

# BIBLE METAPHORS FOR THE LORD'S NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES

<p><b>CHRIST</b></p>	<p><b>HEAD</b>  <i>Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be <b>the head</b> over all things to the church, Ephesians 4:15 ...which is <b>the head, even Christ</b>: Col 1:18 And he is <b>the head</b> of the body, the church...</i></p>	<p><b>CHIEF CORNER STONE</b>  <i>Mark 12:10 And have ye not read this scripture; The <b>stone</b> which the builders rejected is become the <b>head of the corner</b>: Eph 2:20 ...Jesus Christ himself being the <b>chief corner stone</b>; 1 Peter 2:6-8 ...Behold, I lay in Sion a <b>chief corner stone</b>...</i></p>	<p><b>BRIDEGROOM</b>  <i>Rev 21:9 ...Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, <b>the Lamb's</b> wife. Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of <b>the Lamb</b> is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. John 3:29 He that hath the bride is the <b>bridegroom</b>...</i></p>
<p><b>CHURCHES</b></p>	<p><b>BODY</b>  <i>Romans 12:4-5 For as we have many members in one <b>body</b>... So we, being many, are one <b>body</b> in Christ... 1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the <b>body of Christ</b>...</i></p>	<p><b>BUILDING</b>  <i>1 Peter 2:5 ...a <b>spiritual house</b>... Eph 2:20-21 And are built upon the <b>foundation</b> of the apostles and prophets [Bible!]... the <b>building</b> fitly framed together groweth unto an <b>holy temple</b> in the Lord:</i></p>	<p><b>BRIDE</b>  <i>2 Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. Eph 5:25-33 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church...</i></p>
<p><b>CONSTITUENTS</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERS</b>  <i>Romans 12:4 For as we have many <b>members</b> in one body, and all <b>members</b> have not the same office: 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 For the body is not one <b>member</b>, but many... Now ye are the body of Christ, and <b>members</b> in particular.</i></p>	<p><b>LIVELY STONES</b>  <i>1 Pet 2:5 Ye also, as <b>lively stones</b>, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God... Hebrews 13:15-16 ... the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.</i></p>	<p><b>ADORNMENTS</b>  <i>Jeremiah 2:32 Can a maid forget her <b>ornaments</b>, or a <b>bride her attire</b>? Matt 22:12 ...Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a <b>wedding garment</b>? Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe...</i></p>
<p><b>CHARACTERISTICS</b></p>	<p><b>SERVICE</b>  <i>Hebrews 12:28 ...<b>serve</b> God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:</i></p>	<p><b>STRENGTH; SANCTUARY</b>  <i>1 Tim 3:15 ...the <b>house of God</b>, which is the church of the living God, the <b>pillar</b> and ground of the truth.</i></p>	<p><b>PURITY; POSSESSION</b>  <i>1 Peter 1:16 ...Be ye <b>holy</b>; for I am <b>holy</b>. Deuteronomy 4:24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.</i></p>
<p><b>CONSTRUCTION</b></p>	<p><b>FITLY JOINED</b>  <i>Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body <b>fitly joined</b> together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part...</i></p>	<p><b>FITLY FRAMED</b>  <i>Ephesians 2:21-22 In whom all the <b>building fitly framed</b> together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are <b>buildied together</b> for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Romans 8:9</i></p>	<p><b>FITLY ARRAYED</b>  <i>Rev 19:7-8 ...the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath <b>made herself ready</b>. And to her was granted that she should be <b>arrayed</b> in fine linen, clean and white... 2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.</i></p>
<p><b>COMMANDMENT</b></p>	<p><b>"GO YE"</b>  <i>Matt 28:18-20</i></p>	<p><b>"KNOW YE"</b>  <i>1 Cor 6:19-20</i></p>	<p><b>"COME YE"</b>  <i>Rev 4:1</i></p>



	LOCAL	VISIBLE	ORGANIZED	CONSTITUTED
<b>CHRISTIAN USAGE</b>				
<b>N.T. CHURCHES</b>	Acts 8:1; 13:1 14 cities or towns Acts 9:31; 15:41 Regions (plural)	II Corinthians 1:1,15-16; I Thessalonians 3:10	I Corinthians 14:40; Colossians 2:5; Titus 1:5; Ephesians 1:22.	Acts 2:41,47.
<b>BODY</b>	Here in this room	✓	Psalms 139:14-16.	Flesh, bone, blood
<b>BUILDING</b>	Has a postal address	✓	Blueprints, specifications.	Lumber, brick, etc.
<b>BRIDE</b>	Ruth 4:13	Isaiah 61:10.	Revelation 21:2 prepared	✓
<b>FLOCK</b>	Genesis 37:12-14.	Genesis 29:10	A shepherd	John 10:26-27.
<b>NON-CHRISTIAN BIBLICAL USAGE</b>				
<b>"CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS" Acts 7:38</b>	Numbers 12:16; Numbers 21:10-20. Various locations	Numbers 22:41.	Numbers 2:2,34; Numbers 10:14-28.	Numbers 1:1-2; Numbers 11:4.
<b>EPHESUS ASSEMBLY Acts 19:39</b>	Acts 19:29 <sup>e</sup> Theater	Great crowd Acts 19:33	Lawful assembly Town clerk	This assembly was distinct from the city, the companions of Paul, the crowd, the craftsmen, and the deputies. They were citizens.
<b>EVERYDAY LIFE USAGE</b>				
<b>CONGRESS</b>	House/Senate	Roll Call	Rules of order	Elected senators & representatives.
<b>AUTOMOBILE</b>	Driveway	Yes	Assembly line	Steel, rubber, etc.
<b>SPECTATORS</b>	Stadium	Yes	Seating	Ticket holders.