

## Example of an Allegory

### \*Galatians 4:22-31

<sup>22</sup> For it is written, that Abraham had **two sons**, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

<sup>23</sup> But he who was of the **bondwoman** was born after the flesh; but he of the **freewoman** was by promise.

<sup>24</sup> Which things are **an allegory**: for these are the **two covenants**; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to **bondage**, which is Agar.

<sup>25</sup> For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

<sup>26</sup> But **Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.**"

<sup>27</sup> For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

<sup>28</sup> Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

<sup>29</sup> But as then he that was born after **the flesh** persecuted him that was born after **the Spirit**, even so it is now.

<sup>30</sup> Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the **bondwoman** shall not be heir with the son of the **freewoman**.

<sup>31</sup> So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the **free**."

## Allegories

An **allegory** is a story in which the characters and/or events are symbols representing other events, ideas, or people.

**Prophetic acts** in scripture can be seen as '**living allegories**.' Some examples are:

**Moses** striking the rock (Exodus 17:6)

**King Joash** striking the ground (2 Kings 13:14-19)

**Hosea** marrying a prostitute (Hosea 1:2)

**Jeremiah** ruining a waistband (Jeremiah 13:1-11)

**Ezekiel's** acts of: eating a scroll (Ezekiel 3:3), building a model of Jerusalem under siege (4:1-3), laying bound on his left side for 390 days & laying bound on his right side for 40 days (4:4-8), cutting his hair & dividing it into thirds (5:1-12).

**Isaiah** walking barefoot and naked for 3 years for a sign and wonder. (Isaiah 20:3)

In the **New Testament**, Agabus binding himself. (Acts 21:10-11) is a prophetic act/allegory.

**Holy Communion is an allegory!** (Matt. 26:26-29)

There is a current revival of spiritual leaders performing prophetic acts in obedience to God.

**Dutch Sheets, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, Robin Bullock** are just a few worth mentioning.

Lastly, here are some powerful allegorical books:  
Dante's **Divine Comedy**

John Bunyan's **The Pilgrim's Progress**

Jonathan Swift's **Gullivers Travels**

Hannah Hurnard's **Hinds Feet on High Places**.

George Orwell's **Animal Farm**

C.S. Lewis's **The Chronicles of Narnia**,\*

\*C.S. Lewis said: "I will refer to Narnia **not** as an '**allegorical world**' but as an '**imaginary sacramental world**.'" but many believe it was **allegory at it's best**.

# Bible Allegories

There are many **ALLEGORICAL** parables, riddles & visions in the

## Old Testament

*some examples:*

Judges 9:8-16--Trees Choose a King;  
Jeremiah 18:3-6--Potter & the Clay;  
Ezekiel 17:2-24--Eagle & the Vine  
Ezekiel 23--Oholah & Oholibah,  
and

## New Testament

1 Corin.12:2--Christ's Body=Church  
Romans 11:1--Israel=Olive Tree  
Galatians 4:22-31--Hagar=The Law  
Sarah=Holy Spirit

Perhaps **Peter & Paul's** ministries recorded in the book of Acts represent

## 2 DISPENSATIONS of GRACE

of events that took place & will again--alluded to by the **2 feasts** in Esther (5:4-8) and the **former & latter** rain of Joel 2:23

*(Peter claimed to be a part of Joel's former rain dispensation in Acts 2:16-17). Was Paul's ministry a foreshadow of the 'latter rain'?*

That's the thesis of this brochure.

