

Some Figures of Speech used in the Bible

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- ☑ **Simile** – A declaration that one thing resembles another. Uses “like” or “as.”
 - ◆ Isaiah 53:6-7
 - ◆ Matthew 7:24-27
 - ◆ Acts 2:4
 - ◆ Isaiah 1:9
 - ◆ Philippians 2:15

- ☑ **Metaphor** – Comparison by representation.
 - ◆ Psalm 23:1
 - ◆ Matthew 5:13
 - ◆ Matthew 5:14
 - ◆ Matthew 26:26-28
 - ◆ 1 Corinthians 5:7
 - ◆ Luke 13:31-32

- ☑ **Allegory** – Extended metaphor.
 - ◆ Isaiah 5:1-7
 - ◆ Galatians 4:21-31

- ☑ **Synecdoche** – One idea = more (part = whole).
 - ◆ Acts 20:7 – Bread for bread and fruit of vine, and really all of worship.
 - ◆ Acts 1:22 – Baptism of John put for his whole ministry.
 - ◆ Jeremiah 15:7 – Gates for whole cities.
 - ◆ Col. 1:22; Heb. 2:14 – Death of Christ for death, burial, and resurrection.
 - ◆ Genesis 2:4 – One day for 6 days.

- ☑ **Metonymy** – The changing of one thing for another.
 - ◆ Moses for the law (Luke 16:29)
 - ◆ Cup for the contents (1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:26)
 - ◆ Soul is put for the person (Acts 2:27)
 - ◆ Mouth for the commandments (Exodus 17:1)

- ☑ **Hyperbole** – When more is said than is literally meant; done for emphasis.
 - ◆ Matthew 5:29-30
 - ◆ Jude 23
 - ◆ Lamentations 2:11
 - ◆ Genesis 2:24
 - ◆ John 12:17-19
 - ◆ Judges 20:14-16
 - ◆ Deuteronomy 1:28

- Type** – A figure of something not yet realized (the antitype) – sometimes called shadows or patterns.
 - ◆ 1 Peter 3:20-21
 - ◆ Hebrews 10:1
 - ◆ Hebrews 9:22-23
 - ◆ Leviticus 16 – Priestly atonement
 - ◆ Exodus 12- Passover

- Amphibologia** – A word or phrase susceptible to two meanings.
 - ◆ John 19:22
 - ◆ Luke 7:44
 - ◆ Acts 17:22

- Sarcasm** – A sharp statement that tears away the flesh as a teaching tool.
 - ◆ Genesis 3:22
 - ◆ Deuteronomy 32:37
 - ◆ Judges 10:14
 - ◆ Job 38:4
 - ◆ Ezekiel 20:39

- Idioma** – Words or phrases peculiar to a particular people; an idiom.
 - ◆ Answered and said – any speech that follows.
 - ◆ My soul – for myself.
 - ◆ Take the sword – doing it your way instead of God’s way – Matthew 26:52
 - ◆ Inherit the earth – a king among men – Matthew 5:5
 - ◆ Sons of God – sometimes angels – Job 1:6 – sometimes people who follow God – Genesis 6:2,4
 - ◆ Three days and three nights – any part of three days and three nights – Esther 4:16; 1 Samuel 30:11-12.
 - ◆ Thou sayest – you are correct – Matthew 26:25; Matthew 27:11

- Prosopopea** – The personification of something.
 - ◆ Genesis 31:35
 - ◆ Proverbs 15:3
 - ◆ Isaiah 59:1-2
 - ◆ 1 Corinthians 12:15-16.
 - ◆ Exodus 18:18
 - ◆ Jeremiah 14:7
 - ◆ Genesis 4:7