

Images of Christ In Genesis



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I. Introduction

- A. All of Scripture revolves around the central figure of Christ
- B. Old Testament points to the coming Messiah
- C. The Mosaic Law demonstrated the perfect righteousness of Christ
- D. The continual sacrificial system to atone for the sins of man foreshadowed Christ's death on the cross
- E. Christ in the Feasts of the LORD
- F. Christ in the Psalms
- G. Christ in the Prophets

II. Christ – Creator (Genesis 1:1)

- A. *Elohim* –plural singularity
- B. The Word, from the beginning, God (John 1:1)
- C. All things were created for Him and by Him (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)
 - 1. Created by God (the Father) through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:9)
 - 2. Creation attributed to the “one [who] sat on the throne” (Revelation 4:11)
 - 3. Not to discount the Third Person, the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2)

III. Christ – the Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9,16-17)

- A. Proverbs 3:18 – Wisdom (Jn 1:1 – logos) is a tree of life
- B. Proverbs 11:30 – Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6; 51:10) is a tree of life
- C. Proverbs 13:12 – Desired Hope (Haggai 2:7) is a tree of life
- D. Proverbs 15:4 – A wholesome tongue (John 12:50; Duet 8:3; Prov 14:15; 30:5; Matt 4:4; Lk 4:4) is a tree of life
- E. John 15:5 – Jesus the vine (tree) without whom the branches cannot survive
- F. The cross a tree of life: Deut 21:22; Acts 5:30; Acts 10:39; Gal 3:13
- G. Colossians 3:4 – Christ, who is our life

IV. Christ and the Church (Genesis 2:18, 21-25)

- A. Adam = Jesus
- B. Eve = the Church
- C. Adam gives his life for his bride
- D. Jesus gives his life for the church
- E. Ephesians 5:23-33

V. Christ – God's First Atonement for Sin (Genesis 3:21)

- A. Initiated by God – God sought them out (Gen 3:9; Lk 19:10)
- B. The couple did not seek God; they hid (Gen 3:8; Rom 3:11)
- C. God gave opportunity for confession (Gen 3:9,11; 1 Jn 1:9)

- D. Instead of confessing their sin, the couple tried to excuse their sin (Gen 3:12,13)
- E. Their sin brought judgment upon all mankind and upon all of creation (Rom 6:23; 8:22)
- F. God provided the promise of a future solution (Gen 3:14-15) ...
- G. ... and a temporary solution (Gen 3:21; Lev 17:11; Heb 9:12)
- H. Christ in this passage:
 - 1. He walks through the garden (v. 8)
 - 2. They carry on a “normal” conversation (vv. 9-13)
 - 3. God pronounces judgment (vv. 16-19; Jn 9:39; 2 Cor 5:10)
 - 4. He performs the sacrifice (v. 21)
 - 5. He acts as high priest (Heb 2:17)

VI. Christ and the Mark of Cain (Genesis 4:15)

- A. “Mark” – Hebrew *owth*
- B. a signal as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence
- C. The mark was God’s protection
- D. Shows God’s mercy on an undeserving sinner (Rom 5:8; 2 Tim 2:18; 2 Cor 1:21-22)

VII. Christ in the Ark of Noah (Genesis 6:13-16; 7:16)

- A. Ark and Cross both made of wood
- B. Pitch covered the Ark; Jesus’ Blood covered our sin
- C. Ark was large enough to save many; Jesus’ sacrifice is sufficient for all
 - 1. Genesis 6:15
 - 2. John 3:16
 - 3. Revelation 3:20
- D. The Ark had only one door; Jesus is the only way to salvation
 - 1. Genesis 6:16
 - 2. John 10:7-6
 - 3. John 14:6
- E. The Ark safely carried its passengers to their destination just as Christ will take us to our final destination
 - 1. Genesis 8:14,18-19
 - 2. John 14:3

VIII. Christ in the Life of Abraham

- A. The Promise of an heir (Genesis 12:3)
- B. A Personal Visit (Genesis 12:7)
- C. Christ and Melchizedek – King-Priest (Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:5-10)
- D. Christ – The “Angel of the LORD” (Genesis 16:6-13; 21:9-21)
- E. Christ Visits Abraham (Genesis 18)
- F. Christ In Abraham’s Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)
- G. The Bride of Isaac (Genesis 24)

IX. Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob

- A. The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac (Genesis 26)
 - 1. First Time: Genesis 26:2
 - 2. Second Time: Genesis 26:24
 - 3. Isaac Blesses Jacob (Genesis 27:28-29)

- B. Christ as Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28:10-17)
 - 1. Ladder between heaven and earth (v. 12)
 - 2. "angels of God" vs. "angel of the LORD" (v. 12)
 - 3. "the [visible] LORD stood above it" (v. 13)
 - 4. Covenant reestablished w/Jacob (vv. 13-15)
 - 5. Jacob's Pillow (Genesis 28:11, 18-22)
 - a. Anointed – Jesus the anointed one (v. 18)
 - b. Bethel -- The dwelling place of God -- Jesus Emmanuel (vv.19-22)
- C. Christ as the "Angel of the Lord" Wrestles With Jacob (Genesis 32:24-30)

X. Christ in the Life of Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-50)

- A. Miraculous birth (Genesis 30:22-24; Matthew 1:18)
- B. Left the comfort of his father's home in obedience to his father's will (Genesis 37:14; Philippians 2:5-8)
- C. Rejected by his own brothers (Genesis 37:4; Matthew 26:3-4; John 1:11)
- D. Sold for the going price of a slave (20 pieces of silver in Joseph's case; 30 pieces in Jesus' case – Genesis 37:28; Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:15)
- E. Cast into a pit (grave) and raised up again (Genesis 37:22; Matthew 27:58-60)
- F. Tempted to sin (Genesis 39:7; Matthew 4:1)
- G. Had no sin attributed to him (Hebrews 4:15)
- H. Was numbered with the transgressors (Genesis 39:20; Isaiah 53:12; Mark 15:27-28)
- I. Rejected by his brethren but accepted by Gentiles (Genesis 41:38-45; John 1:12; 4:39-42)
- J. Became ruler over Egypt, second only to Pharaoh (Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 12:10; Micah 4:7; Revelation 11:15; 22:5)
- K. Forgave his brothers (Genesis 50:20; Luke 23:34)
- L. Saved his family (Genesis 50:20; John 1:12)
- M. Brought his family to a better place (Genesis 47:6; John 14:2-3)

XI. The Scepter Assigned to Judah (Genesis 49:8-11)

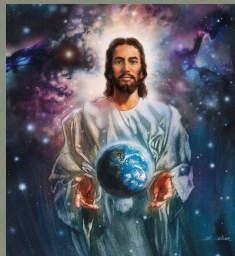
- A. "thy father's children shall bow down before thee" (v. 8)
- B. "the scepter shall not depart from Judah" (v. 10)
- C. "unto [Shiloh] shall the gathering of the people be" (v. 10)
- D. "he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes" (v. 11; Revelation 19:13)

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Introduction

Preliminaries

- The whole of Scripture, from the miraculous account of creation to the culminating promise of re-creation, revolves around the central figure of Jesus Christ.
- From the fall of man to Israel's return from Babylonian exile, the Old Testament has pointed to the coming of Messiah.
- The Holy Spirit illustrated Scripture with abundant images of the coming Lord

