

Doctrinal Studies
Shield
(Genesis 15:1)

- I. Shield in the Bible is a defensive armor
 - A. Used to protect the soldier from swords, spears, darts, arrows or daggers.
 - B. In some cases it was heavy to get behind
 - C. The expression "How many shields do you have?" came to mean "How many soldiers do you have?"
 - D. II Chron 17:17, 14:8, 25:5 –shields were just a part of the regular army.
 - E. The shield was defensive equipment than later became a designation for a professional soldier.
 - F. The letter GI first meant Government Issue, meaning the issuing of necessary equipment. Later it came to mean a soldier.
- II. The shield was used for Divine Deliverance. II Sam 22:35-36 "He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great"
- III. The Shield was used to prevent military disaster. II Sam 1:21 "...for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil" A picture of defeat!
- IV. A gold shield was used to memorialize a victory as depicted in I Kings 10:16,17 "... and he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went to one shield..."
- V. The shield was used as a picture of God's protection against invasion. Deut 33:28,29 "Israel then shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wind; also His heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency..." Psalm 3:3 "But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory; and the lifter up of mine head"
- VI. The shield is God in Psa 35:1,2 and 115:9-11, Psa 35:2 "Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help" Psa 115:9 "O Israel, trust thou in the Lord, he is their help and their shield" Psa 115:10 "O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord, He is their help and their shield! Psa 115:11 "Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord, He is their help and their shield"
- VII. The shield is used to represent TRUST and confidence in the Lord. Eph 6:16 "and above all, taking the shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."
- VIII. The shield is used to represent the Word of God in the soul of the Believer in Psa 91:4-5 "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day..."