

HERMENEUTICS

#8- TYPE

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LAST LESSON

- The key to understanding ceremonial law is found in its being signs, symbols and types.
- Signs are things that point to something else.
- Symbols stand for something else.
- Types represent something yet to come which is usually greater.
- The tabernacle is filled with symbols and signs, while the tabernacle itself was a sign of God dwelling among them. (Numbers 9:15-23)

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DEFINING OUR TERMS

- **Type:** It is a person, institution, office, action, or event, by means of which some truth of the Gospel was divinely foreshadowed under the Old Testament dispensations. - Terry

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* A faint sketch; an outline; an imperfect portrayal or representation of a thing.

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- Whatever was thus prefigured is called the **antitype**.

Hebrews 9:24 (ESV)

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are **copies** of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

- The word translated copies in many translation is actually **ἀντίτυπα – antitype**.

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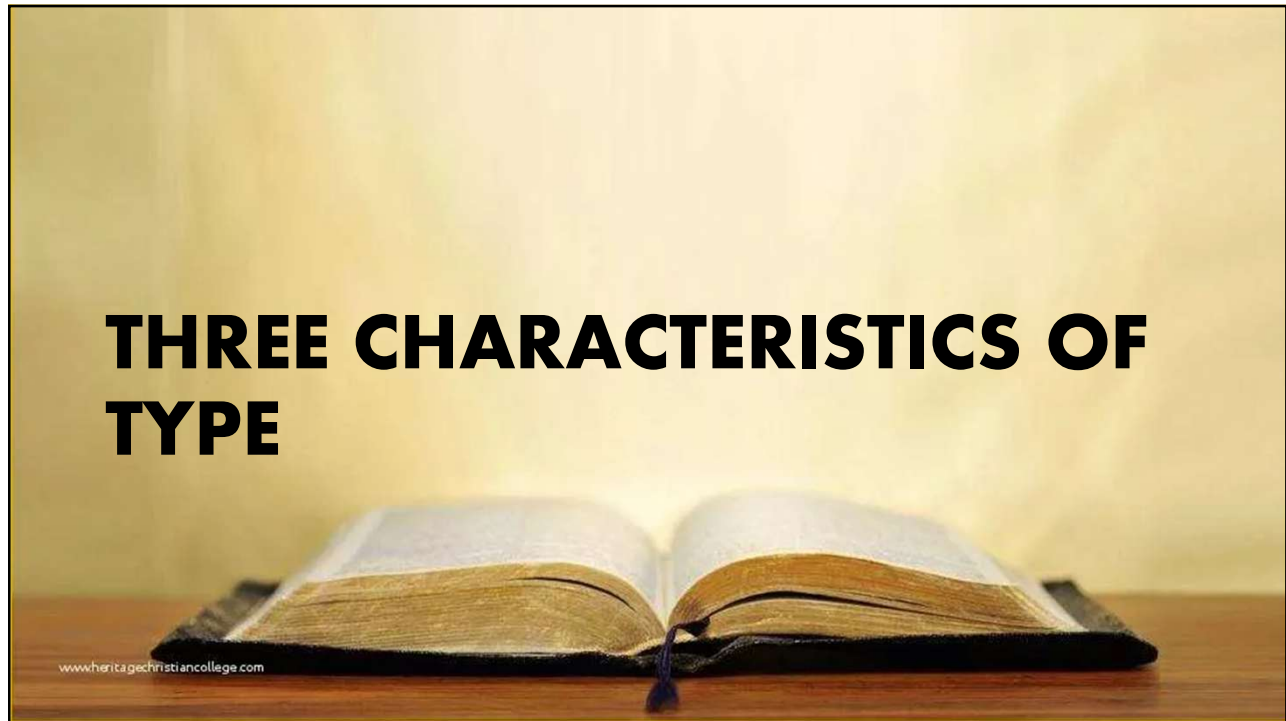
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- A **symbol**, on the other hand, has in itself no essential reference to time. It is designed rather to represent some character, office, or quality, as when a horn denotes either strength or a king in whom strength is impersonated (Dan. vii, 24; viii, 21). - Terry