Preliminaries

The Mosaic Law demonstrated the perfect righteousness of Christ

- The Ten commandments (Exodus 20:3-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21)
- Holiness Code (Leviticus 17-26)
- Impossible to keep: "For whosoever shall **keep the whole law**, and yet offend in one point, he is **guilty of all**" (James 2:10)

Preliminaries

Sacrificial System to atone for the sins

- Codified at Passover (Exodus 12:1-28) "It is **the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover**, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt..." (Exodus 12:27)
- Clarified in Levitical Law: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for **it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**" (Lev 17:11)

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Sacrificial System to atone for the sins

- Innocent sacrifice: "... In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb ..." (Exodus 12:3)
- Flawless sacrifice: "Your lamb shall be without blemish ..." (Leviticus 17:11)
- Jesus "Who is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of every creature**" (Colossians 1:18)
- We are bought "with the precious blood of Christ, **as of a lamb without blemish and without spot**:" (1 Peter 1:19)

Preliminaries

The Feasts of the LORD

- Passover – Jesus the Passover Lamb
- Unleavened Bread – Jesus the sinless “Bread of Life”
- First Fruits – Jesus the “First Fruits” of the resurrection
- Pentecost – the birth of the Church, the harvest of believers, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – “God with us”

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The Feasts of the LORD

- Feast of Trumpets – Jesus calls for His Bride
- Day of Atonement – The Bride enters the presence of God covered by the Blood of the Lamb
- Feast of Tabernacles – Dwelling in the presence of God

Preliminaries

Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

(Judges 2:1-4) And an **angel of the LORD** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, **I made you** to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which **I swore** unto your fathers; and **I said, I will never break my covenant** with you. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but **ye have not obeyed my voice**: why have ye done this?

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

Wherefore **I also said, I will not drive them out** from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when **the angel of the LORD spake these words** unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. (Judges 2:1-4)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Gideon... (Judges 6:11-24)

And there came an **angel of the LORD**, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And **the angel of the LORD appeared unto him**, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Gideon... (Judges 6:11-24)

And Gideon said unto him, Oh my **Lord**, if the **LORD** be with us, why then is all this befallen us? ... but now the **LORD** hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. **And the LORD looked upon him, and said**, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: **have not I sent thee?**

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Gideon... (Judges 6:11-24)

And he [Gideon] said unto him, Oh my **Lord**, wherewith shall I save Israel? ... And **the LORD** said unto him, Surely **I will be with thee**, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he [Gideon] said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me **a sign that thou talkest with me**.

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To Gideon... (Judges 6:11-24)

Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he [AOTL] said, I will tarry until thou come again. And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Gideon... (Judges 6:11-24)

And **the angel of God** said ... Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. ... Then **the angel of the LORD** put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the [offering]; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then **the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight**.

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Gideon... (Judges 6:11-24)

And when Gideon perceived that he was an **angel of the LORD**, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an **angel of the LORD face to face**. And **the LORD said unto him**, Peace be unto thee; **fear not: thou shalt not die**. Then Gideon built an **altar there unto the LORD**, and called it Jehovahshalom: ...

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Samson's Parents... (Judges 13:1-24)

And **the angel of the LORD appeared** unto the woman [Manoah's wife], and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. (v.3)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies

To Samson's Parents... (Judges 13:1-24)

Then Manoah intreated **the LORD**, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and **the angel of God came again** unto the woman as she sat in the field ... (vv. 8-9)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies
To Samson's Parents... (Judges 13:1-24)

And Manoah said unto **the angel of the LORD**, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready **a kid for thee**. And **the angel of the LORD said** unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt **offer a burnt offering**, thou must offer it **unto the LORD**. (vv. 15-16)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies
To Samson's Parents... (Judges 13:1-24)

And Manoah said unto **the angel of the LORD**, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after **my name, seeing it is secret?** (vv. 17-18)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies
To Samson's Parents... (Judges 13:1-24)

So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and **offered it upon a rock unto the LORD; and the angel did wondrously**; and Manoah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that **the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar**. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. (vv. 19-20)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies
To Samson's Parents... (Judges 13:1-24)

But **the angel of the LORD** did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah **knew** that he was an **angel of the LORD**. And Manoah said unto his wife, **We shall surely die**, because **we have seen God**. (vv. 21-22)

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Personal Appearances, i.e. Theophanies
To David... (2 Samuel 24:10-17)

... And **the angel of the LORD** was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. And **David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel** that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. (vv. 16-17)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee**. (Psalm 2:7)
For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?**
And again, **I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?** (Hebrews 1:5)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and **the son of man**, that thou visitest him? For **thou hast made him a little lower than the angels**, and hast **crowned him with glory and honour**. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; **thou hast put all things under his feet**: (Psalm 8:4-6; Hebrews 2:6-11)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; **neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption**. (Psalm 16:10)
For David speaketh concerning him ... thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, **neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption**. (Acts 2:25-27; See also Acts 13:35)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)
All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. (Psalm 22:7-8; Matthew 27:39; Luke 23:35)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and **my tongue cleaveth to my jaws**; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: **they pierced my hands and my feet.**

(Psalm 22:15-16; John 19:28; 20:27)

Preliminaries

Christ in the Psalms ...

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. (Psalm 22:18)

And they crucified him, and **parted his garments, casting lots**: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, **They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.** (Matthew 27:35; See also John 19:23-24)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. (Psalm 34:20)

Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But **when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:** (John 19:32-33)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9)

But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? (Luke 22:48)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (Psalm 69:21)

And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and **filled it with vinegar**, and put it on a reed, **and gave him to drink.** (Matthew 27:48)

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Christ in the Psalms ...

Messianic Psalms:

Psalm 22

Psalm 69

Psalm 110

Preliminaries

Christ in the Prophets ...

- Born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14
- Called Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14
- Heir to David's throne – Isaiah 9:7
- Massacre of children – Jeremiah 31:15
- A messenger would prepare the way – Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 4:5-6

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Christ in the Prophets ...

- Born in Bethlehem – Malachi 5:2
- Would come out of Egypt – Hosea 11:1
- Would be rejected by His own – Isaiah 53:3
- Would bring light to Galilee – Isaiah 9:1-2
- Would speak in parables – Isaiah 6:9-10
- Many others ...

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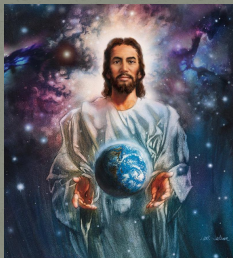
Quick Review ...

