

# Challenge

*Figures of Speech in the Bible  
can be Misinterpreted*

There are lots of different symbolic techniques used in languages to convey messages. Just a few are:

- Anaphora
- Metaphors
- Parables
- Synecdoche
- Onomatopoeia
- Hyperbole
- Allegory
- Emblem
- Alliteration
- Paradox
- Pun
- Simile
- Idiom
- Metonymy
- Symbols

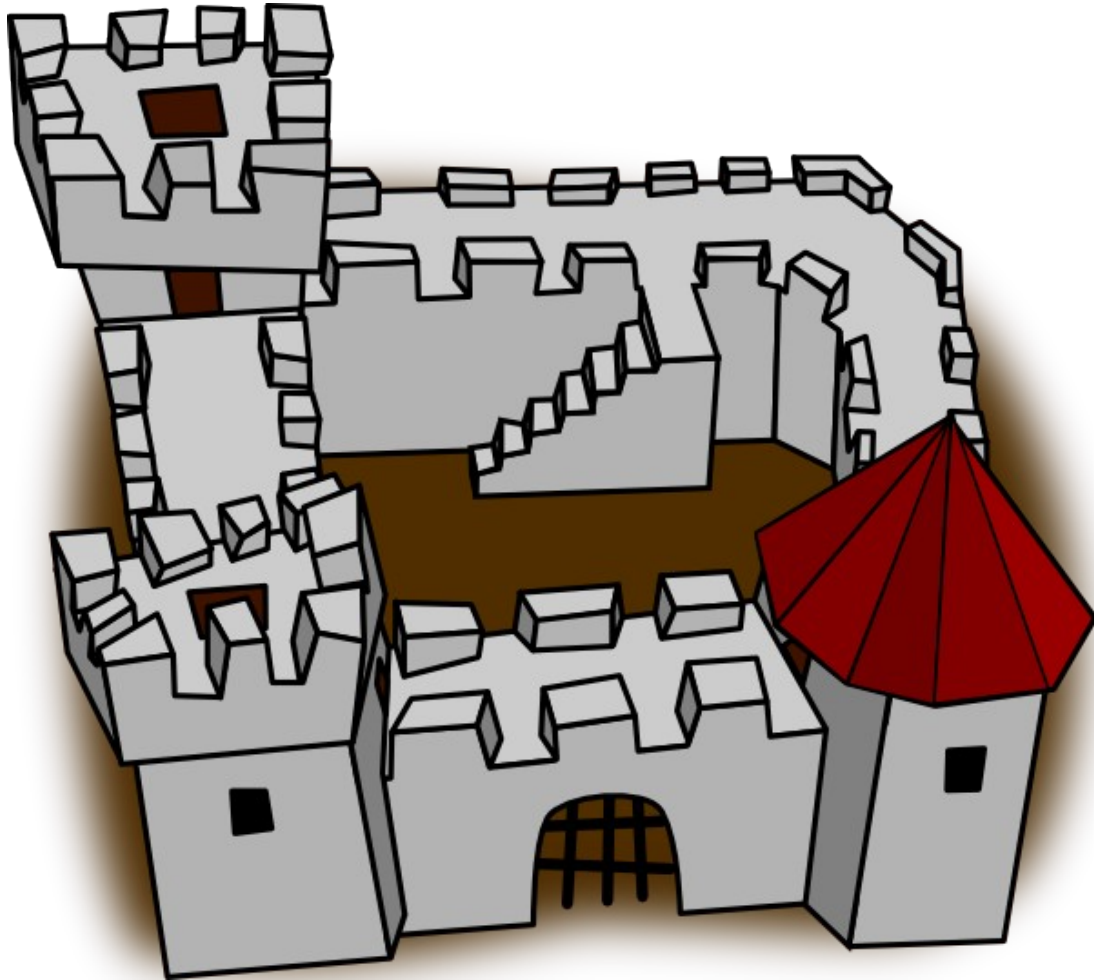


People learning a new language, even with immersion, don't pick up the nuances of every figure of speech.

The same difficulty happens when we read the Bible which was written for an ancient culture thousands of years ago.



