

Biblical stories that are shadows and types for a 2,000 year gospel age Part 2

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

At times when I have talked with other believers about the end time signs that are pointing to Jesus soon return some have replied, “No one knows the day or hour when Jesus will return, it could be many years from now before the Lord returns.” And in one article I read it said, [Billy Graham](#) clarified he has no way of knowing when the end of the world will truly happen, writing that “the closing days of history may be a [hundred years or a thousand years from now.](#)”

When Christians make these kind of statements based on a lack of knowledge of the scriptures they are actually admitting that a great portion of God's prophetic Word is being concealed from their eyes of understanding. And I believe one of the main reasons for the cause of this spiritual blindness of failing to recognize Jesus return is near is not because Christians have become complacent from hearing several incorrect predictions in the past concerning the Lords imminent return, instead I believe it is due to the fact that many people in the church today are not seeking after God with all their heart and diligently studying the scriptures for themselves, Ezekiel 12:2. And in addition to this I strongly believe Jesus wants us to ask him to reveal his end-time prophetic mysteries to us that are hidden from our [partially blinded eyes](#).

Remember what Jesus said to his disciples, **"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened,** Matthew 7:7-8. And another scripture I like is, **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches,'** Rev 2:29.

Shortly after I was born-again in 1985, I remember this simple prayer request I had for Jesus that over the years he has honored to progressively open my spiritually blinded eyes, “Jesus, would you explain your parables to me the way you did for your disciples.” Ask and it will be given to you; seek to know Jesus and you will find him; knock and he will open your blinded eyes for you.

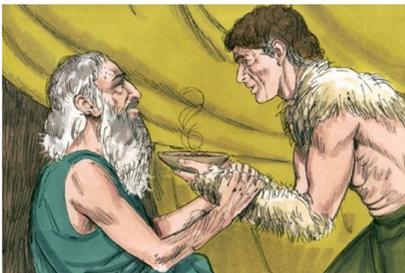
Today Christians may go to church and listen to God's Word for an hour or so, and when they leave they do not seek after Jesus during the rest of the week until they go back to church again the next Sunday. The Lord has a scripture that accurately describes this type of Christian. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth, Rev 3:15-16.

These verses have accurately described the attitude of my heart and relationship with God many times in my life. The Spirit is willing but my flesh is weak. When my heart becomes lukewarm to Jesus I have to say to myself, “flesh you are dead and have been crucified with Christ!” Every morning when I wake I have to beat my body again and bring it into submission and not let its sinful desires rule over me if I want to have fellowship with Jesus, 1Corinthians 9:27.

So I believe it is not enough to go to church each Sunday, or listen to another prediction for the soon return of the Lord, or even read another article on [Fivedoves.com](#) to know Jesus. To know Jesus you must first seek after him with all your heart and desire to walk with him daily. Then you will find him and he will reveal himself to you. Then you will diligently search out a matter and Jesus will unseal the prophetic mysteries that he wants you to see that are deeply hidden within his Word, John 14:21.

Job 33:14 For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. Proverbs 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

John 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Ecclesiastes 7:24 That which has been (in the past) is (a picture of what will happen) far off (in the future), and deep (deeply hidden in the scriptures), very deep; who can find it out? John 16:13-14 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (14) He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