- The Mosaic Law reflects Christ's perfect righteousness
- The Sacrificial Systems foreshadows His sacrifice on the cross
- The Feasts of the LORD all present an image of Christ
- The Psalms speak of Christ
- The prophets foretold His coming

Images of Christ in Genesis



Christ - Creator



In the beginning God created ...
(Genesis 1:1)

Christ - Creator



In the beginning was the Word ...
(John 1:1)

Christ - Creator



All things were created by Him ...
(John 1:3)

Christ – the Tree of Life



And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life also in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Gen 2:9)

Christ and the Church



And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
(Gen 2:18)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, **and clothed them.** (Gen 3:21)

Christ and the Mark of Cain



And **the LORD set a mark upon Cain,** lest any finding him should kill him. (Gen 4:15)

Christ in the Ark of Noah



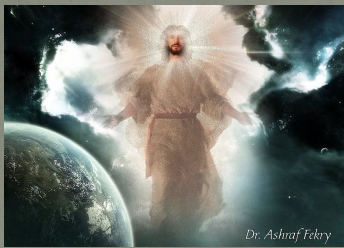
Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt **pitch it** within and without with **pitch.** (Gen 6:14)

Christ in the Life of Abraham



... and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Gen 12:3)

Christ in the Life of Abraham



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The Angel of the LORD

Christ in the Life of Abraham



Christ Visits Abraham

Christ in the Life of Abraham



Christ and Melchizedek

Christ in the Life of Abraham



The Sacrifice of Isaac

Christ in the Life of Abraham



The Bride of Isaac

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob



... and in thy seed shall all the nations of the
earth be blessed (Gen 26:4)

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob



... and in thy seed shall all the families of the
earth be blessed (Gen 28:14)

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob



And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the
top of it reached to heaven: ... And, behold, **the LORD stood above it,**
and said, **I am the LORD God.** (Gen 28:12-13)

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob



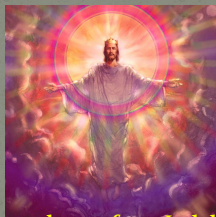
And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled **a man** with him until the breaking of the day. (Gen 32:24)

Christ in the Life of Joseph



But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (Gen 50:20)

The Scepter and Judah



The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and **unto him shall the gathering of the people be**. (Gen 49:10)

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Preliminaries

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Christ - Creator



In the beginning God created ...

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- Sets the foundation for all of Scripture
- The Creator of time must transcend time
- He must exist before time to start time
- He must simultaneously exist outside and inside of time to influence time

Christ - Creator

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but **thou shalt endure**: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; **as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed**:

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. (Psalm 102:25-27)

Christ - Creator

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is with the Lord as [like] a thousand years, and a thousand years as [like] one day.**

(2 Peter 3:8)

Christ - Creator

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know **the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.** (Acts 1:6-7)

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- B'ree'shiyt bara' 'Elohiym
- B'ree'shiyt - In [the] beginning
- bara' - created
- 'Elohiym - God

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- In Hebrew, the subject and the verb must agree in gender and in number
- “Bara” (created) is a masculine, **singular** verb
- “Elohiym” (God) is a masculine, **plural** noun

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- Resolving the apparent grammatical error:
- “Elohiym” reveals the **triune nature of God**
- He is a “unified plurality” or a “tri-unity”

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- **One God manifested in Three Persons**
- **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**
- This is further manifested in His creation:
- **The universe: time, space, matter/energy**

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- Time: past, present, future
- Space: height, width, depth
- Matter/energy: person, place, thing

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).


- ... And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters. (Gen 1:2)
- The Bible teaches that all three persons of the Trinity were involved in creation
- But Jesus Christ is the agent through which creation was accomplished

Christ - Creator

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).

- Septuagint (LXX) Translation of the Hebrew B'ree'shiyt
- **en archê** "in [the] beginning"
- John uses the exact Greek phrase in John 1:1

Christ - Creator



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (Jn 1:1).

Christ - Creator

In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1).

- **archê** "beginning"
- The period of time **before** creation
- The realm of eternity past
- The Word was active *in* and the cause *of* the beginning

Christ - Creator

In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1).

- The Word was **before** all else
- He was the basic cause of all else
- There never was a time when the Word was not

Christ - Creator

In the beginning was **the Word** (John 1:1).


- The Word – **hō Logos**
- The divine Revealer of God's wisdom and power
- The unique communication of God to man (John 1:18)

Christ - Creator

and **the Word was God** (John 1:1).

- *Lit.* "God was the Word"
- Christ – the Word – was before creation
- And **the Word was made 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. (John 1:14)

Christ - Creator



All things were made by him; and without him
was not any thing made that was made (John 1:3).

Christ - Creator

All things were made by him (John 1:3).

- “All” (Greek *panta*) excludes nothing
- “God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)
- The whole of creation is included in the opening verse of the Bible
- “without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3)

Christ - Creator

All things were made by him (John 1:3).

- “by” (Greek *dia*) prep. denoting the channel of an act
- In some modern translations: “through”
- The difference, though subtle, is significant
- “by” is active; “through” is passive

Christ - Creator

All things were made by him (John 1:3).

- It is clear from Genesis 1:1 that *Elohim* created the heavens and the earth.
- The Word is included in the *Elohim* as is the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- All three Persons were involved in creation.

Christ - Creator

All things were made **by him** (John 1:3).

- The Holy Spirit was energizing what had been created up to that point. (Gen 1:2)
- The Father's part was to superintend the whole of creation.
- But Christ is the agent by which creation came into being.

Christ - Creator

All things were made **by him** (John 1:3).

- And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the world** hath been hid in **God** [the Father], who **created** all things **by Jesus Christ** (Eph 3:9)
- Thou art worthy, **O Lord**, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things**, and for thy pleasure they are and were **created**. (Rev 4:11)

Christ - Creator



For **by him** were **all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:** (Col 1:16).

Christ - Creator

For **by him** were all things created (Colossians 1:16).

- Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature (Col 1:15)
- Greek **eikon** (English "**icon**")
- "a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile or (figuratively) representation, resemblance"

Christ - Creator

For **by him** were all things created (Colossians 1:16).

- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath **declared him**. (John 1:18)
- Greek **exegeomai** (English "**exegete**")
- "to consider out (aloud), i.e. rehearse, unfold"
- **Alt:** explained, made known, revealed

Christ - Creator

For **by him** were all things created (Colossians 1:16).

- "**by Him**"
- Greek **en** (English "**in**")
- Lit: "**in Him** were all things created"
- "In His mind or in His sphere of influence and responsibility" (Melick, 217)

Christ - Creator

all things were created by him, and for him
(Colossians 1:16).

- all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers (v. 16b)
- The cosmos, all matter whether great or small
- The spiritual realm – angelic and demonic

Christ - Creator

all things were created by him, and for him
(Colossians 1:16).

- “by” this time is the Greek *dia*
- “Creation came to be through His power and ability
- He is the effective agent of creation.” (Melick, 218)

Christ - Creator

all things were created by him, and for him
(Colossians 1:16).

- “for” Greek *eis*, also translated “unto”
- all things were created unto Him
- All of creation is to the glory of Christ

Christ - Creator

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. (Colossians 1:17).

- Before time; before heaven and earth;
- Before the visible and invisible;
- Before thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers
- Christ is before **ALL things**
- He is eternal

Christ - Creator

And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist**. (Colossians 1:17).

- **“consist”** Greek *sunistao*
- **“to set together, hold together, constitute”**
- All things are **“held together”** by Him.

Christ - Creator



So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:27)

Christ - Creator

So **God created man in his own image**. (Genesis 1:27).

- The uni-plural Elohim consults within the Godhead ...
- “Let **us** make man in **our image**, after **our likeness**” (Genesis 1:26)
- “He was **not speaking to the angels**, because man was not going to be made in the likeness of angels, but in the likeness of God” (Morris, 72)

Christ - Creator

So **God created man in his own image**. (Genesis 1:27).

- Man, like God, is “triune” in nature
- Man has a mind, soul/spirit, and body
- The mind controls all of man’s activities as
- The Father directs the activities of the Godhead

Christ - Creator

So **God created man in his own image**. (Genesis 1:27).

