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to the provision that God would make. Jesus Christ referred to this when He said: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Thus God specifically and definitely caused certain things to be done, certain ceremonies to be carried out as types or means of driving spiritual truth home to people's hearts. The type did not teach the truth. The truth was learned from specific statements, but the type illustrated the truth and drove it home.

During the Middle Ages this idea of types was carried to an absurd extreme. Much of the OT was allegorized, and its actual factual meaning was treated as of practically no importance. One of the great achievements of the Reformation was the stress on the historical grammatical interpretation of the Scriptures and on taking things in a sensible way and seeing what was really said in the Bible.

The question of types hardly enters into the book of Daniel. There is however one place where the term has been used a good deal, and ~~in the writers opinion completely misused a good deal and in the writer's~~ opinion completely misused. It seems to the writer rather absurd to say that when a future event is predicted it is to be taken not merely as a picture of itself, but also as a type of another future event. See the discussion already made under double fulfillment. Many commentaries say that the account of Antiochus Epiphanes in Daniel 8 is a type of Antichrist who is described in Daniel 7. This <sup>only</sup> brings confusion