

Quarter Two: Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy

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Lesson 9—In the Psalms: Part 2

Tuesday: Under His Feet

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- **Last Week:** “In the Psalms: Part 1”
 - Comparison of themes from Psalms and Revelation: the sanctuary, the redeemed, transformation of God’s people & sharing the gospel with others
- **This Week:** “In the Psalms: Part 2”
 - Comparison of themes in Psalms and Revelation: sin / suffering, battle between good & evil, nature of justice and injustice, God’s ultimate victory

Memory Text: “Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Selah” (Ps 67:3, 4, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** A Very Present Help in the Time of Trouble (John D)
 - Ps 46 – contrast between world of sin & God’s promise of something better (heaven)
- 2. **Monday:** Hope Amid Turmoil (Daniel)
 - Jer 4 & Dan 7 – chaos in this world, yet God is still in control & will ultimately come again
- 3. **Tuesday:** Under His Feet (Jill)
 - Ps 47; other Scriptures – Christ’s sovereignty over the world; “feet” symbolizing ownership
- 4. **Wednesday:** Wine and Blood (James)
 - Ps 75 & Rev – disintegration of society, yet the hope we have in Christ
- 5. **Thursday:** That Your Salvation May Be Known (SQ)
 - Ps 67 – receiving His light & reflecting (sharing) that light with others

Tuesday: Under His Feet

Ps 47:1 – 4; Job 1:7; Gen 13:17; 1 Thess 4:13 – 17; Zech 14:4, 5, 9

- Biblical study on feet
 - *foot fetish vs don’t show my feet
 - Importance of feet in God’s Word – deeper meaning

7 takeaways of the role of feet in the Word of God

- 1. **Feet indicate ownership**
 - Abraham owned the land he walked in
 - Gen 13:16, 17 – “And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could

be numbered. (17) Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

- The land he walked in, God gave to him
- The Israelites owned the land they walked in
 - Deut 11:24 – “Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory.”
 - They land they walked in, they owned
 - Israelites marched around Jericho: owned all the land inside that
- Satan claimed ownership over the land he walked in
 - Job 1:6, 7 – “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. (7) And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’”
 - Adam & Eve were given dominion / ownership of this earth in the garden
 - Gen 1:28 – “...fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over...”
 - That dominion was given over to Satan, when they sinned
 - Gen 3
 - John 14:30 – “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”
 - John 12:31 – “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”
 - When Jesus was crucified, He wrested that control from Satan
 - Given back to Jesus, the rightful Owner / Ruler of this world
 - Did Satan “own” the land he walked in?
 - No – ownership was also connected with obedience
- **2. Feet are connected with obedience**
 - Israelites walked the land **and** obeyed the Lord
 - Josh 14:9 – “So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children’s forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’”
 - Land belonged to the Israelites –
 - Not just because they had walked in it (feet indicate ownership)
 - But because they had followed God (obeyed Him)
 - Why Satan didn’t truly “own” the world
 - He didn’t obey God
 - Direction of feet indicates obedience
 - Ps 119:59 – “I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies.”
 - Feet turned toward God’s law / His Word indicates obedience

- Prov 4:27 – “Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.”
 - Feet can turn toward God or away from Him
 - Toward God or toward evil
 - Our feet (our paths) can influence others
 - Heb 12:13 – “And make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”
 - *Others watch us: our behavior, actions, life
 - When we walk straight (in obedience), others can follow or be encouraged to follow
- **3. God is sovereign over our feet**
 - God puts limits or controls over our sin
 - Job 13:27 – “You put my feet in the stocks, and watch closely all my paths. You set a limit for the soles of my feet.”
 - *God is sovereign: “thus far, and no farther”
 - Sometimes, we think God is not watching over this world
 - Without God’s restraining hand, evil would have no restraint
 - Imagine a world with no goodness, no kindness, no love
 - Only evil, corruption, sin
- **4. Feet indicate devotion, worship, praise, & supplication**
 - Mary sat at Jesus’ feet in devotion
 - Luke 10:38, 39 – “Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. (39) And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.”
 - At Bethany, friends of Jesus
 - Mary sat at Jesus’ feet in devotion
 - John fell at Jesus’ feet in worship
 - Revelation 1:17 – “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.’”
 - When John saw Jesus, he fell at His feet in worship
 - The Samaritan fell at Jesus’ feet in praise
 - Luke 17:15, 16 – “And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice, glorified God, (16) and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.”
 - When the Samaritan saw Jesus, he fell at His feet in praise
 - Jairus fell at Jesus’ feet in supplication
 - Luke 8:41, 42 – “And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus’ feet and begged Him to come to his house”
 - Jairus fell at Jesus’ feet in earnest entreaty

- **5. Feet indicate strength in Jesus**

- God strengthens us to overcome
 - Hab 3:19 – “The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.”
 - He strengthens my feet
 - He enables me to walk / run
 - He enables me to overcome
 - 2 Sam 22:32 – 35 – “For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? (33) God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect. (34) He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places, (35) He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.”
 - God has all strength & power
 - He perfects me & my way
 - He enables me to run
 - He strengthens me to fight

- **6. Feet indicate the proclamation of the gospel**

- Feet are tireless in spreading the gospel
 - Isa 52:7 – “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation. Who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”
 - Feet are beautiful that proclaim the gospel
 - Eph 6:15 – “and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”
 - Armor of God – feet symbolic of proclaiming the gospel

- **7. Feet indicate ownership (where we started)**

- Satan wrested ownership / control of this world
 - From Adam & Eve (from Christ)
 - Christ purchased it back on the cross
- Christ’s victory enables us to stand victorious
 - Ps 47:1 – 3 – “Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! (2) For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. (3) He will subdue the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.”
 - God is victorious – His kingdom will rule forever
 - God subdues Satan & our enemies & enables us to be victorious
 - Ancient kings would trample their defeated enemies underfoot
 - God’s people can do that because He is victorious
 - Rom 16:20 – “And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.”
 - God will be victorious
 - Because He is victorious, we can be victorious, too

- Christ will be victorious at last
 - Zech 14:4, 9 – “And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.... (9) And the Lord shall be King over all the earth, in that day it shall be—‘The Lord is one,’ And His name one.”
 - After the 1,000 years in Heaven, Christ & His holy city (the New Jerusalem) descend on the Mount of Olives
 - It splits in two, and the city rests there
 - Christ is victorious over all: King of kings and Lord of lords

The role of feet in the Word of God

- 1. Feet indicate ownership
- 2. Feet are connected with obedience
- 3. God is sovereign over our feet
- 4. Feet indicate devotion, worship, praise & supplication
- 5. Feet indicate strength in Jesus
- 6. Feet indicate the proclamation of the gospel
- 7. Feet indicate ownership

*Feet also indicate humility