

ISAAC: A SHADOW OF CHRIST

Thursday Bible Study

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Psalm 119:18 -

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

WE HAVE TO READ THE BIBLE AS ONE UNIFIED STORY:

Creation explains **the way things were**

The Fall explains **the way things are**

Redemption shows **the way things could be**

Restoration shows **the way things will be**

WHY WE SHOULD NOT DISCARD THE OT?

IN OT JESUS IS CONCEALED. IN NT JESUS IS REVEALED

- God has taught His redemptive plan through a preordained representation of truths in the OT.
- God used **persons, events, acts and institutions** of the O.T. as a shadow of things to come

When Philip spoke to Nathaniel, he revealed why he thought Jesus was the Messiah:

John 1:45

"We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the Prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph"

Jesus Said the Old Testament Is About Him

Luke 24:27

"Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

Luke 24:44

"[Jesus] said, 'All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.'"

John 5:39

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me

Hebrews 10:7

"[Jesus said,] 'Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me.'"

- Typology is a special kind of symbolism. (A symbol is something that represents something else.)
- We can define a type as a "prophetic symbol" because all types are representations of something yet future.
- More specifically, a type in Scripture is a person or thing in the Old Testament that foreshadows a person or thing in the New Testament.

Hebrews 10:1-5

1 The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

40 Similarities Between Isaac and Christ:

Isaac pre-figures Christ in several aspects:

1. Both sons are descendants of Abraham.**Matthew 1:1-2**

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
2 Abraham begot Isaac,

2. Their Conception & Birth was Promised / Prophesied**Gen. 17:16 -**

And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."

Isa. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

• Both Isaac and Jesus are called "son of promise"**Gal. 4:23**

But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise

Acts 13:32–33

32 And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’

3. Both were born at God’s appointed time after years of waiting

- Abraham and Sarah had waited 25 years
- Israel had been waiting thousands of years for their Messiah when Jesus came)

4. Angels brought the news of their Birth

- The angels brought the good news of Isaac’s pending birth (**Genesis 18:10**)
- An angel told Mary (**Luke 1:28**) and Joseph (**Matthew 1:20**), and angels announced it to the shepherds (**Luke 2:8-10**)

5. Their births had divine appointments

Isaac – to carry the seed of Messiah

Genesis 22:18 -

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Christ – sent to Bless the Nations

Acts 3:26 (E-23)

23. To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”

6. Both were Miraculous Births

- Isaac was born of aged parents (Abraham 100 years old / Sarah 90 Years old (**Gen. 17:17; 18:10–15; 21:1–2**).
- Christ was miraculously born of a virgin (**Luke 1:30–35**).

7. Both their births brought great Joy

Genesis 21:5-6

5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, “God has [a]made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me.

Luke 2:10-11

10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you **good tidings of great joy which will be to all people**. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

8. Both were only sons of their fathers.

- Isaac was Abraham's "only begotten son"

Genesis 22:1–13 emphasizes that Isaac is a son, **calling him "son" 8 times** and **"only son" twice** (although Abraham and Hagar already had Ishmael).

- And Jesus is the only begotten Son of God

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus is the "only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14, 18).

9. Both were loved by their fathers.

Genesis 22:2

And he said, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

10. Both Were Named before Birth

Genesis 17:19

"Sarah... shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac."

Matthew 1:21

"[Mary] shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus."

11. Both were circumcised on the 8th day after their birth

Genesis 21:4 -

Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Luke 2:21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

12. Both were Righteous

Genesis 18:19

For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

13. Covenant through the Son not the Servant

Genesis 15:2,4

2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I [b]go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

4. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

John 1:19-20/26-27

19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 It is He who, coming after me, [i]is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

14. Both Were Envied by People

Genesis 26:12-14

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

John 12:19

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

15. Both were Mocked by their Brothers

Genesis 21:9 -

And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing.

Mark 15:29-32

29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

16. Both Were Chased away by People**Genesis 26:16**

And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

Luke 4:28-30 (CSB):

"When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They got up, drove him out of town, and brought him to the edge of the hill that their town was built on, intending to hurl him over the cliff. But he passed right through the crowd and went on his way."

