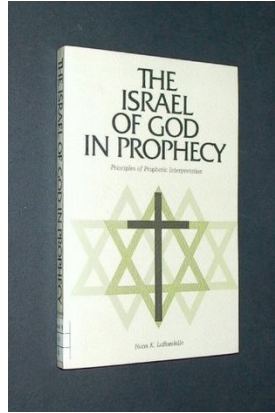


## **Typology – Key To Understanding Prophecy**



*The Israel of God in Prophecy, H.K. LaRondelle*

### **Three major ways to understand Biblical prophecy in the Word of God.**

Three ways of understanding prophet fulfillment and all are used throughout the Bible:

- a. *Literal* -- a predicted truth that finds identical or absolutely literal fulfillment
- b. Symbol – an image is a direct symbol that clearly points and corresponds to something else.
- c. *Allegorical* -- a predicted truth that finds fulfillment in imagery, emotional connection, or principle but not in concrete or real terms.
- d. Typology - a predicted truth that has dual fulfillment -- first its original setting and secondly as it is interpreted in the fuller light of the New Testament. The second meaning of the passage is not always exact or literal, but it expands the fullness and implications of the original. There is an organic relationship as between seed and plant - the plant grows out of the seed, but it is often fuller and different in final appearance.

### **Typology Definitions:**

A type is an institution, historical event, or person, ordained by God, which effectively prefigures some truth connected with Christianity.

Fuller Meaning: the tracing of typological correspondences is a special instance of detecting the *fuller meaning* of the Old Testament material. That is, the Old Testament is seen to contain a fuller sense than immediately meets the eye, and, indeed, which is discernible only in the light of its New Testament counterpart.

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## Isaiah 65:17-25 (700 B.C.E)

### New Heavens and a New Earth

<sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heaven and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

**Literal**

**Symbol**

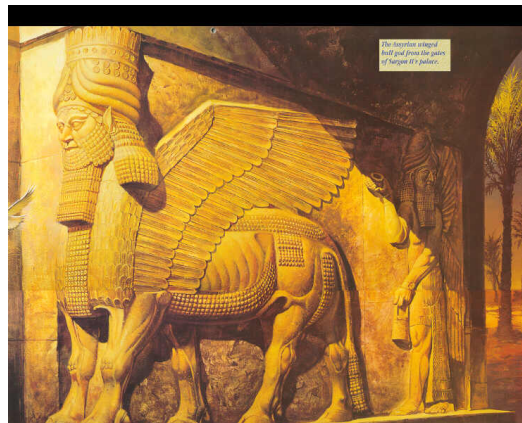
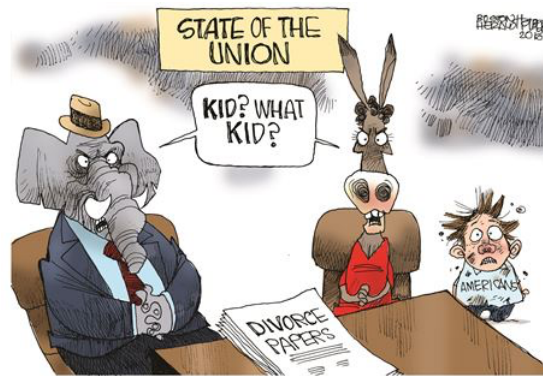
**Allegorical/Fluid Symbol**

**Typology**

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## Introduction to Revelation Images ...

Remember the Political Cartoon.



Jesus ...



The Early Church ... described as a women “clothed with the sun.”

Stars ... Angels  
Dragon ... Satan  
Beast ... Political Empire



Prostitute ... Corrupt ungodly city (Rome)  
Beast ... Corrupt Empire (Roman)  
Horns ... Leaders in the Corrupt Empire



Revelation Images --- combine symbol, allegorical, and typological.