- The soul/spirit is the motivating agent as
- The Holy Spirit moves in and energizes God’s creation
- The body carries out the will of the mind as
- The Son carries out the will of the Father

Christ - Creator

So **God created man in his own image**. (Genesis 1:27).

"There is something about the human body ... which is uniquely appropriate to God's manifestation of Himself, and ... He must have designed man's body with this in mind ... He knew ... that in the fullness of time even He would become a man.

Christ - Creator

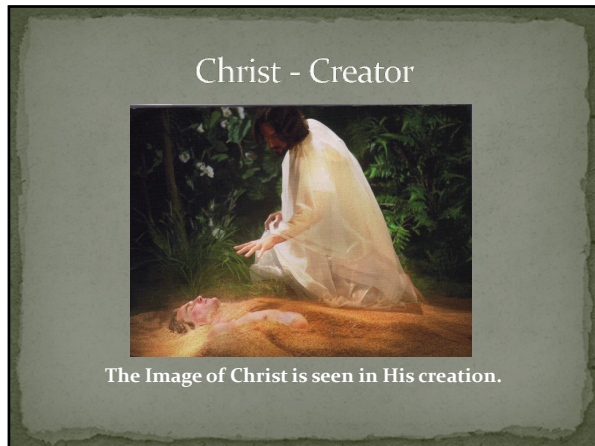
So **God created man in his own image**. (Genesis 1:27).

"In that day, He would prepare a human body for His Son, and it would be 'made in the likeness of men' (Philippians 2:7), just as man had been made in the likeness of God." (Morris, 74)

Christ - Creator



Knowing that He would inhabit such a body, surely He exercised extra care in its design!



Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ – the Tree of Life



And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life also in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:9)

Christ – the Tree of Life

What was the purpose for the Tree of Life?

The existence of the tree of life in the garden indicates that **man was not created with life in its fullest realization**. He was created as an **immortal candidate for eternal life**, but the conferment of this life depended entirely on his reaction to the **divine prohibition not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil**. ...

Christ – the Tree of Life

What was the purpose for the Tree of Life?

Genesis 3 shows that **he did not overcome** the satanic temptation to eat of this tree, so **he was automatically barred from the tree of life** (3:22-24). **One can only assume** that had he obeyed God fully, **he would have eaten of the tree of life and immediately received the life** of the highest order represented by the tree.*

* Eugene H. Merrill, *An Historical Survey of the Old Testament - Second Edition*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1991), 96.

Christ – the Tree of Life

What was the purpose for the Tree of Life?

The **tree of life** is that which **ostensibly provided sustenance for continued existence**. It was **this tree that was to be guarded after the Fall** to keep man from taking its fruit and living 'forever' (3:22).
– David M. Fouts*

* Eugene H. Merrill, *The Bible Knowledge Key Word Study: Genesis-Deuteronomy*, (Colorado Springs: Cook Communications Ministries, 2003), 46.

Christ – the Tree of Life

What was the purpose for the Tree of Life?

[God] gave **the tree of life** its name, **not because it could confer on man that life** with which he had been **previously endued**, but in order that it might be **a symbol and memorial of the life** which he had received from God. For we know it to be **by no means unusual that God should give to us the attestation of his grace by external symbols**. He does not indeed transfer his power into outward signs ...

Christ – the Tree of Life

What was the purpose for the Tree of Life?

... but **by them** [external Symbols] **he stretches out his hand to us**, because, without assistance, we cannot ascend to him. **He intended**, therefore, **that man**, as often as he tasted the fruit of that tree, **should remember whence he received his life**, in order that he might acknowledge that he lives not by his own power, but **by the kindness of God alone**; and that life is not (as they commonly speak) an intrinsic good, but proceeds from God.*

* John Calvin, Calvin's Commentaries, Volume I – Genesis: Translated by Rev. John King, M.A., (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2009), 106.

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

- God created man to live forever...
- So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; **male and female** created he them. (Genesis 1:27)
- Death does not reflect the image of God
- **In him** [the Word] **was life**; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4)

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

- God created man to live forever ...
- And **the LORD God** formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man became a living soul.
(Genesis 2:7)

Christ – the Tree of Life

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living **soul**. (Genesis 2:7)

Breath - *n'shâmâh* - a puff, that is, *wind*, angry or vital *breath*, *divine inspiration*, *intellect*, inspiration, soul, spirit

Come now, and let us **reason** together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

Soul - *nephesh* - properly a breathing creature

Christ – the Tree of Life

And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the **breath of life**. (Genesis 7:15)

Breath - *rûach* - *wind*; by resemblance *breath*, that is, a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively *life*, *anger*; by resemblance *spirit*, but only of a rational being

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ... (Genesis 2:9)

- God created man to live forever
- And God saw every thing that he had made, and, **behold, it was very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

- God created man to live forever
- Death is not **very good**
- Death is the “enemy”
- The **last enemy** that shall be destroyed **is death**.
(1 Corinthians 15:26)

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

- God created man to live forever
- And **death** and hell [i.e. the “grave”] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**.
(Revelation 20:14)
- The “**second death**” is eternal
- “Death” is incompatible with “life”

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

- God created man to live forever
- The **tree of life** was **NOT** the source of eternal life;
- However, the **tree of life** did have remarkable life-preserving properties that would allow fallen man to live unusually long lives
- Access to the tree of life was denied after the fall
(Genesis 3:22-24)

Christ – the Tree of Life

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and **take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever**: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. (Genesis 3:22-24)

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

Matthew Henry on Genesis 2:9:

There was **the tree of life** in the midst of the garden, which was not so much a memorandum to [Adam] of the fountain and author of his life, nor perhaps any natural means to preserve or prolong life;

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

Matthew Henry on Genesis 2:9:

but **it was chiefly intended to be a sign and seal to Adam, assuring him of the continuance of life and happiness, even to immortality and everlasting bliss, through the grace and favour of his Maker,**

Christ – the Tree of Life

... **the tree of life** also in the midst of the garden ...
(Genesis 2:9)

Matthew Henry on Genesis 2:9:
upon condition of his perseverance in this state of innocency and obedience. Of this he might eat and live. **Christ is now to us the tree of life** (Rev 2:7; 22:2), and the bread of life, (John 6:48, 53).

