

# SIGNS FOR ISRAEL

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<b>WATER INTO WINE</b>	<i>Mark 26:29 John 2:1-11 Rev. 19:7-9</i>	Israel was in a state of hopelessness. Through Christ there would be an abundance of blessings and joy, to be fully realized in the marriage supper of the Lamb.	<b>WATER FROM THE ROCK</b>	<i>Exo. 17:1-17; Num. 20:1-13 John 4:10; 1 Cor. 10:4; Rev. 21:6; Rev. 22:1, 17</i>	God provided for Israel's physical needs and spiritual needs. The rock represented Christ, from whom flowed the water of life.
<b>THE NOBLEMAN'S SON</b>	<i>John 4:46-50</i>	Israel's sickness was "at the point of death". Only Christ could provide the way of life.	<b>PLAGUES STAYED BY RIGHTEOUS ACTS</b>	<i>Num. 16:45-50 Num. 25:6-13</i>	Korah and his company had met their death. The whole congregation was at the point of death. Aaron "stood between the dead and the living". His role as intercessor pointed forward to Christ, as did also the work of Phinehas.
<b>THE IMPOTENT MAN</b>	<i>Isa. 35:3-6 Luke 6:5, 9 John 5:1-47</i>	Israel was impotent due to lack of faith and understanding. Healing was impossible without Christ. He chose to "do good" on the sabbath day - "My father worketh hitherto and I work".	<b>TABERNACLE WORSHIP - ESPECIALLY THE DAY OF ATONEMENT</b>	<i>Exo. 25-31 Lev. 16 Lev. 23:26-32</i>	The way of healing and reconciliation was initiated by God Himself. On the Day of Atonement man had to cease from his own work so that he could witness the elaborate ceremony conducted by the High Priest. On this day, the High Priest worked harder than on any other day.
<b>FEEDING OF THE 5000</b>	<i>John 6:1-14</i>	"I am that bread of life....he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever"	<b>MANNA, FLESH</b>	<i>Exo. 16:4-22 Num. 11:4-33 Deut. 8:3 John 6:26-58</i>	"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord".
<b>WALKING ON THE WATER</b>	<i>John 6:15-21</i>	A sign of authority and power over the elements.	<b>AARON'S ROD THAT BUDDED</b>	<i>Num. 17</i>	A sign of authority - symbolic of resurrection.
<b>THE MAN BORN BLIND</b>	<i>Isa. 35:5 John 9:1-41 Rom. 11:25-36</i>	National blindness could only be healed by looking to Christ.	<b>LACK OF FAITH</b>	<i>Num. 11 Num. 13:26 -14:45 Deut. 1:22 Deut. 28:28-29</i>	There were many examples of spiritual blindness in the wilderness, such as frequent complaints, lack of trust in God, and fear of 'giants' in the Land.
<b>RAISING OF LAZARUS</b>	<i>John 11:1-44</i>	"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live".	<b>THE BRAZEN SERPENT</b>	<i>Num. 21:4-9 John 3:14-16</i>	"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up". The only hope of salvation is in Christ.
<b>MULTITUDE OF FISHES</b>	<i>John 21:3-11</i>	Bountiful provision of God. He gathers all His people and cares for them. Prophetic of gathering into the Kingdom.	<b>CLOTHING NOT WORN OUT. VAST INCREASE IN NUMBERS</b>	<i>Deut. 8:4-10 Deut. 29:5 Neh. 9:19-25</i>	God was with His people, continually providing for their needs. The people "multiplied as the stars of heaven", and were given the Land promised to their fathers.