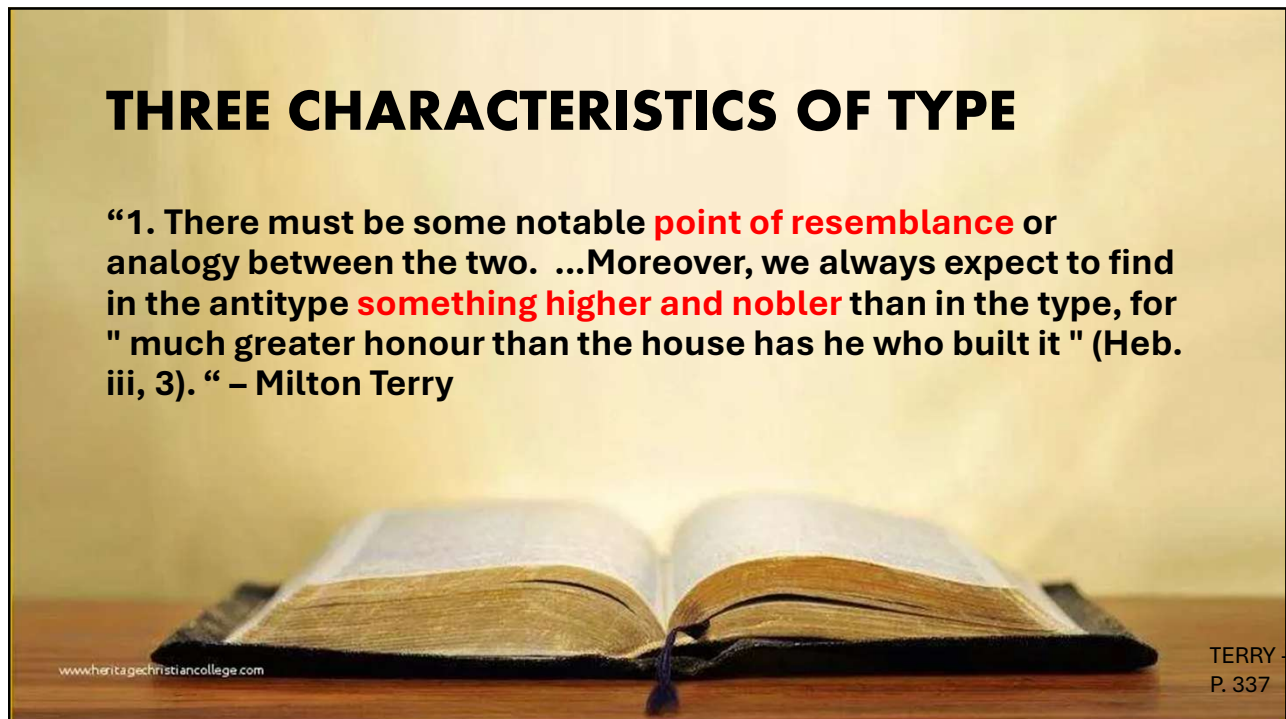
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THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE

2. There must be evidence that the type was designed and **appointed by God to represent the thing typified** ... The type as well as the antitype must have been pre-ordained, and they must have been pre-ordained as constituent parts of the same general scheme of divine providence." – Milton Terry

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For it implies not only that the entire plan of salvation was all along in the eye of God, but that, with a view to it. He was ever directing His government, so as to bring out in successive stages and operations the very truths and principles which were to find in the realities of the Gospel their more complete manifestation. - Patrick Fairburn, ch 3.

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*He showed that He saw the end from the beginning, by
interviewing with His providential arrangements the elements of
the more perfect terminal plan*

- Fairburn, ch 3.

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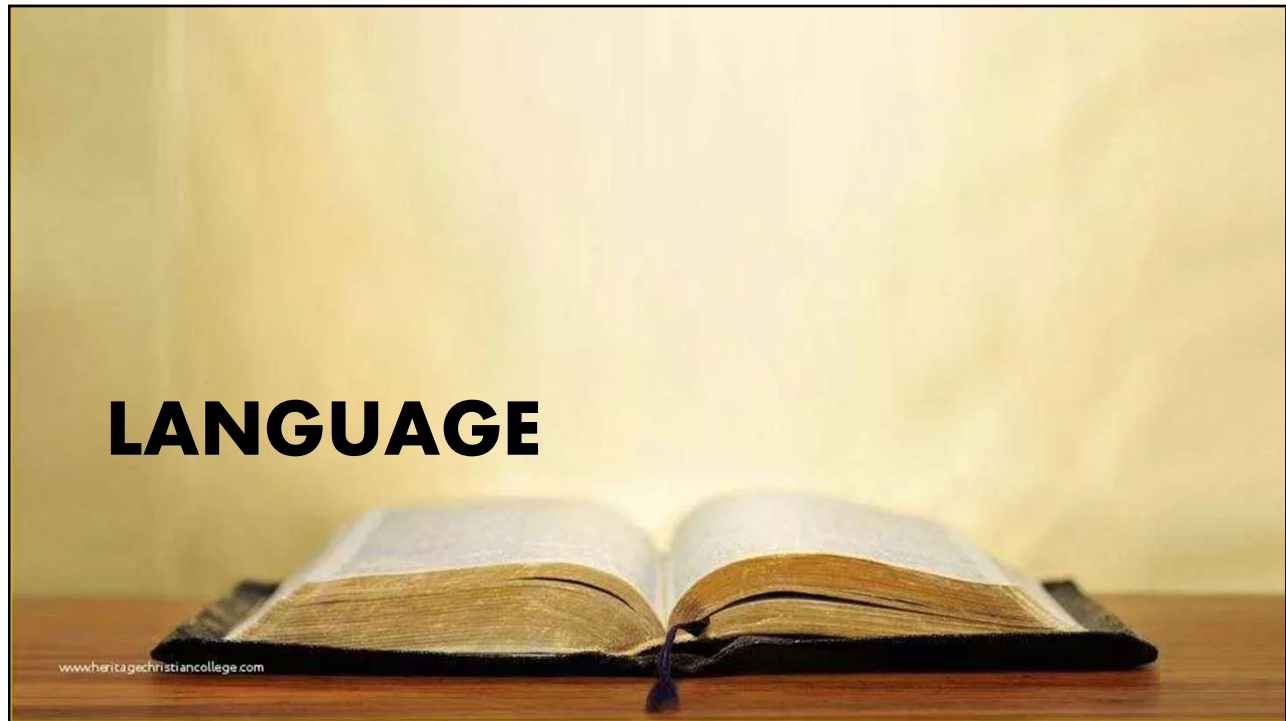
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3. It is held, first, that in the character, action, or institution which is denominated the type, there must be a **resemblance** in form or spirit to what it answers under the **Gospel**, - Fairburn, ch. 2.

