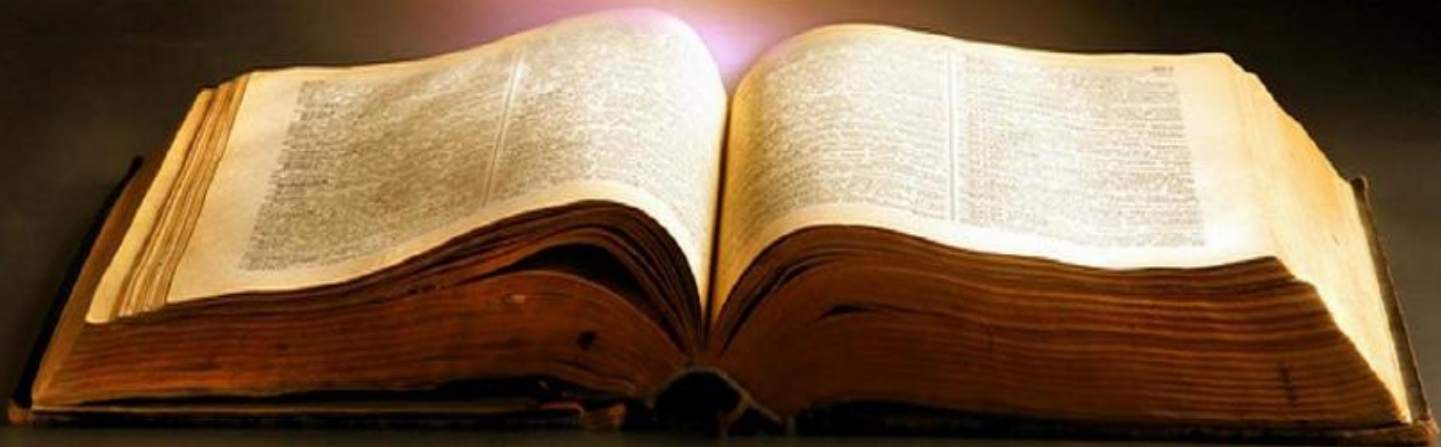


SANDERSTEAD BIBLE WEEK

'Finding Jesus Christ in the Hebrew Scriptures'

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DATE August	Theme	Bible Passage
Monday 5th	<i>Jesus is Promised</i>	Genesis 12:1-7; 2 Samuel 7:1-17
Tuesday 6th	<i>Jesus is Prophesied</i>	Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:1-17; Isaiah 40:3-5
Wednesday 7th	<i>Jesus is Prefigured</i>	1 Corinthians 5:7-8; John 6:25-59
Thursday 8th	<i>Jesus is Personated</i>	Isaiah 61:1-2; Psalm 16:8-11
Friday 9th	<i>Jesus is Present</i>	Genesis 18:1-19; Exodus 3:1-10; Judges 13:1-23

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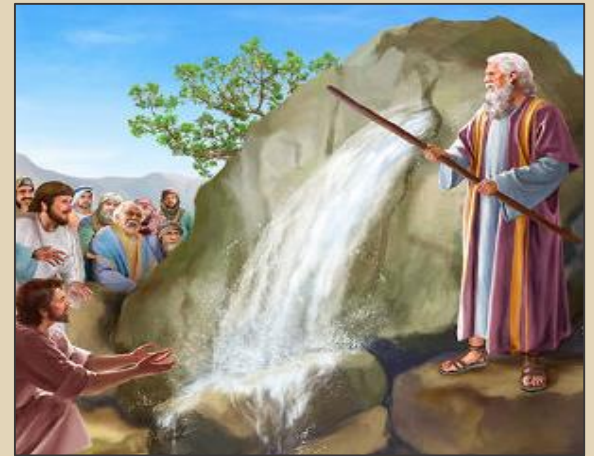