Jacob gave Esau a bowl of red stew in exchange for his birthright

The Cross Jacob made a bowl of red stew and gave it to Esau in exchange for his birthright	The Resurrection Jacob was clothed in 2 goatskins and deceived his father Isaac to obtain Esau's blessings	A 2,000 year gospel age Jacob worked 20 years for Laban to receive 2 wives and his flocks	The 7 years of tribulation Jacob wrestled with a man through the night and then bowed 7 times before he met Esau
<p>Jacob made a bowl of red stew and gave it to his older brother Esau in exchange for his birthright of the firstborn son. Therefore Esau was called Edom which means red.</p> <p>Esau ate Jacob's bowl of red stew and drank, and he despised his birthright, Gen 25:29-34.</p> <p>When Jesus was crucified his appearance was so disfigured and bloody that he did not look like a man, Isa 52:14. And we gave this horrible judgment for our sins to Jesus (symbolized by Jacob's bowl of red stew that was given to Esau), in exchange for Christ's birthright of righteousness with his Father in heaven, 2 Cor 5:21.</p> <p>Esau married daughters of the Hittites, Hivites, and Ishmaelites which brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah. And Esau's descendants the Edomites became ruthless enemies of Israel, Gen 26:35.</p> <p><i>Ezekiel 25:12-14 "Thus says the Lord GOD: Because Edom acted revengefully against the house of Judah and has grievously offended in taking vengeance on them, (13) therefore thus says the Lord GOD, I will stretch out my hand against Edom and cut off from it man and beast.</i></p> <p><i>Isaiah 34:5, 8-9 For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction, (8) For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. (9) And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulfur; her land shall become burning pitch.</i></p> <p>The Edomites spiritually represents sinful and unbelieving mankind who are the everlasting enemy of God and his saints and will be devoted to destruction in eternal hell, Oba 1:10.</p> <p>Therefore Esau who was called Edom (red) when he ate Jacob's bowl of red stew, is a hidden prophecy for Jesus being judged as sinful mankind (Edom) when he ate our bowl of red sinful stew that we gave him, when he shed his blood on the cross and became red for our sins, Isa 63:1-6, Rom 5:10.</p> <p><i>2 Cor 5:21 For our sake (our sins, our bowl of red stew) he made him (Jesus) to be sin (Edom, sinful mankind judged on the cross) who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (clothed in the righteousness of the firstborn Son by faith).</i></p> <p>Jesus the firstborn Son of God endured the cross for our sins, for our bowl of red sinful stew that we gave him. And he despised the shame, the birthright of the Passover Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.</p> <p>(Esau ate Jacob's red stew and he despised his birthright) Heb 12:2, Mat 26:38-39, John 1:29</p>	<p>Rebekah prepared some delicious food for Isaac, and Jacob who was clothed with 2 goat skins on his hands and neck and smell like his older brother Esau, gave the food to his blinded father Isaac and deceived him so he could obtain the blessings of Esau, the firstborn son. Gen 27:1-29</p> <p>(2 goats were also used as a sacrificial offering by Israel on the Day of Atonement in order to have the nations sins forgiven by the Father in heaven so they could be blessed by God, Lev 16:7-10, 21-22)</p> <p>After Jacob deceitfully acquired Esau's birthright and blessings, he ran away in fear from his older brother and stayed with Rebekah's brother Laban, Gen 27:41-45.</p> <p>Just as Isaac was blinded to Jacob and blessed him because he felt like his firstborn son Esau, the Father in heaven will also be blinded to all of our sins and bless us since we are clothed in the righteousness of the firstborn Son Jesus, Col 1:15.</p> <p><i>Gal 3:27, For all of you who were baptized into Christ (and his death) have <u>clothed yourselves with Christ</u> (and his righteousness).</i></p> <p>And because the saints are clothed in the righteousness of Christ, they will receive the Fathers blessings of salvation, righteousness, peace, joy, and eternal life.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has <u>clothed me with the garments of salvation</u>; he has covered me with the <u>robe of righteousness</u>.</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 132:9 Let your priests be <u>clothed with righteousness</u>, and let <u>your saints shout for joy</u>.</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 89:27, 29 And I will make him (Jesus) <u>the firstborn</u>, the highest of the kings of the earth. (29) I will <u>establish his offspring forever</u> and his throne as the days of the heavens.</i></p> <p>Psalms 70:4, Psalms 133:1-3, John 17:3</p>	<p>Jacob worked 7 years for Laban to receive Rachel as his chosen bride but was tricked by him and instead was given Leah as his bride. Jacob worked another 7 years for Rachel and 6 more years for the flocks for a total of 20 years, Gen 31:38, 41.</p> <p>After 20 years of working for Laban, Jacob left with his family and flocks, Gen 31:1-3, 20-21. Jacob then sent messengers to Esau in Seir. Esau told the messengers that he was coming to meet Jacob after being separated from him for the past 20 years.</p> <p>Jesus has been working for almost 2,000 years to receive his two brides, Jews and Gentiles, the Shepherds flock of 100 sheep, Mat 18:12-14.</p> <p>This is <u>prophetic speculation</u>, Rachel gave birth to Joseph (a type for Jesus) and Benjamin (a picture of the redeemed in end-time Israel). Jesus came first for his chosen bride Israel (Rachel, young lamb, beautiful), but instead was given a Gentile bride (Leah, cow, weak eyed, Rev 3:18).</p> <p>Josephs 7 years of harvest might represent the completion of a 7 year end-time harvest for the Gentile bride (Leah) Rev 14:14-16. And after the 7 years of tribulation (famine) are completed is when the nation of Israel (Rachel) will finally become Jesus bride through faith. Rom11:25-26</p>	<p>Jacob camped alone the night before he was to meet Esau, and that evening he wrestled with a man (Jesus) until morning and would not let go until he received a blessing from him. The man told Jacob he would now be called Israel, for he has striven with God and with men and has prevailed, Gen 32:24-30.</p> <p>Jacob then left to meet Esau, and after 20 years of separation he was still in fear of meeting his older brother. And when Jacob drew close to him, he humbly bowed down to Esau 7 times. Then Esau ran towards Jacob who had taken his birthright and blessings and hugged his his neck and kissed him. And Jacob said to Esau, “seeing your face is like <u>seeing the face of God.</u>” Gen 33:1-10.</p> <p>The nation of Israel (Jacob) will struggle with Jesus (the man at the camp) through the dark night of the tribulation. And those who hang on to Jesus until the morning light of God's salvation and will not let go will be <u>called Israel of God</u>, Gal 6:15-16. And the children of the free woman, Gal, 4:22-31. For they have striven with God and with men and have prevailed, Gen 32:28.</p> <p>Israel has been running in fear from Jesus for almost 2,000 years just as Jacob ran in fear of Esau for 20 years. But at the end of the tribulation the nation of God's chosen people will see the Lord coming towards them. And Israel will humble themselves and bow down to Jesus after 7 years of tribulation and say, “<u>blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,</u>” (Jacob said to Esau, “seeing your face is like seeing the face of God.”) Mat 23:37-39.</p> <p>After Israel has humbly bowed down Jesus will then show his deep love and affection for Israel, and he will weep and hug his younger brothers who have obtained his birthright and blessings, Gen 33:4. And Israel will weep bitterly as for a firstborn Son (of God), Zec 12:8-10.</p> <p>Jacob who bowed down 7 times to his older brother and then was hugged by Esau is a prophetic picture for Israel who will humble themselves and bow down to Jesus at the end of the 7 years of tribulation. And the Lord will show his great love and salvation for his brothers, Israel.</p>

