

STUDY PACK 12

SYMBOLS

"_____. They may be natural or miraculous. They may be things that actually exist or things seen in a vision. They may be objects (like salt or lampstands), actions (like eating a roll or building a miniature city), ordinances (like baptism or the Passover), materials (like white linen), numbers, colors, names (like Sodom or Egypt - used for Jerusalem), metals (like gold or brass), jewels (like a pearl), creatures (like a lion or a dove) or other things."

~~ T. Norton Sterrett, *How to Understand Your Bible*, p. 104 ~~

I. A SYMBOL TAKES A LITERAL SUBSTANCE AND GIVES IT A _____
_____. Most symbols in Scripture have a literal meaning and a secondary meaning.

II. DOUBLE IMAGERY IS SOMETIMES SEEN IN SYMBOLS

A. Lion is a symbol _____, Rev. 5.

B. Lion is a symbol _____, I Peter 5.

III. BEWARE OF FANCIFUL INTERPRETATIONS OF SYMBOLS

IV. COLORS (AS COMMANDED BY GOD)

A. Blue - _____.

B. Scarlet - _____.

C. Purple - _____.

D. White - _____.

V. METAL

A. Gold - the Divine.

B. Silver - _____.

C. Brass (or copper) - _____.

VI. VARIOUS MATERIALS

A. Oil - _____!

B. Frankincense - _____!

C. Salt - _____!

D. Leaven - _____.

Ex. 12:15 Deut. 16:4 Matt. 13:32 I Cor. 5:6 Gal. 5:9
Matt. 16:6,11,12 Mark 7:15 Lk. 12:1 (Pharisees)

E. Honey - _____!

No honey in the offerings, Prov. 25:7, 27:7.

F. Fire - _____ - sometimes in judgment, sometimes in blessing! Be careful when you pray for the fire from heaven.

VII. PRECIOUS STONES

A. *Speak Precious Stones*, by Rev. Robert Barr, is often regarded as a classic on the symbolism of the sacred stones in the Bible.

B. He comments on eighteen stones and what he believes they are symbolic of.

VIII. GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH SYMBOLS IN THE SCRIPTURE

A. Study how _____ interprets symbols.

B. Note _____ of objects used as symbols.

C. Carefully study _____ in which symbols are used!

D. Remember that the meaning of a symbol must come _____
- not out of your head or heart.