of a Journey Israel had forty-two campsites from Egypt to their promise land There are forty-two generation from Abraham to Christ Forty-two mocked the ascension of Elijah to Elisha Number FiftyHoly Spirit and Freedom The word pentecost means fifty The Holy Spirit was given fifty days after Jesus' resurrection Fifty is the year of jubilee Number SixtyPride and Arrogance The image Nebuchadnezzar set up was sixty cubits high Number Sixty-sixIdol Worship The confusion of man (11 x 6) who makes an idol out of self

Number SeventyRestoration The descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japeth after the flood was seventy Seventy descendants of Jacob were in Egypt at the time of

Joseph Israel was restored to their promise land seventy years after the Babylonian captivity  
Daniel's seventy weeks will complete the time when the Most Holy will be anointed Number One  
Hundred and Twenty

Complete Dispensation of Time Moses lived three complete generations of time  $3 \times 40 = 120$  Forty  
years under the law of Egypt Forty years under grace, after he killed the Egyptian Forty years led  
by the Spirit of God Number One Hundred, Forty-Four

God's Perfect Government  $12 \times 12$  signifies God's ultimate creation of government Number One  
Hundred, Fifty-three Fruit Bearing Jesus' disciples caught one hundred and fifty-three fish when  
they fished on the right side of the boat Number Two Hundred Insufficiency Two hundred  
pennyweight of bread was insufficient to feed the multitudes Number Six Hundred Warfare  
Pharaoh pursued Israel with six hundred chariots The Danites sent six hundred men of war to take  
Josiah Goliath's spear weighed six hundred shekels of iron

Number Six Hundred and Sixty-six Man's Best Six, six, six  $3 \times 6 = 18$  is the best man can do  
without God, which only brings God's people into bondage Six, six, six is the number of the beast,  
the great anti- christ Number One Forty-Four Thousand

God's Perfect Government

God's Kingdom rulership, with His firstfruit company

## 02 - Chapter 2

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### Chapter Two The Colors

White purity righteousness holiness

Red, Scarlet blood suffering sacrifice

Blue Holy Spirit authority

Purple royalty wealth prosperity

Gold God Kingship Kingdom glory

Silver Redemption

Green Life, growth Prosperity

Grey Dignity, honor age half truths

Black famine death

Brown flesh The Colors of Light When light is put through a prism it breaks down into the light spectrum which consist of the colors:

violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. Our God is the light of life.

## 03 - Chapter 3

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### Chapter Three Parts of the Body

Head thoughts, mind, intelligence symbol of Christ's headship

Heart center of life seat of emotions mind

Blood the life of the flesh sacrifice Eye

Spiritual vision light of the soul

Ear Spiritual hearing entrance to the soul receptor of faith

Hair symbol of glory covering

Forehead thought, reasoning memory, imagination seat of the mind

Nose Symbol of breath Discernment

Shoulders seat of God's government, eldership strength

Belly symbol of emotions; Love, hate, etc

Arms strength of the body enabler of ministry

Hands tools of ministry and giving

Legs support and strength of the body Thigh

symbol of equalizing our walk

Knee symbol of reverence and humility

Heel the power to crush

Feet our walk in God

Loins symbol of strength in action reproductive part of the body

Reins symbol of the motives of the heart

Bowels the inner man symbol of mercy

## 04 - Chapter 4

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### Chapter Four Directions

North toward the throne of God and true worship symbol of power and authority

South symbol of quietness of the earth refreshment

East the new day sunrise God's light and glory

West symbol of evening setting of the sun end of the age

Up going toward God going forward

Down going away from God backsliding

## 05 - Chapter 5

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Chapter Five     Clothing Materials

Wool symbol of warmth and comfort

Linen symbol of righteousness and purity does not cause sweat symbol of rest

Flax symbol of weakness of man

## 06 - Chapter 6

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Chapter Six Metals

Gold symbol of God kingship kingdom glory

Silver redemption the price of a soul Brass, Copper, Bronze symbol of sin judgment of sin disobedience

