

Luke 24:1 7 -- Christ's resurrection from the dead, the greatest of all the miracles!

NOTE: The above list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive. There are doubtless some miracles that are not listed, and there are some events listed that may be questioned. As a representative selection, however, the collection of texts above is fairly comprehensive.

### Analysis and Summary of the Biblical data

Upon analyzing the 107 passages listed above, and attempting to discover some meaningful and functionally useful way to classify the events depicted in them according to their nature, we find that they fall into four categories, as follows:

- (1) Interventionist -- a supernatural intervention into the ordinary course of physical and/or biological states or processes
- (2) Creative -- a supernatural creation of physical substance and/or form or of biological process
- (3) Destructive -- a supernatural destruction of physical substance and/or form or of biological process, usually in the context of punishment for sin
- (4) Remedial -- a supernatural remediation of the physical and/or biological effects of sin

Upon analyzing the number of events that fall into each of these four categories, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, we uncover the following results:

<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>O.T.</u>	<u>N.T.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Interventionist	18	8	26
Creative	12	3	15
Destructive	27	6	33
Remedial	11	40	51
TOTALS	68	57	125

Reflecting on these totals, we are stimulated to ask the following questions:

- (1) Why are there more than twice as many Interventionist miracles in the Old Testament as in the New?
- (2) Why are there no less than four times as many creative miracles in the Old Testament as in the New?
- (3) Why are there four and one half as many destructive miracles in the Old Testament as in the New?
- (4) Why are there more total miracles in the Old Testament than in the New?