

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. In [2 Chronicles 17:17](#), [14:8](#); [25:5](#), shields were just a part of the regular army.
 - E. The shield was defensive equipment, and then later became a designation for a professional soldier.
 - F. The letters 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. [2 Samuel 22:35-36](#), *“He teacheth my hands to war so that a bow of steel is broken in 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. [2 Samuel 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 [1 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 of mine head.”*
- VI. The shield is God in [Psalm 35:1, 2](#) and [115:9-11](#), [Psalm 35:2](#), *“Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand for mine help.”*
[Psalm 115:9](#), *“O Israel, trust thou in the Lord, his is their help and their shield.”* [Psalm 115:10](#), *“O house of Aaron, trust in the lord, He is their help and their shield!”* [Psalm 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 the Word of God in the soul of the believer in [Psalm 91:4-5](#), *“He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shall 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.....”*