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Wisdom** – Proverbs 3:18
- **Righteousness** – Proverbs 11:30
- **Desired Hope** – Proverbs 13:12
- **A Wholesome Tongue** – Proverbs 15:4

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Wisdom**
- She [**Wisdom**] is **a tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. (Proverbs 3:18)
- In the beginning was the Word [**Logos**], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Wisdom**
- But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God, and **the wisdom of God**. (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- [Christ] **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom** and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Wisdom**
- But we speak **the wisdom of God** in a mystery, even **the hidden wisdom**, which God ordained **before the world** unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**. (1 Corinthians 2:7-8)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Righteousness**
- The **fruit of the righteous** is a **tree of life**; and he that winneth souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30)
- **In his days** Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: **and this is his name** whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**. (Jeremiah 23:6)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Righteousness**
- For **the righteous LORD loveth righteousness;** his countenance doth behold the upright. (Psalm 11:7)
- The **labour of the righteous tendeth to life;** the fruit of the wicked to sin. (Proverbs 10:16)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Righteousness**
- But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, **and his righteousness;** and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)
- And **if Christ be in you,** the body is dead because of sin; **but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.** (Romans 8:10)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Righteousness**
- If ye know that **he is righteous,** ye know that **everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him.** (1 John 2:29)
- And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and **he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True,** and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (Revelation 19:11)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Desired Hope**
- **Hope deferred** maketh the heart sick; but **when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.** (Proverbs 13:12)
- And I will shake all nations, and **the desire of all nations shall come**; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. (Haggai 2:7)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **Desired Hope**
- **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Titus 2:13-14)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **A Wholesome Tongue**
- **A wholesome tongue is a tree of life**; but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4)
- **My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.** (Job 27:4)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **A Wholesome Tongue**
- **My tongue shall speak of thy word:** for all thy commandments are righteousness. (Psalm 119:172)
- Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. (Psalm 126:2)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **A Wholesome Tongue**
- The **tongue of the just** is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. (Proverbs 10:20)
- And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that **man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.** (Deuteronomy 8:3, see Matthew 4:3; Luke 4:4)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- **A Wholesome Tongue**
- **Every word of God is pure:** he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. (Proverbs 30:5)
- And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For **he taught them as one having authority**, and not as the scribes. (Matthew 7:28-29)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- A Wholesome Tongue
- Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.** (Matthew 24:35, see also Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33)
- Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life,** and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (John 5:24)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Attributes of the Tree of Life:

- A Wholesome Tongue
- **Search the scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.** And ye will not come to me, **that ye might have life.** (John 5:39-40)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

I am the vine [tree], ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing.** (John 15:5)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (John 15:6)

Search **the scriptures**; for in them ye think **ye have eternal life**; and they are **they which testify of me**. (John 5:39)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And **I give unto them eternal life**; and **they shall never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3:36)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth** my word, **and believeth** on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but **is passed from death unto life**. (John 5:24)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

Food

Labour not for the **meat** which perisheth, but for **that meat which endureth unto everlasting life**, which **the Son of man shall give** unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. (John 6:27)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

And this is the will of him that sent me, that **everyone which** seeth the Son, and **believeth on him**, may have **everlasting life**: and **I will raise him up at the last day**. (John 6:40)

Christ – the Tree of Life

Jesus as the Tree of Life:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.** (John 6:47)

Christ – the Tree of Life

The Cross is the Tree of Life:

And **if a man have committed a sin worthy of death**, and he be to be put to death, **and thou hang him on a tree**: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; **(for he that is hanged is accursed of God;**) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)

Christ – the Tree of Life

The Cross is the Tree of Life:

The God of our fathers raised up **Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.** (Acts 5:30)

And we are witnesses of all things which he **[Jesus]** did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree;** (Acts 10:39)

Christ – the Tree of Life

The Cross is the Tree of Life:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, **being made a curse for us**; for it is written, **Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree**:
(Galatians 3:13)

Christ – the Tree of Life

The Cross is the Tree of Life:

If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where **Christ sitteth on the right hand of God**. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ** in God. When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

Christ – the Tree of Life

The Cross is the Tree of Life:

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
(Revelation 2:7)

Christ – the Tree of Life



Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)

Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ and the Church

And **God said**, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**: and **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)

Christ and the Church

“And God said, Let us make man” (Genesis 1:26)

- **God** – *Elohim* – masculine plural noun
- **Said** – masculine singular verb
- **Let us make** -- *nâ'âśâh* ('âśâh) – to do, to make
- **man** - *'âdâm* – mankind, human being

Christ and the Church

“in our **image**, after our **likeness**” (Genesis 1:26)

- **image** – **tselem** – to shade, a phantom, an illusion, resemblance, a mirror image – i.e., **the spiritual** likeness
- **likeness** – **demûth** – resemblance; concretely a model or shape; a similitude – i.e., **the physical** likeness

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Consciousness (soul)

And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. (Exodus 3:14)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Consciousness (soul) – the Father

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. (John 8:58-59)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Body – like that of the Son

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me**: (Hebrews 10:5)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Body – like that of the Son

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; **mine ears hast thou opened**: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. (Psalm 40:6)

LXX: **“a body hast thou prepared me”**

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Spirit – Holy Spirit

Turn you at my reproof: behold, **I will pour out my spirit unto you**, I will make known my words unto you. (Proverbs 1:23)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Spirit – Holy Spirit

And **I will put my spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
 (Ezekiel 36:27)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Spirit – Holy Spirit

And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will **I pour out my spirit**. (Joel 2:28-29)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Spirit – Holy Spirit

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (Acts 2:17)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Spirit – Holy Spirit

For God is my witness, whom I serve
with my spirit in the gospel of his Son,
 that without ceasing I make mention of
 you always in my prayers; (Romans 1:9)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Intellect

And I have filled him with the spirit of
 God, in wisdom, and in understanding,
and in knowledge, and in all manner of
workmanship, (Exodus 31:3)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Intellect

And Moses called all Israel, and said
 unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes
and judgments which I speak in your
 ears this day, that ye may learn them,
 and keep, and do them. (Deuteronomy 5:1)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Intellect

Give me now **wisdom and knowledge**,
that I may go out and come in before this
people: for who can judge this thy
people, that is so great? (2 Chronicles 1:10)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Intellect

Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing
he judgeth those that are high. (Job 21:22)

Teach me good judgment and
knowledge: for I have believed thy
commandments. (Psalm 119:66)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

• **Intellect**

It is good for me that I have been
afflicted; **that I might learn** thy statutes.
Thy hands have made me and fashioned
me: give me **understanding**, **that I may**
learn thy commandments. (Psalm 119:71, 73)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Intellect

Not that I speak in respect of want: for **I have learned**, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. (Philippians 4:11)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Reason -- *yâkach* to be right/correct; to argue; to decide, justify or convict: - appoint, argue, chasten, convince, correct, dispute, judge, maintain, plead, **reason (together)**, rebuke, reprove.

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Reason -- *yâkach* to **reason (together)**,

Come now, and let us **reason** together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Reason -- *yâkach* to **reason (together)**,

Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff,
what hast thou found of all thy
household stuff? set it here before my
brethren and thy brethren, **that they**
may judge betwixt us both. (Genesis 31:37)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Reason -- *yâkach* to **reason (together)**,

How forcible are right words! but what
doth your **arguing reprove**? (Job 6:25)

Surely I would speak to the Almighty,
and I desire to **reason** with God. (Job 13:3)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Reason -- *yâkach* to **reason (together)**,

O that one might plead for a man with God,
as a man pleadeth for his neighbour! (Job
16:21)

There the righteous might **dispute** with
him; so should I be delivered for ever from
my judge. (Job 23:7)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Reason -- *yākach* to **reason (together)**

Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that **convinced** Job, or that answered his words: (Job 32:12)

Hearye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and **he will plead** with Israel. (Micah 6:2)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Will -- *r'ûth* – desire: pleasure, will

Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his **pleasure** to us concerning this matter. (Ezra 5:17)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Will -- *r'ûth* – desire: pleasure, will.

And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do **after the will** of your God. (Ezra 7:18)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Creativity -- *yâtsar* – to **mold** into a form.

And the LORD God **formed** man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had **formed**. (Genesis 2:7-8)

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Aspects of the image and likeness:

Creativity -- *yâtsar* – to **mold** into a form.