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The Cross and the Resurrection Jesus ministry to Israel was approximately 4,000 years from the time of Adam	A 2,000 year gospel age Jesus is not seen for 2 days	The 7 years of tribulation Jesus and his disciples are invited to a wedding feast on the 3 rd day
<p>1st day, John 1:23, 2nd day, John 1:29, 3rd day, John 1:35, 4th day, John 1:43, Jesus found Phillip and said to him, “Follow me.”</p> <p>There are 4 days mentioned in John 1 that appear to represent 4,000 years from the time of Adam when Jesus revealed the New Covenant to Israel. On the first day John the Baptist said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' John 1:23. The second day John says, “behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,” John 1:29. The third day John says, “behold the lamb,” John 1:35. And on the fourth day Jesus found Phillip and said to him, “Follow me,” John 1:43.</p>	<p>Jesus is not seen for next two days, 2 Peter 3:8, a day is a thousand years.</p> <p>The wise virgins have been faithfully following Jesus with their lamps burning for almost 2,000 years as they eagerly await for the Bridegroom to return at any moment when he will take them to the wedding banquet, Mat 5:14-16.</p>	<p>On the 3rd day Jesus and his disciples are invited to a wedding banquet, John 2:1-2.</p> <p>During the tribulation in the beginning of the 3rd millennium (on the 3rd prophetic day) from the resurrection, Jesus and his wise virgins will suddenly appear at a wedding banquet, Mat 25:10.</p>