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<b>Peter &amp; Paul BOTH...</b>	<b>PETER (1st dispensation)</b>	<b>PAUL (shadow of 2nd dispensation)?</b>
1) HEALED a <b>CRIPPLE</b>	Acts 3:2-10 lame man at Temple	Acts 14:8-9 'cripple from his mother's womb' in Lystra
2) TESTIFIED to a <b>HIGH PRIEST</b>	Acts 4:6-18 Annas	Acts 23:2-9 Ananias ( <i>NOT the Ananias in Acts 5 or 9:17</i> )
3) FILLED with the <b>HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 4:8 preaching	Acts 13:9 rebuking sorcerer
4) CONFRONTED <b>PHONY BELIEVERS</b>	Acts 5:1-11 Ananias & Sapphira lying	Acts 16:17 demon-possessed girl following him
5) CARRIED GOD'S <b>HEALING POWER</b>	Acts 5:15-16 <b>Peter's shadow*</b>	Acts 19:12 <b>Paul's handkerchiefs*</b>
6) SUPERNATURALLY <b>FREED from PRISON</b>	Acts 5:18-25, 12:4-11 by an angel (2x)	Acts 16:26 by an earthquake
7) CONFRONTED <b>SORCERERS</b>	Acts 8:9-24, v.20 Simon's finances cursed	Acts 13:6-12, 19:13-19 Elymas cursed w/blindness
8) WENT ON 3 <b>MISSION TRIPS</b>	Acts 9-12 to Lydda, Joppa, Caesaria,	Acts 13-21 to Greece, Turkey, Syria
9) <b>RAISED THE DEAD</b>	Acts 9:40 Tabitha (Dorcas) raised	Acts 20:7-12 Eutychus raised
10) were <b>LED by VISIONS</b>	Acts 10:3 to go to a family (Cornelius)	Acts 16:9 to go to a nation (Macedonia)
11) went by their <b>SURNAME</b> (nickname)	Acts 10:5, 18, 32 Simon (Peter)	Acts 13:9 Saul (Paul)
12) had favor with a <b>MILITARY LEADER</b>	Acts 10:22 Centurion Cornelius	Acts 27:1, 3, 43 Centurion Julius
13) had men try to <b>WORSHIP them</b>	Acts 10:25-26 Cornelius	Acts 14:11-18 people of Lystra
14) were <b>sent to GENTILES</b>	Acts 10-11, 15:7 Cornelius	Acts 13:46 in Antioch
15) <b>TRAVELED with OTHERS</b>	Acts 11:12 6 men went with Peter	Acts 13:1, 20:4 5-7 men went with Paul
16) were <b>WARNED</b> by the <b>PROPHET AGABUS</b>	Acts 11:27-28 foretelling famine	Acts 21:10-12 foretelling persecution
17) TESTIFIED TO A <b>KING</b> ( <i>Herod Antipas executed Jesus</i> )	Acts 12:3 King Herod Agrippa I ( <i>died in Acts 12:21</i> )	Acts 25-26:28 King Herod Agrippa II ( <i>last Herod, was 'almost persuaded'</i> )

*Like the Biblical allegory of Sarah and Hagar (see back page), there are things that do NOT line up to the allegorical comparison in their lives.*

*As the old adage goes:  
'chew up the meat and spit out the bones.'*

*However, there are some things to be learned by comparing the ministries of Peter & Paul.*

\*Under the Old Covenant, one could become defiled by what they **touched** (Leviticus 22:6) and could die if they **touched** holy things (Exodus 30:20-38).

In the New Covenant, life & healing can be imparted by a **holy touch** from one anointed by God. (Matthew 8:15, 9:29, Mark 6:56, 7:33, Luke 5:13, 7:14).

In Peter's ministry, the Presence of God was imparted even by the **touch of his nearby SHADOW!**

*(This kind of radiant power resting on God's anointed ones was foreshadowed by Elijah in 2 Kings 13:21).*

\*In the Old Covenant, priests who entered God's presence were told to remove their garments (Ezekiel 44:19) to protect people from dying who were not clean.

In the New Covenant, hearing & responding to God's WORD cleanses (John 15:3, Ephesians 5:26) and can make whole.

In Paul's ministry, CLOTHS that **TOUCHED HIM** were holy and could impart healing, as did Jesus's clothes (Matthew 14:36). It was realized that one doesn't need to be in **close proximity** to receive healing. (Matthew 8:6-10)

*(Like TV, radio and phone signals, healing virtue be carried by **faith** and transcend time & distance.)*