Iron strength inflexible rule crushing

Tin worthlessness weakness

Lead weight heaviness of the heart

Brick symbol of the work of men's hands false worship

## 07 - Chapter 7

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Chapter Seven      Heavenly Bodies

Sun symbol of life glory brightness light

Moon a light reflector symbol of judgment and darkness without God, lifeless

Stars symbol of Abraham's heavenly seed Spiritual Israel ministers of the gospel light bearers

Falling Stars apostates

Day measurement of time children of light New day (hope)

Night spiritual darkness wrath judgment

## 08 - Chapter 8

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### Chapter Eight    Trees

Cedars power, majesty royalty beauty

Hemlock wormwood injustice symbol of calamity

Mulberry symbol of a broken heart

Oak strength durability

Fig symbol of Spiritual Israel, the church fruitfulness

Palm symbol of victory in Christ

Pine symbol of fragrance and beauty

Pomegranate symbol of abundance and joyfulness

Shittah, Acacia beauty

Algum symbol of Christ's humanity

Almond symbol of Christ's resurrection

Willow symbol of Christ's weeping and heartbreak

Myrtle symbol of God's blessing

## 09 - Chapter 9

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### Chapter Nine Animals

Ant diligence industry wisdom in preparation

Ass patience endurance stubbornness

Bear evil cunning cruel men

Beast worldly kingdoms cruel devouring

Bees host of people stinging yet produces honey BullBullock strength labor servanthood Calf  
praise thanksgiving

Camel service burden bearer

Cankerworm destructive power

Caterpillar destructive power

Cat sneaky undependable

Cock warning reminder early riser

Coney wisdom in hiding

Dog unbelievers hypocrites

Dove gentleness Holy Spirit

Eagle swiftness rising above

Fish souls of men

Flies evil spirit filth satan's kingdom

Fox cunning evil men

Goat shaggy sin, sinners

Grasshopper locust multitudes small but destructive

Hare satan evil host uncleanness HartDeer gentleness timidity sensitivity

Horse power strength conquest war

Owl evil spirits night bird

Ox sacrifice service

Palmerworm destructive power

Pelican lonely person

Ram male sheep or goat

Scorpion evil spirits evil men pain

Serpent satan evil spirits evil men Sheep

God's people defenseless

Snail slow dependable

Spider wisdom

Stork loneliness

Turtle Dove Holy Spirit

Wild Ass man's unregenerate state stubborn, self-willed running wild

Wolf satan false teachers

Worm instrument of judgment despised

## 10 - Chapter 10

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Chapter Ten      Additional Symbols

Anchor safety, security, and hope

Ark safety Christ

Chaff uselessness

Clay symbol of frailness of the human flesh

Dust humanity contempt human frailness

Egypt symbol of worldliness bondage whoredoms

Field symbol of the world

Fire judgment God's purifying and testing

Hail divine judgment

Hammer symbol of the Word of God

Horn strength and power

Key power to bind and loose to lock and unlock

Lamp symbol of the spirit of man symbol of the Spirit of God lamp of God

Leprosy sin and death

Locust destructive power of darkness

Mirrors (glass) reflection of the Word of God in our lives

Mountain symbol of kingdoms

Oil Holy Spirit anointing

Sackcloth mourning, sorrow repentance

Salt incorruptible life preservation covenant

Sand symbol of multitudinous seed earthly seed of Abraham unsaved multitudes

Scepter power, authority, and rulership

Sea restless masses of humanity

Sickle reaping the Word of God

Stiff-necked stubbornness resistance to authority

Sweat man's efforts and works

Tabernacle man's temporal existence Thorns and thistles symbol of the curse

Whoredoms spiritual idolatry false doctrines

Wilderness symbol of dry places without God

Yoke servitude slavery fellowship

## 11 - Append

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