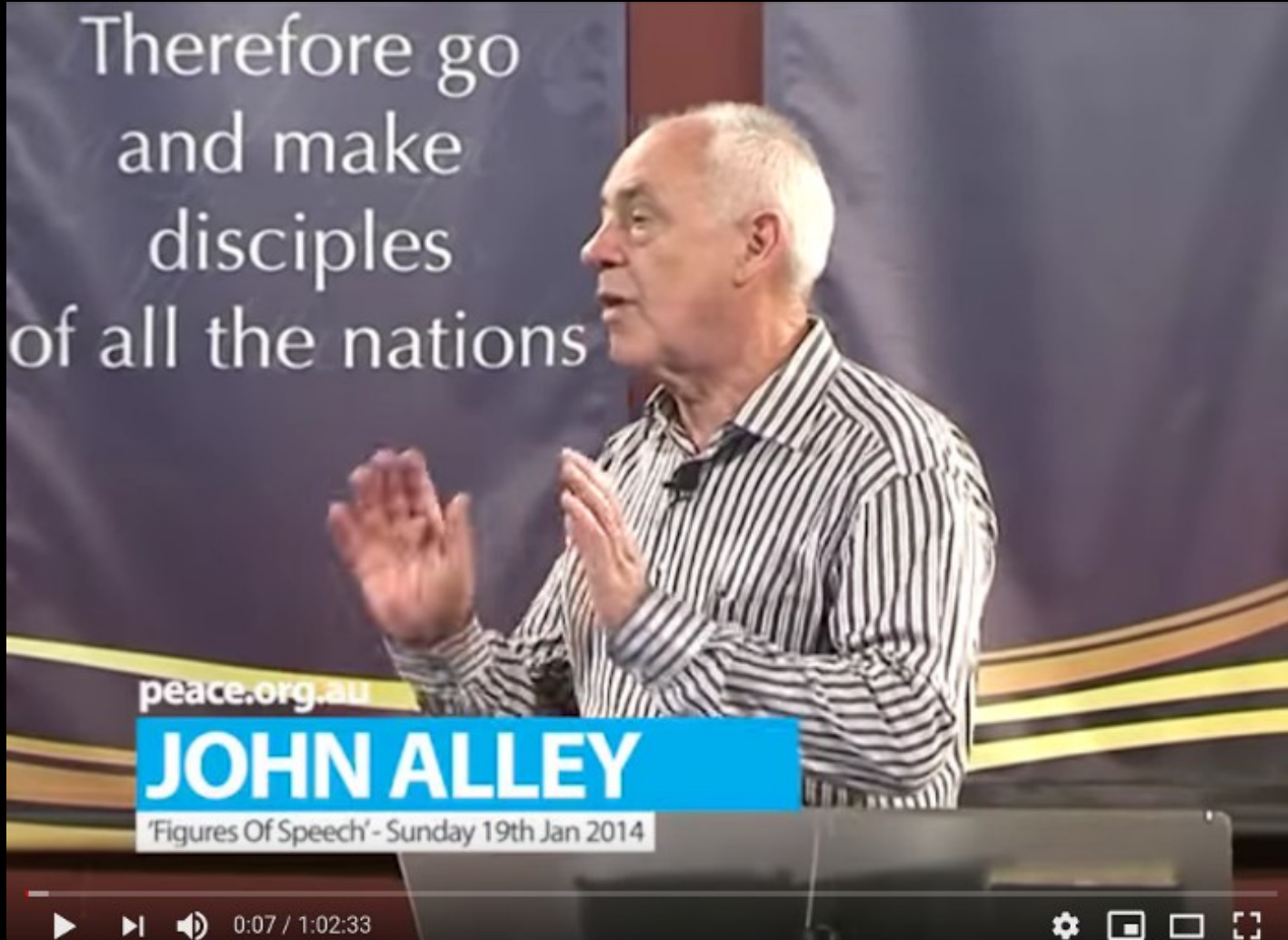
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**It's all  
about  
getting the  
right  
perspective**

If you don't know the speaker or writer's perspective on the words they use, you'll miss the meaning – even if you can read and write the language

# Put Your Thinking Cap On - Figurative Speech in Life and the Bible



Therefore go  
and make  
disciples  
of all the nations

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'Figures Of Speech' - Sunday 19th Jan 2014

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXK-hNNUlg

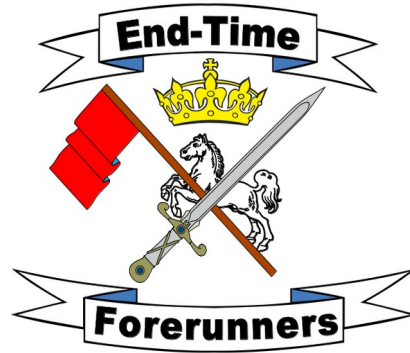
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The image shows a video player interface. At the top, a quote from the Bible is displayed in white text on a dark blue background: "Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations". Below the quote, a man with short grey hair, wearing a black and white striped shirt, is shown from the chest up, gesturing with his hands as if speaking. A blue banner at the bottom of the video frame contains the name "JOHN ALLEY" in white, bold, uppercase letters. Above the name, the website "peace.org.au" is written in white. Below the name, the text "'Figures Of Speech' - Sunday 19th Jan 2014" is displayed in white. At the very bottom of the video player, there is a progress bar showing "0:07 / 1:02:33" and several control icons (play, volume, settings, full screen, etc.).

Here's some intriguing VISUAL misinterpretations:

- camera shutter speed matches helicopter's rotors  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr3ngmRuGUc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr3ngmRuGUc)
- Escher's Relativity  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=raBC8Vs\\_f6M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raBC8Vs_f6M)
- Waterfall  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0v2xnl6LwJE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0v2xnl6LwJE)
- Magnetic Hill, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLgdZGbOclk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLgdZGbOclk)





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