

## Symbolic Language by Ron McGatlin

The following are a few possible examples of symbolic language to consider.

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**Mountains**-Great structures of authority; may be godly or ungodly.

**Hills**-Structures of authority as mountains; except lesser.

**Fields**-Lower structures of authority, but still firmament. Usually indicate those saved, as opposed to the sea of lost. As such, they are the fruitful, production areas where grain, fruit trees, etc., are grown.

**Valleys**-Lower structures than fields, often fertile and well watered by neighboring mountains. May also indicate a very low period -- a time of difficulty and hard decisions.

**Sea**-No structure at all, fluid, blown about, sometimes roaring, unsaved masses of people.

**Trees**-Natural structures of life; individual men and their life structures, ranging from great men or rulers as great cedars, strong and stable men as mighty oaks, olive and fig trees as prophets or ministers, fruit trees

**Vines** as fruitful Christians; likewise insignificant **bramble bushes, thorns and briars** are the ungodly.

**City**-A corporate structure of life; a spiritual community for the protection and well-being of its citizens, governed by spiritual laws, ruled by spiritual powers, which determine the personality of the city and the quality of life within the city. A city is structured by **patterns** of life. A **great city** is a capital or ruling city, whose patterns reach out beyond its city walls or limits to govern a greater area.

**Israel**-The overall church, including its ruling city, its many different cities, and wilderness areas.

**New Jerusalem**-The purified, holy, renewed ruling city of God; the remnant Bride Church, the Bride of Christ without spot or wrinkle.

**Babylon**-The ruling city of the kingdom of darkness; the great soulless system of man characterized by covetousness, immorality, and sorcery; the mother system of harlots and adulterers.

**Bride and Wife**-The obedient, perfected, faithful and true, ruling city portion of the church where reproduction takes place and mature sons are brought to glory. She is God-seeking and God-serving.

**Harlot**-The unfaithful, rebellious mistress (person or church) who sells her purity to fulfill her own desires and meet her needs; she does not seek the true God, but is self-seeking and self-serving.

**Adulteress**-The unfaithful part of the church who has a Husband and pretends obedience to Him, but has other lovers. She seeks to fulfill her desires and meet her needs from sources other than her Husband. She has a divided heart, and her desire is both self-seeking and God-seeking, self-serving and God-serving.

**Assyrians, Philistines, Canaanites, etc.**-Evil, enemy spiritual forces, demons.

**Dragon, Serpent, Roaring Lion, Wild Beast, Fowls of the Air, Adverse Wind, Storms, etc.**-Satan and/or demon spirits.

**Seed**-A living pattern, word, thought, idea, vision; also the offspring made from the pattern. A word or vision from God is a **good seed**. A **bad seed** would be the same, but from the enemy.

**Soil, Land**-The heart of man; the spiritual/natural interface through which seeds from the spiritual realm are planted in the fertile creativity of the heart to be brought forth into the natural realm.

Holy Spirit may be represented in His different aspects or facets as, Oil, Water, Wine, Strong Drink, Light, Rain, etc.

**Oil**-Comfort, healing, joy, anointing.

**Water**-Cleansing, washing, or life-giving Word or Holy Spirit.

**Wine**-Revelation from God, a “rhema” word from God, unveiled truths of God’s Word by the Holy Spirit.

**Old Wine**-Revelation from the past; usually a taste has been acquired for it. It is smooth and comfortable to the taste and can put one to sleep.

**New Wine**-New revelation from God. It is fresh and exciting, but may be very different to the taste and cause discomfort for those who have not yet acquired a taste for the new. It can be intoxicating if we take too much of it by itself. One must continue to feed on the bread and the meat along with the new wine.

**Strong Drink**-A hard word such as, correction, rebuke, or warning, etc. by the Holy Spirit.

**Light**-Understanding; discernment; life giving, growth-stimulating word or revelation by the Holy Spirit.

**Rain**-Outpouring of grace gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**Rivers**-Continuous flow of spiritual life; flow of Holy Spirit.

**Wineskins**-The container, or framework, of the inner organized filing system for the revelation of God.

**Cloth**-A woven network of understanding of life, which may contain intricate patterns of design, each thread fitting together to make the whole.

**Flood**-A great outpouring of damaging words.

**Jewels**-Perfected sons or daughters of God.

**Fire**-Intense adversity for purification or judgment; judgmental or critical words.

**Stars**-Spiritual persons; men of God.

**Heat**-Correction or judgment; the heat of the sun, particularly, is intense light that brings correction from God the Father.

**Angels**-Sometimes symbolizes men of God sent to the church, ministers, messengers, preachers of the message from God.

**Trumpets**-Sometimes are the voices of the prophets speaking forth the message of God, calling an assembly, focusing attention, and especially blasting forth the judgments of God.

**Grain and Grain Fields**-Production, particularly annual or periodical production.

**Green Grass**-Production of the fields, including grain.

**Birds**-Spirits, either godly or evil.

**Crowns**-Authority to rule.

**Temple**-A permanent dwelling place of God, the eternal heart of man where God dwells.

**Tabernacle**-A temporary dwelling place of God.