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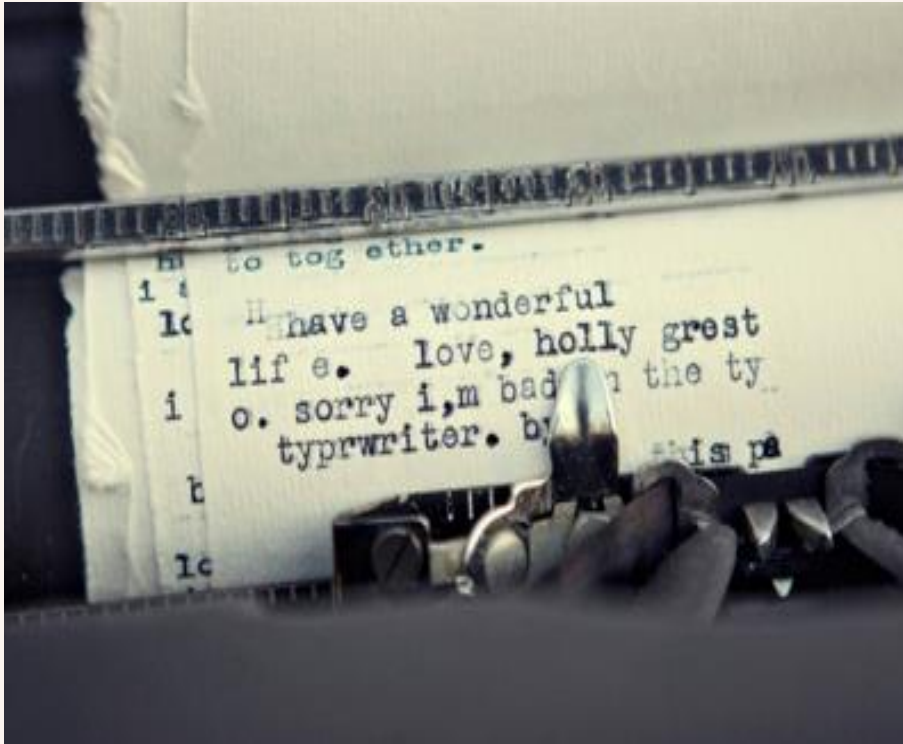
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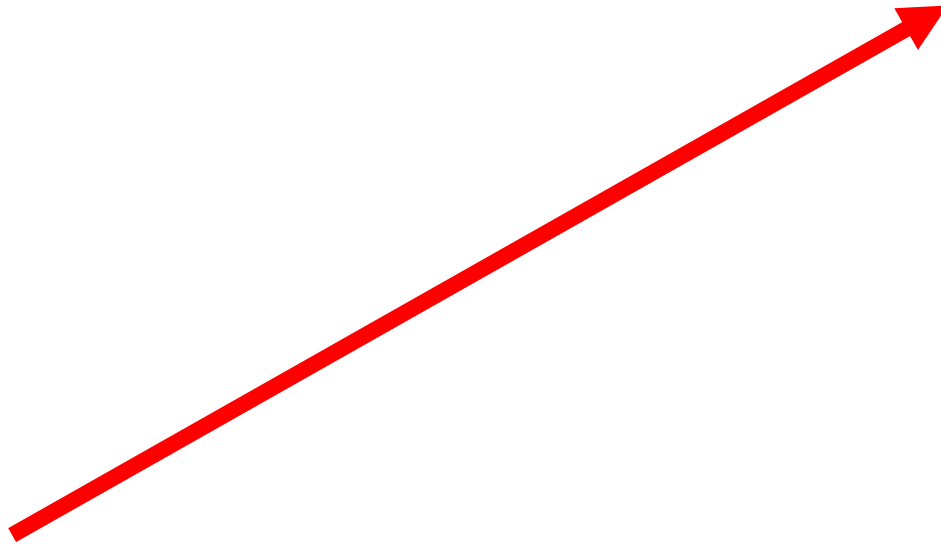


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- 5.** We can be guided by the examples in the New Testament where Jesus and the apostles identify quite a number of Old Testament 'things' as figures of Christ.
- 6.** It is not the purpose of types and shadows to present new doctrine, but rather to illustrate and illuminate what is taught in plain words elsewhere

What then is the purpose of these
Old Testament figures of Jesus?



Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male

Exodus 12:5

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Revelation 5:6

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain.

