

# God's Plan for the Ages Series

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FOR THE **AGES**  
**DISPENSATIONS**

**DID NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS MISUSE  
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE?**

# **Hermeneutics**

**How the New Testament (NT) quotes the  
Old Testament (OT)**

# ***Midrash***

***Midrash/Pesher* is a principle in Rabbinic hermeneutics that often seems to go against the plain meaning of the text, which seems to contradict the historical/grammatical interpretation of a text**

***Midrash* “corresponds to the English word ‘exegetis.’ ” .... Rabbi Jacob Neusner**

***Pesher* – An interpretation or explanation of a verse of Scripture, in which a given statement (e.g., of a prophet) is identified with an event or personality in the present time.**

**Second Temple Judaism identified four meanings of Scripture indicated by the word *pardes*.**

- 1. *Pshat* – the simple or literal meaning.**
- 2. *Remez* – suggestion or hint.**
- 3. *Drash* – exposition or investigation which drew conclusions that were applied to a new situation.**
- 4. *Sod* – secret or mystery. A general category.**

**Direct Fulfillment: Literal prediction and literal direct fulfillment.**

**Typical Fulfillment: A literal, historical event applied typologically.**

**Applicational Fulfillment: An historical event is used to draw out an application with reference to a future event.**

**Summary Fulfillment: No actual event is prophesied, but the fulfillment represents a summation of OT prophecies.**

# **1. *Pshat* – Literal Prophecy and Literal Fulfillment.**

**Matt. 2:5, “And they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,**

**Matt. 2:6, “ ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler, Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”**

# **1. Literal Prophecy and Literal Fulfillment.**

## **Quote from Micah 5:2**

**Mic. 5:2 (5:1), “But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from ancient days.”**

**Isa. 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: behold, the young woman [הַעַלְמָה, *haalimah*, ἡ παρθένος, *parthenos*] shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”**

**Matt. 1:23, “ ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ”**

**Isa. 11:1, “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”**

**Acts 13:22, “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’**

**Acts 13:23, “From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—”**

**Isa. 28:16, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.’”**

**Psa. 118:22, “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.”**

**Matt. 21:42, “Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes”?’ ”**

**Isa. 40:3, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

**Isa. 40:4, “ ‘Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;**

**Isa. 40:5, “ ‘The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’ ”**

**Luke 3:4, “as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: **‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.**”**

**Luke 3:5, “ ‘ “Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth;**

**Luke 3:6, “ ‘ “And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’ ”**

**Isa. 50:6, “I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.”**

**Matt. 26:67, “Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,”**

**Matt. 27:26, “Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.”**

**2. Remez – Literal plus Typical; that is literal prophecy with an application related to typology.**

**Matt. 2:15, “and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, ‘Out of Egypt did I call My Son.’ ”**

**Quoting Hosea 11:1, “When Israel was a youth I loved him,  
And out of Egypt I called My son.”**

# Typology

**A correspondence or similarity between an Old Testament person, thing, or event which pictures a New Testament person, doctrine or event, usually related to either the Person or the Work of the Messiah.**

**John 3:14, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,”**

**Num. 21:9, “So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.”**

**The Passover lamb (Ex. 12:1–13, 49) is a type of Christ (1 Cor. 5:7). The rock from which Israel drank in the wilderness (Ex. 17:6) prefigures Christ (1 Cor. 10:3, 4).**

**Num. 23:22, “God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox.**

**Num. 23:23, “For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, ‘Oh, what God has done!’**

**Num. 23:24, “Look, a people rises like a lioness, and lifts itself up like a lion; It shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain.”**

**Num. 24:7, “He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters. His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.**

**Num. 24:8, “God brings him out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox; He shall consume the nations, his enemies; He shall break their bones and pierce them with his arrows.**

**Num. 24:9, “He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.”**

**Hosea 11:1, “When Israel was a youth I loved him,  
And out of Egypt I called My son.”**

**Ex. 4:22, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh,  
‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son,  
My firstborn.” ’ ”**

**Num. 23:21,**

**“He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,  
Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel.**

**The LORD his God is with him,**

**And the shout of a King is among them”**

**[KJV, but BHS has 3<sup>rd</sup> sg, “him”]**

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**Num. 24:5, “How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel!**

**Num. 24:6, “Like valleys that stretch out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters.**

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# The Typology of the Balaam Oracles

*Israel's past experience prefigures the King's future experience*

## Israel

*Numbers 23:18–24*

- God brings **them** out of Egypt
- God is for **them** like the horns of an ox
- **Israel** is like a lion

## King

*Numbers 24:7–9*

- God brings **HIM** out of Egypt
- God is for **HIM** like the horns of an ox
- The **KING** is like a lion

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