**Sun 5pm April 20, 2025**

Jesus, the prophets and the apostles used figures of speech in their preaching and writing. Failure to understand can lead to misunderstanding, and seeming conflict in the Scriptures.

# Prolepsis

Pronunciation: *pro LEP sis*. “The Figure is so called when we **anticipate what is going to be done**, and **speak of future things as present**.” *Figures of Speech Used in the Bible*, Bullinger, p. 914. [boldmine]

Common examples: “If you tell the cops, **you are a dead man**.” You’re not now, but it’s a warning of what will be! “When did you meet your **wife**?” She wasn’t your wife when you met her. “I’m **out of here**!” This is an example of *prolepsis* by representing a potentiality as an accomplished fact.

The words/phrases used proleptically in the following are **bolded**. What indicates this figure is being used?

1. **Lk 2:11** “for today in the city of David there has been born for you **a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.” See **Rom 5:9,10**.
2. **Mk 15:2** “Pilate questioned Him, ‘**Are** You **the King** of the Jews?’ And He answered him, ‘**It is as you say**.’” NASB. See **Acts 2:30-35**.
3. **Dt 22:24**.“…he has violated his neighbor’s **wife**” Read **vv22-24**.
4. **Mt 1:24** “took Mary as his **wife**” NAS95; “took to him his **wife**” NKJV; See KJV, ASV, ESV. Were they now married—in the relationship of “husband” and “wife”? See **Lk 1:27; Mt 1:18; Lk 2:5**.

# Adjournment

Pronunciation: *uh JUHRN ment*. Also sometimes called, *ampliatio* (*AM plee AHT ee oh*). “A **retaining of an old Name after the reason for it has passed away**.” *Figures of Speech Used in the Bible*, Bullinger, p. 689.

Common examples: “Billy **the baker** is now a plumber.” He was a baker, but now has switched occupations. Of a high school friend now 70 years old, but played football when in high school, “There’s **our quarterback**!” “We’ll get the **card shark** to buy us a car!” (Not that he is now a card shark, or even plays cards, but rather that he was once known for slick dealing.)

The words/phrases used proleptically in the following are **bolded**. What indicates this figure is being used?

1. 2Sam 11:26 - “the **wife** of Uriah” (See **v17**; **12:10**)
2. **Jn 9:17** - “the **blind** man” (See **v7**)
3. **Jn 20:24** - “the **twelve**” (See **Mt 27:3-10**; **Acts 1:15-26**)
4. **1Co 7:11** - “her **husband**” (Note: according to the *text* (earlier in this verse), is she *married* or *“UNmarried”* to this man?)