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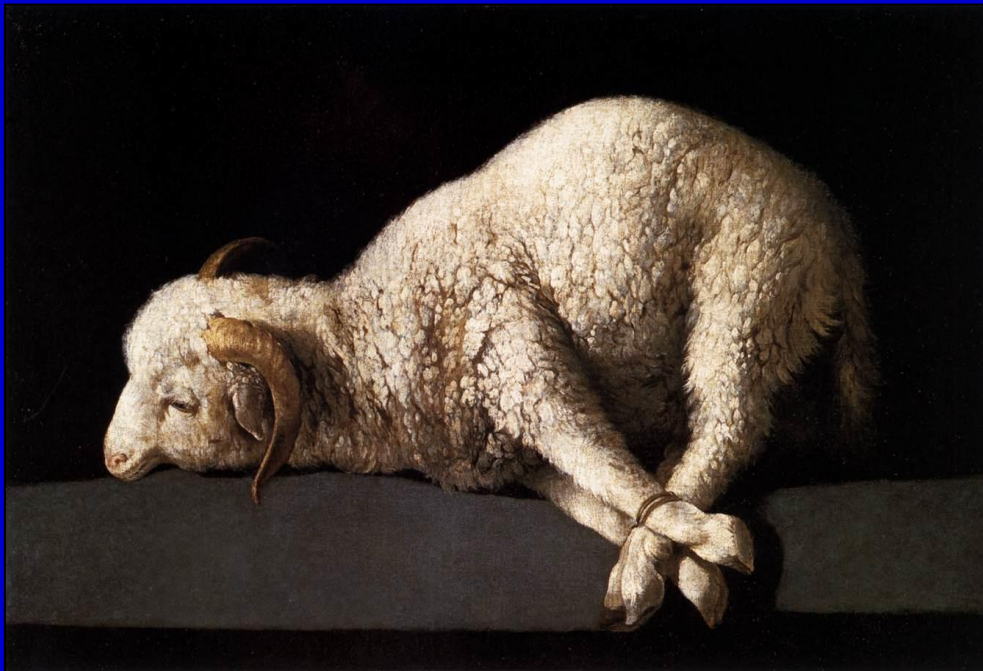
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