

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.)

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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?)