And he received them at their hand, and **fashioned** it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (Exodus 32:4)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Creativity -- *yâtsar* – to **mold** into a form.

Brought beds, and basons, and **earthen vessels**, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, (2 Samuel 17:28)

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Aspects of the image and likeness:

Creativity -- *yâtsar* – to **mold** into a form.

These were **the potters**, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work. (1 Chronicles 4:23)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Creativity -- *chôrêsh* – a fabricator or mechanic: - artificer

And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every **artificer** in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. (Genesis 4:22)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Creativity -- *chôrêsh* – a fabricator or mechanic: - artificer

[Hiram] was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, **a worker** in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. (1 Kings 7:14)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Authority -- *râdâh* – dominion; reign

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Authority -- *râdâh* – dominion; reign

Thou shalt not **rule** over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God. (Leviticus 25:43)

Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which **ruled** over the people that wrought in the work. (1 Kings 5:16)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

And God said, **Let us make man** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)

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Aspects of the image and likeness:
Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, **with my spirit within me will I seek thee early**; for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. (Isaiah 26:9)

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Aspects of the image and likeness:
Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

God is faithful, by whom **ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, **and the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death; (Philippians 3:10)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, **that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** (1 John 1:3)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

And **they continued stedfastly in** the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Acts 2:42)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:
Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)

Christ and the Church

Aspects of the image and likeness:

Social – Need for fellowship with God and man

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

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So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; **male and female** created he them. (Genesis 1:27)

Christ and the Church



And the **LORD God formed man** of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)

Christ and the Church

- And the **LORD God formed man** of the **dust** of the ground, (Genesis 2:7)
- **LORD God – Yahweh Elohim** – the Jewish national name of God
- **formed** – *yâtsar* - to mould into a form; especially as a potter, to shape through squeezing

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- And the **LORD God formed man** of the **dust** of the **ground**, (Genesis 2:7)
- **man** – *'âdâm* – ruddy, that is, a human being
- **dust** – *'âphâr* - dust (as powdered or gray); hence clay, earth, mud
- **Ground** -- *'âdâmâh* – soil; country, earth, ground, husband [-man]

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- and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath** of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)
- **breathed** – *nâphach* – to puff, to inflate, blow hard, scatter, kindle, expire
- **breath** – *neshâmâh* - a puff, that is, wind, angry or vital breath, divine inspiration, intellect: inspiration, soul, spirit

Christ and the Church

- and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man **became a living soul**. (Genesis 2:7)
- **became** – *hâyâh* – to exist, that is, *be* or *become, come to pass*
- **living** – *chay* – alive; hence *raw* (flesh); *fresh, strong*
- **soul** – *nephesh* – properly a *breathing* creature, that is, *animal* or (abstractly) *vitality*;

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And the LORD God said, **It is not good** that the man should be alone; I will make him **an help meet for him**. (Genesis 2:18)

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- Everything God made to this point was “good,” but this was “not good”
- **an help** – *’êzer* – aid: - *help*
- **meet** – *neged* – a *front*, that is, *part* opposite; specifically a *counterpart*, or *mate*; usually, i.e., “**face to face**”

Christ and the Church

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took **one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; (Genesis 2:21)

rib - *tsêlá'* - a rib (as curved), literally (of the body) or figuratively (of a door, that is, *leaf*); hence a *side*, literally (of a person)

Used **41 times** in O.T.; only *here* is it translated "rib"

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And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, **made he a woman**, and brought her unto the man. (Genesis 2:22)

made - *bânâh* - to build

She not only **had the same "flesh"** (that is, *body*) and **"life"** (that is, *soul*) as did Adam, but **she also had an eternal spirit**, as he did; **but the spirit** (or, better, the "image of God") **was directly from God, not mediated through Adam** as was her physical life ... The "image of God," directly created by God, was given to both man and woman.

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Genesis 2:23-24

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because **she was taken out of Man**.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

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Analogies Drawn:
Adam is a “type” of **Christ**

For as in **Adam** all die, even so in **Christ** shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22)

And so it is written, The first man **Adam** was made a living soul; the **last Adam** was made a quickening spirit. (1 Corinthians 15:45)

Christ and the Church

Analogies Drawn:
Adam is a “type” of **Christ**

And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; (Genesis 2:21)

deep sleep - *tardêmâh* - a lethargy or trance, i.e., **death**

Christ and the Church

Analogies Drawn:
Eve is a “type” of the **Church**

Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ** also **loved the church**, and **gave himself for [her]**; (Ephesians 5:25)

Christ and the Church

Analogy Drawn:
Sleep is a "type" of death

"Sleep" is a common metaphor or euphemism used in Scripture to signify **death**, e.g.:

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all **sleep**, but we shall all be changed, (1 Corinthians 15:51)

Christ and the Church

Analogy Drawn:

As **Adam "died"** to give life to his wife, so **Christ died** to give life to the church

For **we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones**. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, **and they two shall be one flesh**. This is a great mystery: but **I speak concerning Christ and the church**. (Ephesians 5:30-32; Genesis 2:24)


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Analogy Drawn:

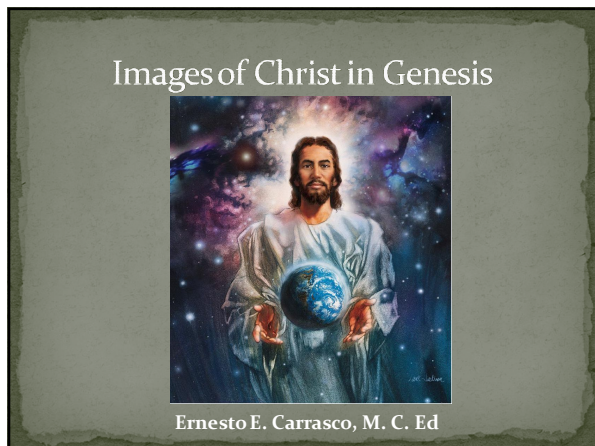
As God brought Eve to Adam (Genesis 2:22), God will bring the Church, the Bride, to Christ.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for **the marriage of the Lamb** is come, and **his wife hath made herself ready**. (Revelation 19:7)

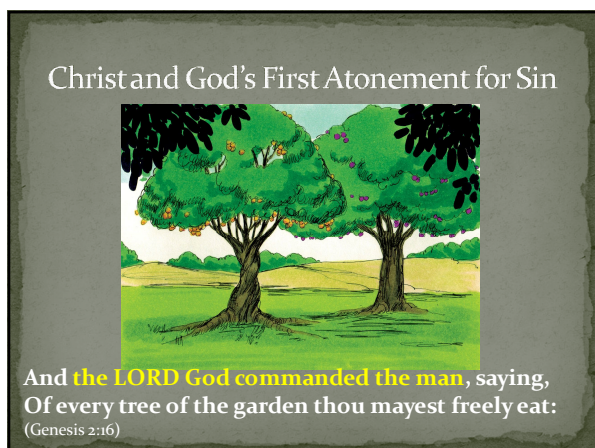
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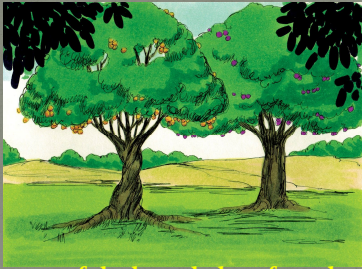
And **to her** was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of **saints**. (Revelation 19:8)







Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



But of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die**. (Genesis 2:17)

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Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?** (Genesis 3:1)

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And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, **neither shall ye touch it**, lest ye die. (Genesis 3:2-3)

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And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** (Genesis 3:4)

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For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then **your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods,** knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:5)

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Satan's Tactics:

- Call God's Word into question: "**Yea, hath God said...?**" (v. 1)
- Deny God's Word: "**Ye shall not surely die**" (v. 4)
- Disparage God's Character: "**God doth know ... your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods**" (v. 5) – i.e., "God is keeping something good from you."