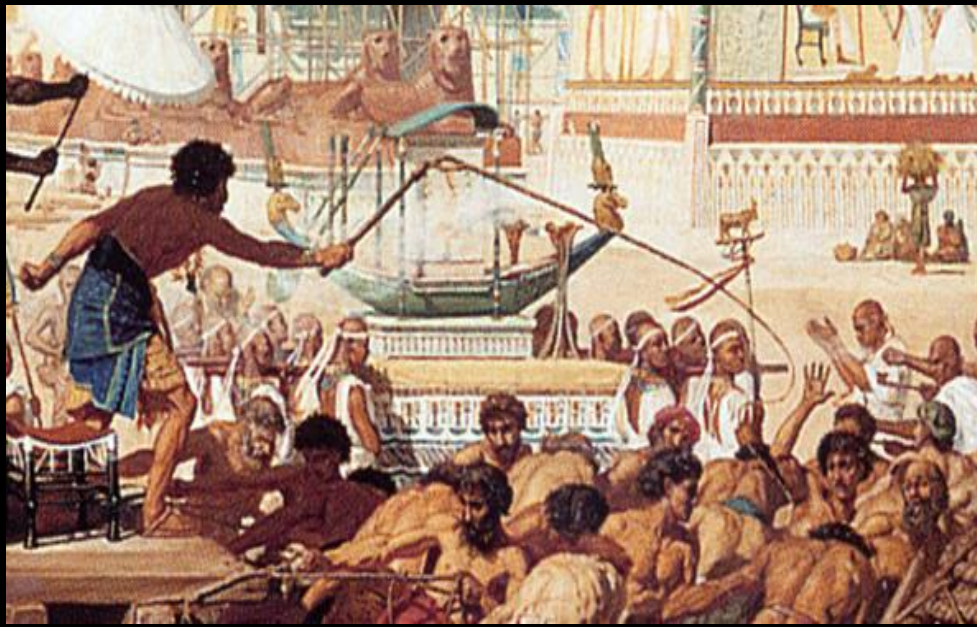
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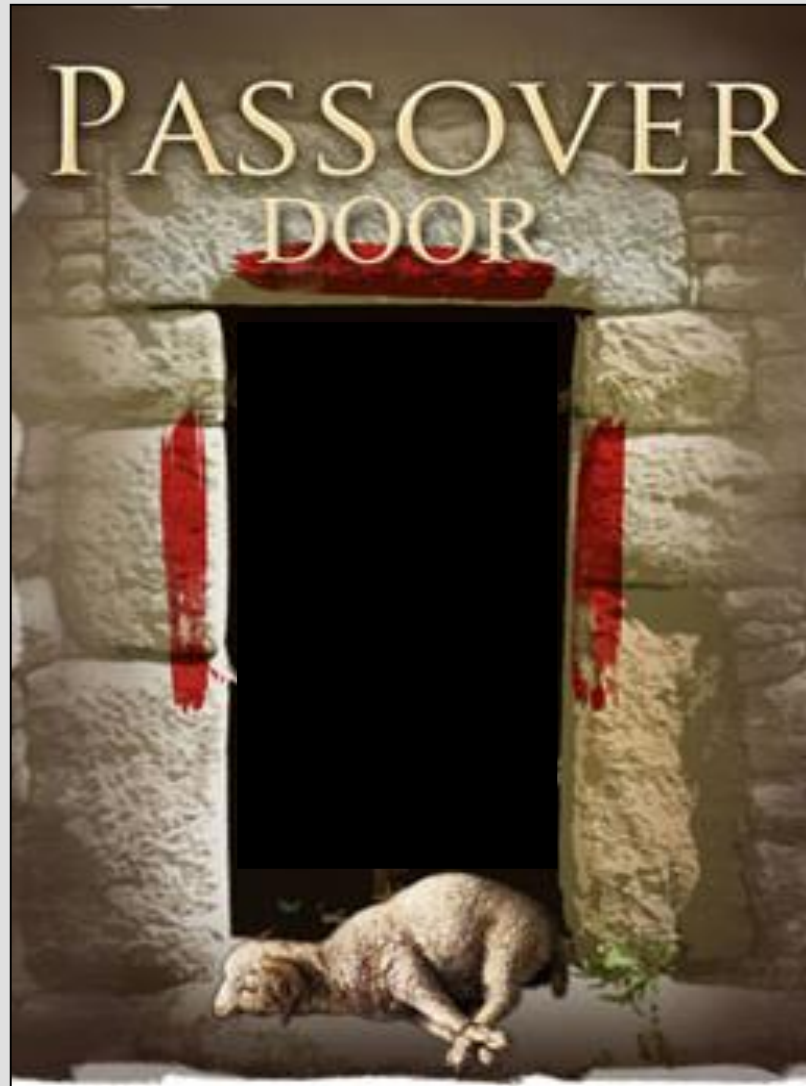