17. Both never Quarrelled with People**Genesis 26:19-22**

19 Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there. 20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him. 21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name Sitnah. 22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

Matthew 12:18-19

"Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles. 19 He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

1 Peter 2:21-13

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously

18. Both left their father's home

- Isaac left Beersheba
- Jesus left Heaven

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

19. Both went out of their Dwellings to Meditate / Pray

Genesis 24:63

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted his eyes and looked, and there, the camels were coming.

Luke 5:16 -

So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

20. Both Asked for Food to be Prepared before they faced their death

Genesis 27:7 -

'Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the Lord before my death.'

Luke 22:7-8

7 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

21. Both Climbed a mountain to Sacrifice

- Abraham journeyed to **a mountain in the land of Moriah (Gen. 22:2-4)**
- Jesus climbed **Mount Golgotha (Matt. 26:30)**

22. Both were accompanied by a Donkey until the foot of the mountain

Abraham took a Donkey to the foot of the mountain

Genesis 22:3

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him

Jesus came to Jerusalem sitting on a donkey

Matthew 21:4-5

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:
5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

23. Both Carried Wood for Their Sacrifices

Genesis 22:6

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

John 19:17

[Jesus], bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha."

- In both accounts, the wood was the physical instrument on which both Isaac and Jesus would be sacrificed:

Why Wood?

- *Because it all began with the TREE - The tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*

24. They both had help carrying their wood at another point:

- Isaac – his servants assisted (**Genesis 22:3**).
- Jesus – Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus (**Matthew 27:32**)

25. The Wood was Split for the Burnt Offering of Isaac

The Cross was Split into two beams to Hang Jesus

Genesis 22:3 -

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and **he split the wood for the burnt offering**, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

26. Isaac was Laid on the Wood on the Altar

Jesus was Laid on the Cross

Genesis 22:9

Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

27. In both incidents, the Son became a Servant

Genesis 22:6

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

John 13:12-16

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you

also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

28. Both of them offered themselves as a Burnt Offering to God

Genesis 22:2 -

Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Ephesians 5:2 -

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

29. Both asked a QUESTION of their father:

- Isaac asked Abraham "Here is the fire and the wood, Father, but where is the lamb? (Gen. 22:7).
- Jesus cried "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" from the cross (Matthew 27:46).

30. Both were Submissive to their Fathers

Genesis 22:9

Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

Matthew 26:39 -

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Philippians 2:8 -

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and **became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**

31. Both were "dead" for three days:

- Isaac – Abraham thought Isaac dead during the journey

Hebrews 11:17-19

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

- Jesus was dead for three days (Luke 24:46).

32. Both faced the weapon to kill

Genesis 22:10 -

And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

John 19:34 -

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

33. Both were Bound to be Sacrificed

- Abraham bound Isaac to the altar (Gen. 22:9).
- Jesus was bound before he was "delivered . . . to Pontius Pilate the governor" (Matt. 27:2).

Matthew 27:1-2

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

34. Both were UNDESERVING of their sacrificial death -

Genesis 22:2 -

Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Luke 23:39-41

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, [j]"If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

35. Both Were Silent When Laying Down Their Lives

Isaiah: 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and **as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.**

36. Both faced a Substitute Sacrifice

- God provided a lamb as a substitute sacrifice for Isaac (Gen. 22:7–8, 13).

Gen. 22:13

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and **offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.**

- Christ the Lamb is the substitute sacrifice for all of us.

Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

37. Both the Sacrifices had Thorns on the Head

When Abraham saw the ram, it was caught by its horns in a thorn bush just as Jesus years later wore a crown of thorns on His head.

Gen. 22:13

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him **a ram caught in a thicket by his horns:** and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

John 19:2

And **the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head,** and they put on him a purple robe

38. Both Were Accompanied by Two Men who could not see their Death

Genesis 22:3, 5

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him...

Matthew 27:38

Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

- The two men were not able to witness what took place between Abraham and Isaac.
- Similarly, when Jesus was sacrificed, nobody could see exactly what took place between God the Father and God the Son.
- When Jesus was on the cross the darkness concealed the divine transaction when our sins were placed on Christ.

Genesis 22:5

5. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.

Matthew 27:45

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

39. Both Were Rewarded with a Bride after their Obedience**Genesis 24:67.**

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Revelation 21:2 -

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

40. Immediately after their Sacrifices, the birth of their Brides were Announced.**(Rebekah vs. the Church)****Genesis 22:20-22**

20 Now it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, "Indeed Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21 Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." 23 And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

Acts 2:47 -

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 20:28 -

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**