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### Types

The word type does not occur in the <sup>K</sup>JV of the Bible. The Greek word from which it is derived is used for forms and representations of various kinds.

Some centuries after the time of Christ, the idea developed of taking stories and accounts in the OT as allegorical pictures of some spiritual reality that would be described in the NT. These came to be called types. It is questionable whether a special designation of this sort was desirable or necessary.

It is always permissible to take == use any story as an illustration of a truth. Ordinarily however this should not be thought to be the real purpose of the story, particularly if the story purports to be a true record of fact. We can draw illustrations from stories. We can use them for analogies, but we must gather ~~our~~ our truths from specific direct teaching.

In the days before the great truths about redemption through Christ had been fully explained, God chose to enable people to look forward as through a glass darkly, and ~~to~~ to see certain prefigurations of these truths. He specifically provided various things in the tabernacle, various sorts of sacrifice and <sup>various festivals</sup> other devices as means of driving home spiritual truths to people's hearts or prefiguring important aspects of His plan of salvation. Thus when the Israelites were being bit by poisonous serpents in the wilderness, instead of simply <sup>healing or protecting</sup> taming them, God chose to order Moses to put up a <sup>brazen</sup> serpent on <sup>a pole and the</sup> ~~the~~ pole and the people were told that anyone who was bit who would look to the serpent would live. This was to present to their minds the necessity of looking away from the poison and injury that they had brought upon themselves by their sin, and to look to