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And when the woman saw that **the tree was good for food**, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (Genesis 3:6)

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The Temptation of Man:

For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (1 John 2:16)

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The Temptation of Man:

- Lust of the flesh: **"the woman saw that the tree was good for food"** (v. 6)
- Lust of the eyes: **"it was pleasant to the eyes"** (v. 6)
- Pride of life: **"to be desired to make one wise"** (v. 6)

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The Temptation of Man:

The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which *is* done is that which shall be done: and *there is no new thing under the sun.*
(Ecclesiastes 1:9)

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The Temptation of Christ:

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but *was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* (Hebrews 4:15)

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The Temptation of Christ:

- Lust of the flesh: "If thou be the Son of God, *command this stone that it be made bread.*" (Luke 4:3)
- Lust of the eyes: "And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, *shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time*" (Luke 4:5)
- Pride of life: "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, *He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up,* lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." (Luke 4:9-11)

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And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, **she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.** (Genesis 3:6)

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The Temptation of Man:

For **Adam was first formed**, then Eve. **And Adam was not deceived**, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. (1 Timothy 2:13-14)

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The Temptation of Man:

- Adam, **not Eve**, received the command:
- And the LORD God **commanded the man [hā'ādām]**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But **of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:** for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2:16-17)

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The Temptation of Man:

- Eve, was created *after* the command was given:
- And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam [hâ'âdâm - "the man"], and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man [hâ'âdâm]. (Genesis 2:21-22)
- "rib" - *tsêlâ'* - a rib (as curved) a side, a timber, or plank
- Used *only* here in the O.T.

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The Temptation of Man:

- Did Satan succeed in causing Adam to doubt?
- Was Adam conducting a "scientific" experiment to see if Eve would indeed die?
- What would "dying" look like?
- Seeing that Eve did not "die," did Adam willfully disobey God's command?
- Regardless, the result was the same
- Adam disobeyed God

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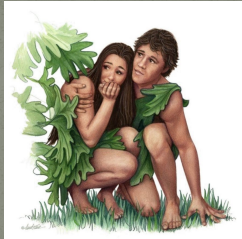


And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. (Genesis 3:7)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin
The Fall of Man:

- When Adam ate of the fruit...
- “the eyes **of them both** were opened”
- It was then that “**they knew** that they were naked”

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And **they heard the voice** of the LORD God **walking in the garden** in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:8)

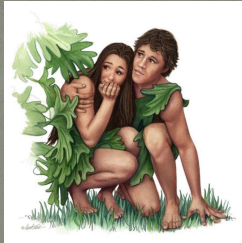
Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin
The Fall of Man:

- “They heard **the voice**”
- Hebrew **qôl**
- Meaning: a **voice** or **sound**
- “of the LORD God **walking**”
- Context indicates the “**sound**” of footfalls
- A “spirit” would make no “**sound**”

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin The Fall of Man:

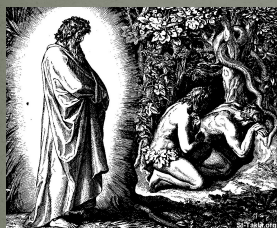
- "Adam and his wife **hid themselves from the presence** of the LORD God"
- "**the presence**" translates two Hebrew words:
- "**min**" meaning "from" or "out of" and
- "**pāniym**" meaning "the face"
- The "**face-to-face**" fellowship with their Creator was broken

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And **the LORD God called unto Adam** and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid**, because I was naked; and **I hid myself**. (Genesis 3:9-10)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin **God Initiates the Conversation**



God sought after them:

"And **the LORD God called unto Adam** and said unto him, Where **art thou?**" (Genesis 3:9)

"For **the Son of man is come to seek** and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin
Adam Expresses Primal Fear



"And he said, **I heard thy voice** in the garden, **and I was afraid**, because I was naked; and I hid myself." (Genesis 3:10)

"... **there is none that seeketh after God**" (Romans 3:11)

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God Allows for Confession



"And the LORD God called unto Adam and said unto him, **Where art thou?**" (Genesis 3:9)

"**Who told thee that thou wast naked?**" (Genesis 3:11)

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God Allows for Confession



"**If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin
Instead of Confession, They Made Excuses



“And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” (Genesis 3:12)

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Instead of Confession, They Made Excuses



“And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” (Genesis 3:13)

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Their sin brought judgment upon all mankind ...

“For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23)

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... and upon all of creation...

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (Genesis 3:19)

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... and upon all of creation...


"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." (Romans 8:22)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin **God's Provision**



"And the LORD God said unto the serpent ... I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; [He] shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:14-15)

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Unto Adam also and to his wife did **the LORD God** make **coats of skins**, and **clothed them**. (Genesis 3:21)

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Light

(Genesis 1:3)



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Skins

(Genesis 3:21)

So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:27)

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God's Provision



God made coats of skins — taught them to make these for themselves. This implies the **institution of animal sacrifice**, which was undoubtedly of divine appointment, and instruction in **the only acceptable mode of worship** for sinful creatures, **through faith in a Redeemer** (Heb. 9:22). *

* Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary: A Commentary on the Old and New Testaments by Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset and David Brown

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin God's Provision



- This had to be a **physical demonstration**
- The guilty pair **had to see** how it was done
- They must experience the **wages of sin**
- This practice would continue until "the wages of sin" were **paid in full**
- The pre-incarnate Christ performed the sacrifice

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin God's Provision



- By clothing them, He **"covered"** their sin
- This covering alludes to **"atonement"**
- This was an **act of God** on man's behalf

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- Their effort to cover their nakedness was insufficient
- The covering required the **shedding of blood**

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin God's Provision



"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Leviticus 17:11)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin God's Provision



"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission [of sin]." (Hebrews 9:22)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin

Christ in This Passage

- God "walks" through the garden (v. 8)
- They "hear" the "sound" of Him walking
- God and the couple carry on a "normal, face-to-face" conversation (vv. 9-13)
- God pronounces judgment (vv. 16-19)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin

Christ in This Passage

"And Jesus said, **For judgment I am come into this world**" (John 9:39)

"For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10)

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Christ in This Passage

- God performs the sacrifice (v. 21)
- He acts as **high priest**

"Wherefore in all things **it behoved [Christ] to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest** in things pertaining to God, **to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**" (Hebrews 2:17)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



And as **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:27-28)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



And the LORD God said, Behold, **the man is become as one of us**, to know good and evil: and now, **lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:** (Genesis 3:22)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (Genesis 3:23)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



So **he drove out the man**; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life.** (Genesis 3:24)

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



[As] Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, they looked back upon a bloody sacrifice. When they looked back ...