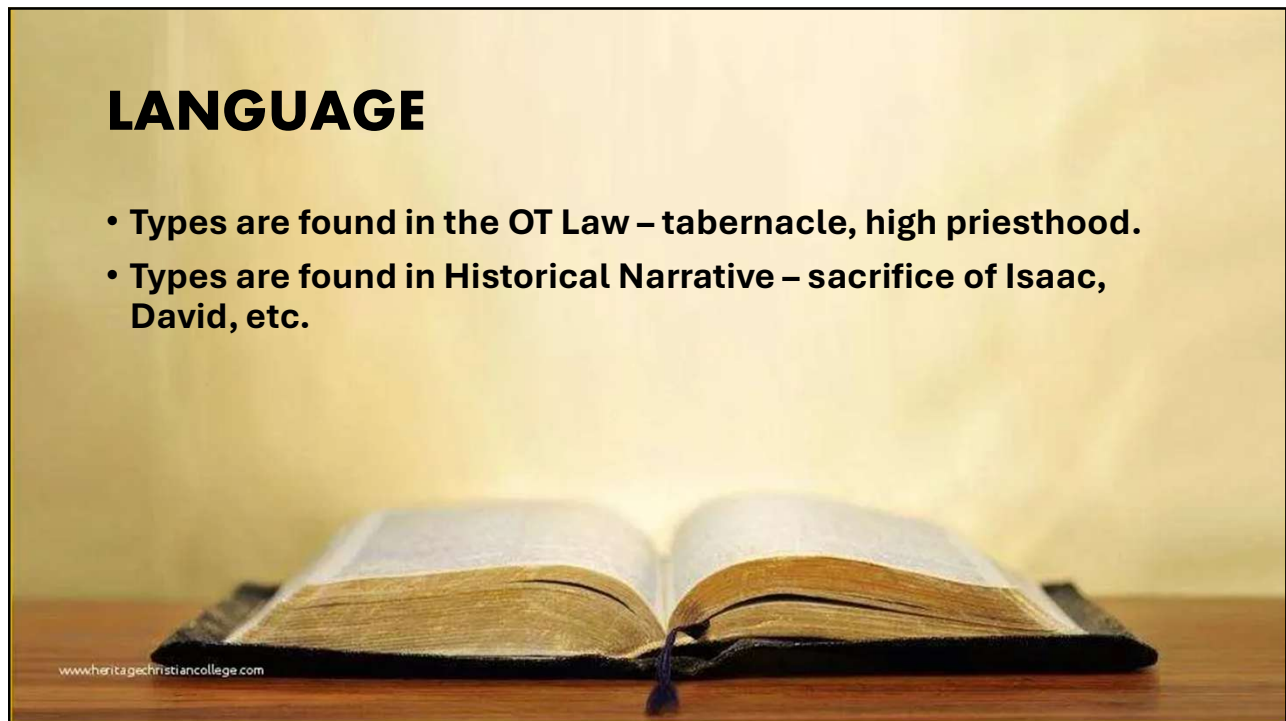
The Old Testament type looks to something in the New Testament.