Isaac marries Rebekah at 40 and gives birth to Jacob at 60

At the age of 40 Isaac marries Rebekah	Isaac is childless for 20 years	Jacob is born to Isaac at 60 years of age
<p>Isaac married Rebekah at 40 (Gen 25:20) and was comforted after the death of his mother, Gen 24:67.</p> <p>Isaac's marriage to Rebekah at 40 is prophetic of 4,000 years from Adam when Jesus was betrothed to his disciples through a new covenant. And Jesus was comforted after the death of his mother, old covenant Israel.</p> <p>The majority of old covenant Israel (the mother of Jesus) died because they rejected Jesus as their Savior and instead tried to justify themselves by obeying the law and establishing their own self-righteousness and depending on the old and bitter wine of daily animal blood sacrifices that were meant to be a temporary covering for their sins and a daily reminder of their unrighteousness before God.</p> <p>The wedding banquet story in John 2:3-10, is a veiled picture that the old wine of animal blood sacrifices for old covenant Israel was coming to an end because Jesus hour was near when he would pour out the new wine of a new and better covenant for Israel through his shed blood on the cross.</p>	<p>20 years pass by and Isaac does not yet have his son.</p> <p>It has been almost 2,000 years since Jesus was betrothed to his disciples and he is looking forward to the birth of his son, the nation of Israel that will be born-again by faith in Jesus through a new covenant.</p>	<p>Jacob is born when Isaac is 60, Gen 25:26.</p> <p>Jacob who was born to Isaac at 60 is a picture for those in Israel at 6000 years from Adam who will wrestle with God and not let go through the birth pangs and darkness of the tribulation and be born-again and called the “children of promise,” Rom 9:6-8.</p> <p>Jacob struggling with Esau in their mothers womb appears to be prophetic for Israel struggling with Jesus during the birth pangs of tribulation when a remnant of the nation will be born-again, Gen 25:21-26, Jer 30:6, Mic 4:10.</p>

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<p><i>John 2:3-4 When the (old) wine (of continual animal blood sacrifices for sin) ran out, the mother of Jesus (Old Covenant Israel) said to him, "They have no wine." (4) And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come (to pour out the new wine of a New Covenant in my blood for all sin)."</i></p> <p><i>John 2:9-11 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom (10) and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine (of the New Covenant for Israel) until now." (11) This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.</i></p> <p>One important prophetic aspect hidden in the wedding feast story reveals the old and bitter wine of animal blood sacrifices that was served first to old covenant Israel was coming to an end (Jesus mother said, “they have no wine”).</p> <p>This was due to the fact Jesus said, “my hour has not yet come” but was near, when he would pour out the new wine of a new and better covenant for Israel by shedding his blood on the cross one time, for all sin, so Jesus could marry his bride, his disciples who had faith and believed in their Bridegroom, John 2:11.</p> <p>When the master of the feast said Jesus has kept the good wine (of the new covenant for Israel) until now, it revealed the old and bitter wine of animal blood sacrifices that was served first to old covenant Israel had come to an end, John 2:10.</p>	<p><i>Genesis 25:21-26 And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. (22) The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. (23) And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." (24) When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. (25) The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. (26) Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.</i></p> <p>In Gen 25:22, it says Esau and Jacob struggled together in the womb of their mother. This prophetic detail speaks of the nation of self-righteous Old Covenant Israel (Jacob), struggling with Jesus (Esau) and his New Covenant nation of grace and forgiveness almost 2,000 years ago, Luke 4:24-30, Mat 26:2-4. And this struggle between self-righteous Israel and Jesus will happen once again during the birth pangs of the tribulation, Gen 32:24-30.</p> <p>Esau who came out of the womb first who was red and hairy, is a picture of Jesus, the Passover Lamb of God who shed his blood for Israel's sins and was the first to be resurrected, the firstborn from the dead, Col 1:18.</p> <p><i>Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.</i></p> <p>Jacob who came out of the womb second and was born grasping Esau's heel, represents the disciples who believed Jesus bruised his heel on the cross for their sins (Gen 3:15) and were born-again out of the womb of this dark and sinful world and into God's Kingdom of righteousness and eternal life.</p> <p><i>Colossians 1:13-15 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.</i></p> <p>And self-righteous Old Covenant Israel (Jacob) will once again struggle with Jesus (Esau) and his New Covenant for a second time in the womb of this world during the birth pangs of the tribulation (Jer 30:4-7), when one third of Israel (Zec 13:8-9) will grab on to Jesus bruised heel by faith and be forgiven of their sins and born-again into God's eternal Kingdom.</p> <p>And the Gentiles who believe Jesus is the Lamb of God who bruised his heel on the cross for their sins will also be born-again into God's Kingdom of righteousness.</p> <p>However for those who do not trust in Jesus as their Savior, will die in their sins in the womb of this world, like the stillborn child. And the unbelievers of this world (the stillborn child) will never be born-again to see the light of the Son in heaven and enjoy God's blessings of eternal life, Psalm 58:1-11.</p> <p>Psalm 58:8 Let them (the wicked) be like the snail that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who (dies in their sin in the womb of this world and) never sees the sun (the Son of God in heaven).</p>