

Chapter Twenty-two — The Parabolic Principle

1. Define the Parabolic Principle.
2. What is the dictionary definition of the word ‘parable’?
3. What is the theological definition of the word ‘parable’?
4. What was Christ’s twofold purpose in using parables in his teaching?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
5. Name the two sources from which Christ took his parables.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
6. Give a brief definition and explain the difference between:
 - A. Short Parables -
 - B. Extended Parables -
7. True or false?
 - A. Every parable has one fundamental spiritual truth to convey.
 - B. All the details of a parable have some bearing on this one fundamental truth.
 - C. Parables often involve symbols.
 - D. Doctrines can be established on parabolic teaching.
8. What other principles must be used in interpreting parables?

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Assignments

Using the Parabolic Principle, do an analogy on the following parables and give a summary of the main spiritual lesson found therein.

Support your interpretation of the parts of the parable with suitable scripture references.

Assignment #1 - Matthew 5:14-16. Parable of the light.

Short Parable

Interpretation

Main Lesson —

Assignment #2 - Matthew 25:1-13. Parable of the virgins.

Extended Parable

Interpretation

Main Lesson —

Chapter Twenty-three — The Allegorical Principle

1. Define the Allegorical Principle.
2. Give Webster's dictionary definition of the word "allegory".
3. Give the Greek definition of the word "allegory".
4. What is the main distinction between an allegory and a parable?
5. What is the difference between "inspired allegory" of the Scriptures and the great dangers of "allegorization" of the Scriptures that the Church suffered from under previous centuries from some of the "Church Fathers"?
6. What group of principles should be used along with the Parabolic Principle in interpreting parables?
7. True or false?
 - A. Allegories often involve symbols.
 - B. Allegory may be used to illustrate doctrine but doctrine must not be formulated on allegory.
 - C. In interpreting an allegory, cultural background involving manners, customs, and material things do not really need to be taken into consideration.

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Assignments

Using the Allegorical Principle, do an extended analogy of the following allegories, giving Scriptures to support your interpretation and its parts.

Assignment #1 - Old Testament

Allegory of the Vine Out of Egypt. Psalm 80:1-15.

Allegory		Interpretation
The Symbols Used	Symbols Interpreted	Lessons Learned

Assignment #2 - New Testament.

Parable (vs. 1-5) and allegory (vs. 7-16) of the Good Shepherd. John 10:1-16.
(Note- not “parable” as used generally in Matthew 13).

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Chapter Twenty-four — The Interpretation Of Prophecy

1. Why is the interpretation of prophetic Scripture far more complex than the interpretation of historical or poetical scripture?
2. Define the word “prophecy” from the Hebrew words.
3. Define the word “prophecy” according to the Greek concept.
4. What is the twofold nature of prophecy?
 - A.
 - B.
5. What is the difference between these two in your answer to Question 4?
 - A.
 - B.
6. Define the following:
 - A. The Spirit of Prophecy -
 - B. The Gift of Prophecy -
 - C. The Office of a Prophet -
 - D. The Prophecy of Scripture -
7. List the six designations of the prophets.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
 - E. _____
 - F. _____

8. What is the significance of Moses being “the foundational ministry” as a prophet?
9. Fill in the following answers:

Moses represents “the _____ of the _____.”

Samuel represents “the _____ of the _____.”
10. Why is this so (to Question #9)?
11. What did the prophet represent to the kings of Israel or Judah?
12. On what basis were kings judged by God under Old Testament times?
13. What was the difference between:

A. Non-writing Prophets -

B. Writing Prophets -
14. What is the “threefold cord” of prophetic Revelation?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____
15. How can we justly apply certain things in “local prophecy” to our generation?
16. What hermeneutical principle must be used in connection with the interpretation of “national-destiny prophecy”?
17. What hermeneutical principle must be used in connection with the interpretation of “messianic prophecy”?

18. Because hermeneutics is a science and an art, how many principles are listed under Guidelines for the Interpretation of *Prophecy* that could be used in interpreting prophecy?

19. List the five general guidelines to be followed in interpreting prophecy.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

Assignment

Using the principles of interpretation, list the principles that could or should be used, briefly explaining why, to interpret Ezekiel 37. Note - brief quotations are given from a number of verses, as a clue to which principle should be used. List the principle alongside the verse and brief quote, and then briefly explain why you believe that principle should be used there!

Remember! Hermeneutics is a science and an art. The interpretation of prophecy requires great skill in weaving these interpretative principles together in order to discover the meaning of a prophetic passage!

Assignment - Ezekiel 37

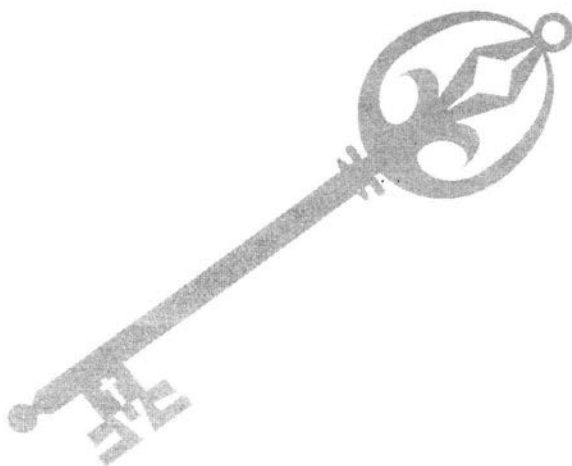
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Principle To Be Used

1. What is the first or foundational principle to be used in interpreting this chapter?
2. Verse 1. "The Spirit of the Lord...?" _____
3. Verse 1-10, 11-14. The Dry Bones Vision? _____
4. Verses 11, 15. House of Israel: Judah and Joseph? _____
5. Verses 24, 25. Davidic king to reign over Israel? _____
6. Verse 26. Covenant of Peace? _____
7. Verses 27, 28. All the heathen shall know...? _____
8. Verses 3, 9, 16-19. Bones... Wind... Two Sticks? _____
9. Verse 22. One nation, one king, not divided into two nations or kingdoms any more? _____
10. Verses 25, 26. For ever, everlasting, for ever more? _____
11. Verse 23 with Leviticus 26:12. Be their God and they shall be my people? _____
12. Verses 23, 27 with Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:10? _____
13. Verses 24, 25. David my servant, king, prince, and shepherd? _____

Write out the main lesson and burden of the vision of dry bones, giving a summary statement of interpretation in the light of the hermeneutical principles you have used above to interpret the parts of the vision.

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