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FIVE TYPES OF TYPES - TERRY

1. Typical Persons: Adam, Melchizedek, David, etc.
2. Typical Institutions: sacrifices, Sabbath, Passover
3. Typical Offices: prophet, priest, and king
4. Typical Events: the flood, the exodus from Egypt, giving of manna, the lifting up of the brazen serpent, etc.
5. Typical or Symbolic Actions

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- Types are found throughout the Old Testament period.
- Anti-types are found in the New Testament
- Progressive Relevation

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- Need the NT to shine the light on the OT
- Cross References, notes often help to find them quickly.
- Good commentaries.

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1. We cannot understand the relationship from type to antitype without first understand the meaning for the original audience and/or those before Christ came.

How do you think the original hearers would have understood the account of Noah's Ark?

What spiritual truths did it communicate?

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2. The real point of resemblance between type and antitype should, first of all, be clearly apprehended.

Avoid interpretations that a far-fetched, or finding a type that is not intended.

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Genesis 4:2 (NKJV)

Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

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“Take, however, as an example of the other class, the occupation of Abel as a shepherd, which by many, among others by Witsius, has been regarded as a prefiguration of Christ in His character as the great Shepherd of Israel. A superficial likeness, we admit; but what is to be found of real unity and agreement? ...Christ, certainly, died as the spiritual shepherd of souls, but Abel was not murdered on account of having been a keeper of sheep; nor had his death any necessary connection with his having followed such an employment. - Patrick Fairbairn

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3. The points of difference and or contrast between type and antitype should also be noted by the interpreter.

What are differences between the Old Testament type of the Passover lamb and the New Testament type of Christ our Passover?

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4. The light of the Gospel is necessary to completely understand the nature of the type.

How do we see this in the account of Abraham and sacrifice of Isaac, his son?

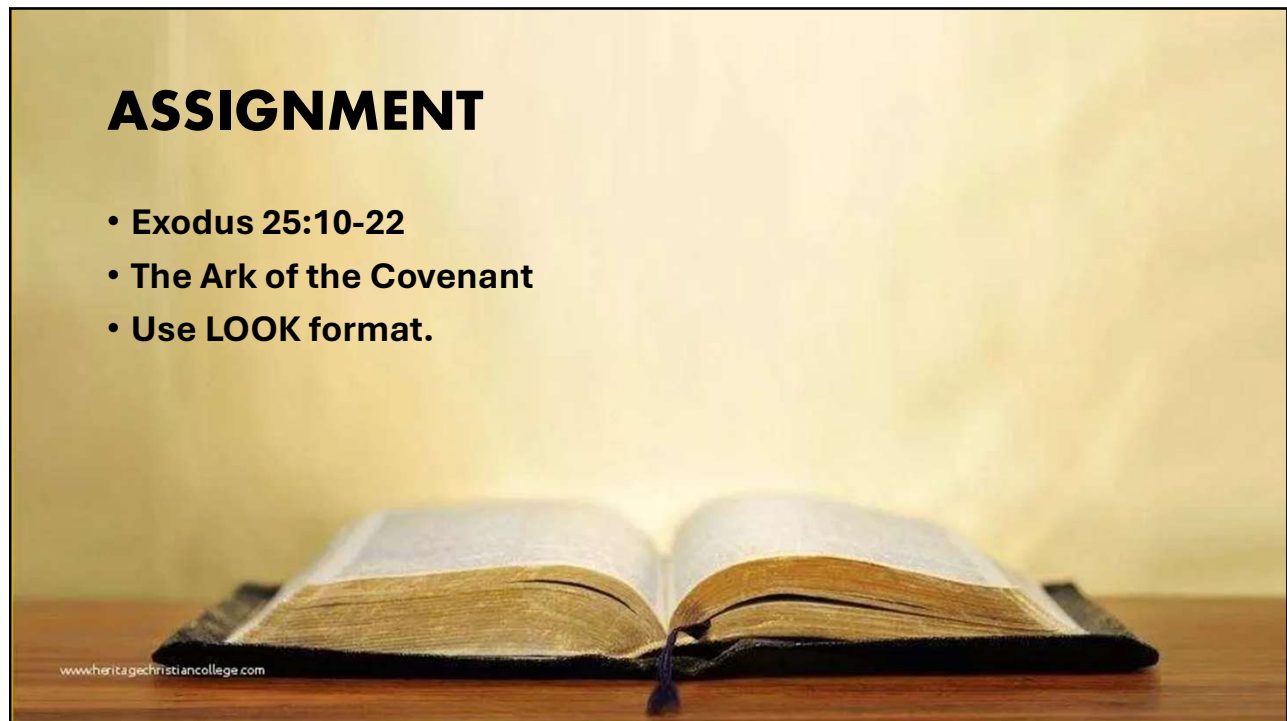
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