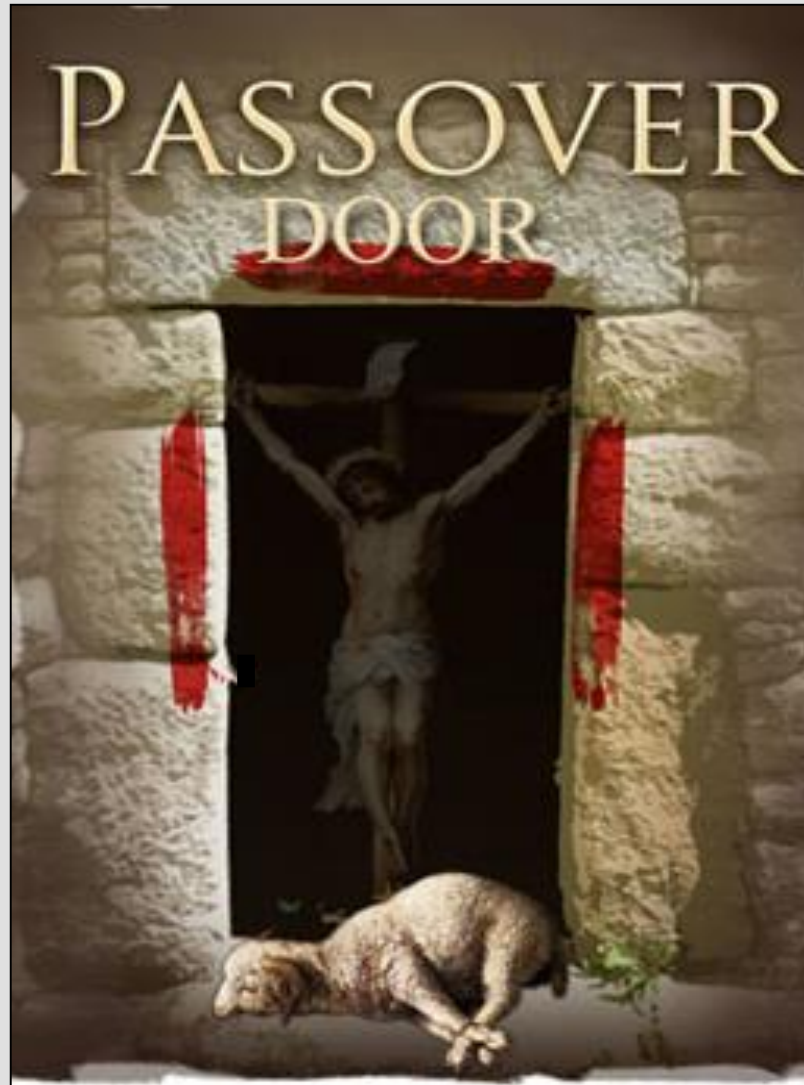


The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 12:13



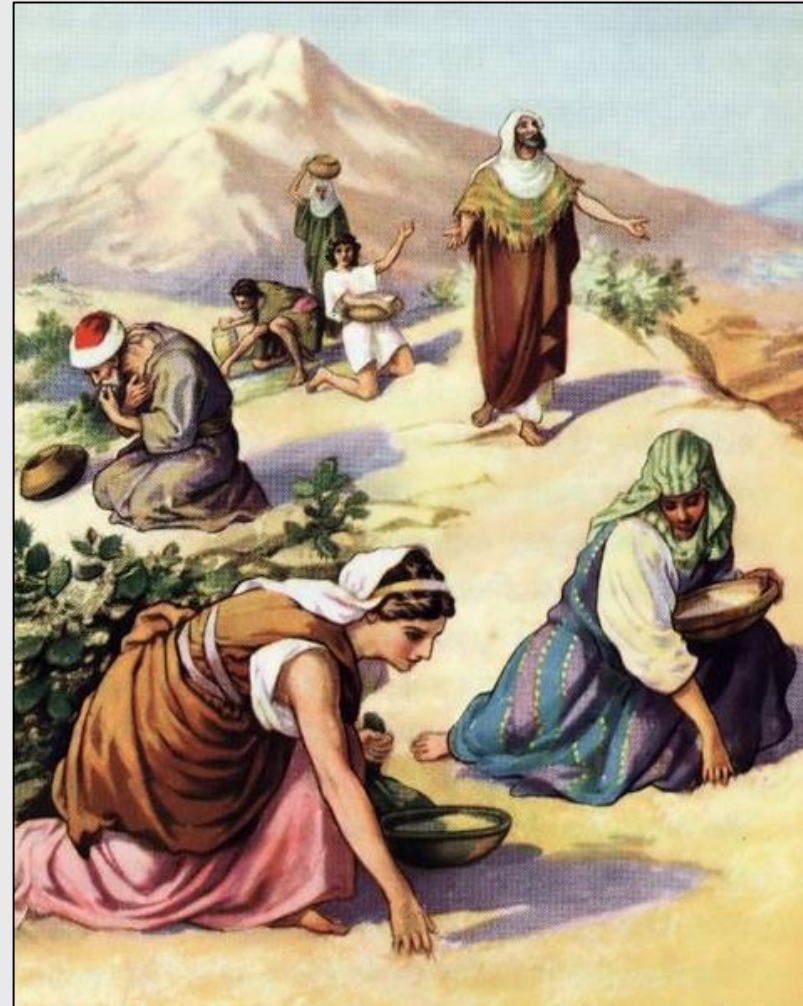




Exodus 16



Manna from heaven



Exodus 16:4

The LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day."

