

3. The Biblical Laws of Types and Shadows

Topology, which is the phenomenon where the characters and events of the Old Testament are seen to be perfect *types*, *models*, or *patterns* of New Testament truths, especially as fulfilled in the Person and work of Jesus Christ, is another evidence of unity, and continuity, in Scripture.

In speaking of the Old and New Testament, someone has stated,

*The New is in the Old concealed
The Old is in the New revealed
The New is in the Old contained
The Old is in the New explained*

This phenomenon is similar to that of fulfilled prophecy except that, while prophecies are clearly stated and defined as such, a type, on the other hand, is recognized to have prophetic implications only after its anti-type, or prototype, *has been revealed*, however, once the latter has appeared, then the remarkable analogy with its Old Testament "*model*" throws a thrilling light upon that model and provides a striking evidence of Divine foresight and planning.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:11, "*Now all these things* [that is, the things which happened in the Old Testament] *happened unto them for examples* [or, types]; *and they are written for our admonition,, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*" And, in Romans 15:4, he states again, "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime* [that is, in the Old Testament Scriptures] *were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*"

These Old Testament types of New Testament truths add still further to our list of Christian evidences, and, the unity of doctrine, and the analogies of detail, which they exhibit between the Old and New Testaments. And, they can only be rightly explained in terms of a single Author for the whole Bible, namely God Almighty!

<p>Since these types are too numerous to discuss here, study on Topology for a more thorough exposition of this subject.</p>
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