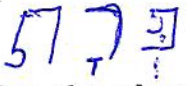


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Elite 48

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1  p^erāth, which ordinarily stands
2 for the river Euphrates, might here designate a
3 place not far from Jerusalem. In support of
4 this idea they point out that in nearly all the
5 instances where the term occurs in the OT it is
6 used with the word "river" (including three
7 instances in the book of Jer itself), but not in
8 these four usages (Jer 13:4-7). To interpret
9 these symbolic actions as simply visions is to
10 destroy their effectiveness for conveying a
11 message and to add nothing to their purpose so
12 far as the prophets themselves are concerned.
13 As noted above there are occasions mentioned in
14 the OT where God gave the prophet a vision which
15 he might describe to others, but the driving
16 home of messages through symbolic actions is in
17 an entirely different category and the two
18 should not be confused.

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19 Symbolic actions occur less frequently in the
20 NT. One instance is the Lord's command to the
21 disciples that when they were not received in a
22 city they should shake off its dust from their
23 feet. Another is His action in washing the
24 disciples' feet. The use of bread and wine in
25 the institution of the Lord's supper constitutes

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