John 6:30-40

³⁰ So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."^[a]'

³² Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

³⁴ 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

John 6:43-5

43 'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. 44 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God."^[a] Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. 46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

John 6:53-58

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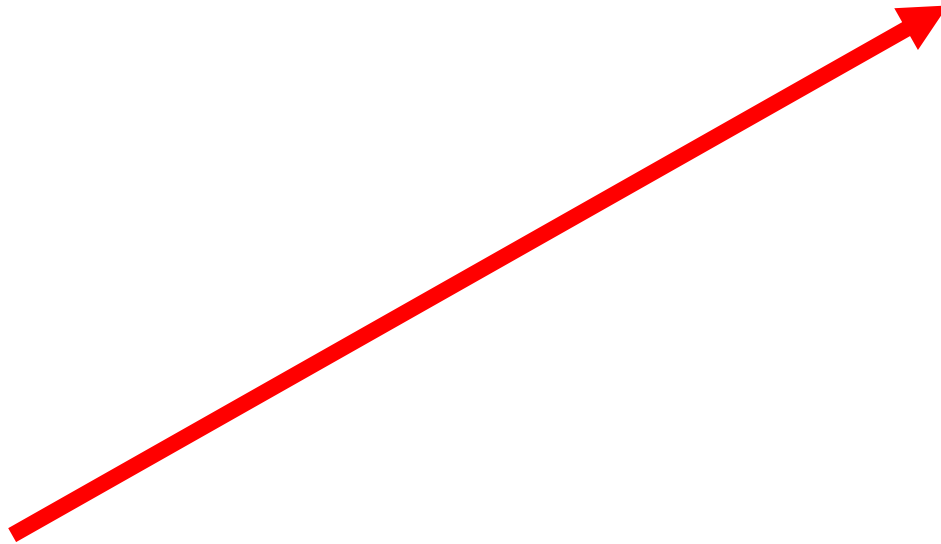


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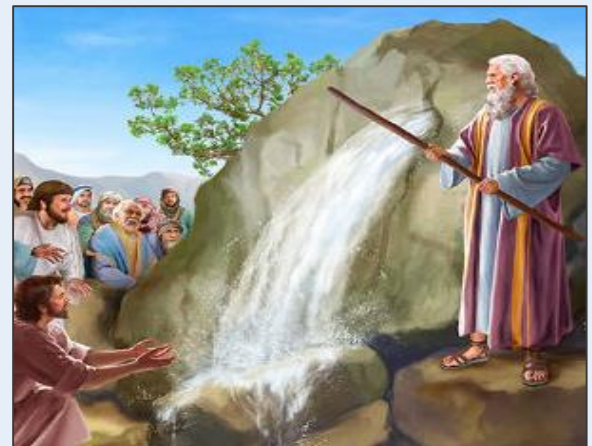
Jonah and the whale
Matthew 12:40



The serpent on a pole
John 3:14

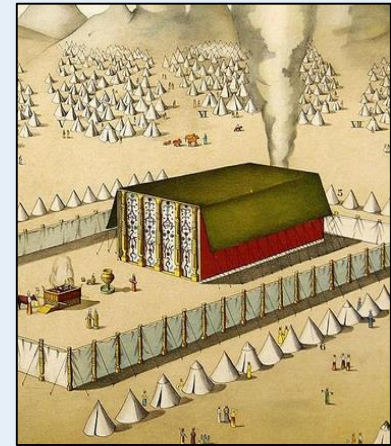


Water from the rock
1 Corinthians 10:4



The tabernacle

John 1:14



Jacob's ladder

John 1:51



Melchizedek

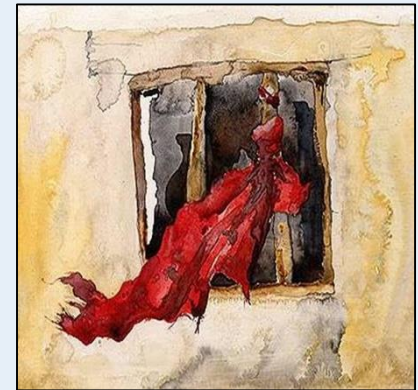
Hebrews 7:1



Joseph and his brothers



Rahab's scarlet cord



David and Goliath