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



... they saw exactly what God had Moses put on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies:

Christ and God's First Atonement for Sin



... two cherubim looking down upon **the blood** that was there—and **that was the way to God**. - J. Vernon McGee

Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ and the Mark of Cain



And **the LORD set a mark upon Cain**, lest any finding him should kill him. (Gen 4:15)

Christ and the Mark of Cain

Hebrew Lesson to Begin:

- **אֶת** - *et* - undefined word
- Has no meaning
- Always precedes the direct object of a verb or preposition
- "A mark of the accusative"
- וְהָאָדָם נָדָע **אֶת** חַוָּה אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד **אֶת** קַיִן וְחָוָה קָנְיָתִי אִישׁ **אֶת** יְהוָה:

Christ and the Mark of Cain

- And Adam knew [et-] Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare [et-] Cain, and said, **I have gotten a man ~~from~~ [et-] the LORD.**
(Genesis 4:1)
- Cain rhymes with “gain,” and means “acquired”
- Hebrew: *Qaaniytiy 'iysh et-Yahweh*
- Translation: “I have acquired [a] man the LORD”

Christ and the Mark of Cain


- Eve believed she had given birth to “**the seed of woman**”

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed; [HE] shall bruise thy head,** and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Genesis 3:15)

Christ and the Mark of Cain


- She soon discovered that Cain was **NOT** the Promised One
- “And she again bare his brother **Abel** ...” (Genesis 4:2)
- “**Abel**” means “**vapor**” or “**vanity**”

Christ and the Mark of Cain




"By the time Abel was born, Eve was fully aware of the effect of God's curse on the creation, which was made "subject to vanity" (Ro 8:20)." (THMSB, p. 25)

Christ and the Mark of Cain




And she again bare his brother Abel. And **Abel was a keeper of sheep**, but **Cain was a tiller of the ground**.
(Genesis 4:2)

Christ and the Mark of Cain



And in process of time it came to pass, that **Cain brought of the fruit of the ground** an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also **brought of the firstlings of his flock** and of the fat thereof. ... (Genesis 4:3-4a)

Christ and the Mark of Cain



And the LORD had **respect** unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering [the LORD] had **not respect**. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. (Genesis 4:4b-5)

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that **he was righteous**, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (Hebrews 11:4)

Christ and the Mark of Cain



And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?** and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. (Genesis 4:6-7)

Christ and the Mark of Cain

The Problem With Cain's Unacceptable Offering

Cain did not follow God's prescribed method for sacrifice

Unto Adam also and to his wife **did the LORD God make coats of skins**, and clothed them. (Genesis 3:21)

"God made coats of skins" — taught them to make these for themselves. **This implies the institution of animal sacrifice**, which was undoubtedly of divine appointment, and instruction in **the only acceptable mode of worship** for sinful creatures, through faith in a Redeemer (Heb. 9:22).^{**}

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Christ and the Mark of Cain

The Problem With Cain's Unacceptable Offering


"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" (Genesis 4:7)

Cain **willfully** went against God's prescription for the sacrifice and "did his own thing"

"unto thee shall be his desire — The high distinction conferred by **priority of birth** is described (Gen. 27:29); and it was **Cain's conviction, that this honor had been withdrawn from him**, by the rejection of his sacrifice, and conferred on his younger brother - hence the secret flame of **jealousy**, which kindled into a settled **hatred** and fell **revenge**."^{*}

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Christ and the Mark of Cain



And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that **Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him**. (Genesis 4:8)

Christ and the Mark of Cain

Out of jealousy and contempt, Cain killed his brother Abel (Genesis 4:8)

God confronted Cain with his sin and, gave opportunity for Cain to confess his sin and to ask forgiveness. (Genesis 4:9-10)


And the LORD said unto Cain, **Where is Abel thy brother? ... What hast thou done?** the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. (Genesis 4:9-10)

As with Adam and Eve in the Garden, **God solicits a confession** giving the guilty party an **opportunity to ask for forgiveness**

Christ and the Mark of Cain


Cain's defiance and lack of remorse brought God's judgment upon him

"And now art **thou cursed from the earth ...** a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. (Genesis 4:11-12)



Christ and the Mark of Cain

And Cain said unto the LORD, **My punishment is greater than I can bear.** Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. (Genesis 4:13-14)




Christ and the Mark of Cain

Cain's remorse is **not over his sin**, but over **his punishment**

He's not sorry for what he did; he's sorry for getting caught

Rather than repent, he complains that his punishment is too harsh



Christ and the Mark of Cain

For his protection, God set a **mark** upon Cain (Genesis 4:15)

Hebrew: **'owt** – a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence

The word **appears 79 times** in the O.T.; usually translated as “sign” or “token” (in the KJV)

Only here is it translated “mark”

Christ and the Mark of Cain

Why does God not kill Cain for murdering his brother?

At this point, God had not given a commandment against murder

Cain is a **sinner**; he is not a **transgressor**

“... for where **no law** is, there is **no transgression.**” (Romans 4:15)

The “**mark**” identifies Cain as belonging to God

Christ and the Mark of Cain

How is the “Mark” an Image of Christ?

The mark shows God’s mercy on an undeserving sinner

Cain was totally **self-focused**, utterly **rebellious**, and well **deserving of death**

Yet God spared his life and marked him for his own protection

Christ and the Mark of Cain
How is the "Mark" an Image of Christ?

The mark shows God's mercy on an undeserving sinner

"The whole dealing of the Almighty was calculated to have a softening, conscience-awakening, and hope-inspiring effect on the murderer's heart." [Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible: Gen. 4:15]

"God displayed His grace, because Cain received divine protection." [Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis, (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 122.]

Christ and the Mark of Cain
How is the "Mark" an Image of Christ?

In a similar manner, Christ also died for unworthy sinners

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Timothy 2:19)

Christ and the Mark of Cain
How is the "Mark" an Image of Christ?

"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us ..." (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

"sealed" - Greek *sphragizō* - to stamp

i.e., has placed His "mark" on us

Christ and the Mark of Cain
How is the "Mark" an Image of Christ?

Sometimes one who has been sealed continues in rebellion as did Cain

The **Image of Christ** is displayed **in the mark of Cain**, not in that there was anything worthy in Cain, but in that **the grace of God and His mercy was lavished upon so unworthy a recipient.**

And so are we all.

Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ in the Ark of Noah




Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt **pitch it** within and without with **pitch**. (Genesis 6:14)

Christ in the Ark of Noah



After the banishment of Cain, man spiraled down into the depths of sin to the point that one of Cain's descendants celebrates the murder of an enemy, and counts himself greater than his forefather. Lamech sings:

Christ in the Ark of Noah



Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech, Give heed to my
speech,
For I have killed a man for wounding
me;
And a boy for striking me;
If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold
(Genesis 4:23-24; NASB)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

First example of Hebrew poetry

Hebrew poetry is distinguished by its use of parallelism

The first line makes a statement; the second line repeats the statement in a different way

The "Wisdom Books," Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, are examples of Hebrew poetry

This argues against the claim that Genesis 1-3 is Hebrew poetry and not historical narrative

Christ in the Ark of Noah

This kind of **violence** caused God to act:

And GOD saw that **the wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**. And **it repented** the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and **it grieved him at his heart**. And the LORD said, **I will destroy man** whom I have created from the face of the earth; **both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air**; for **it repenteth me** that I have made them. (Genesis 6:5-7)

Repent - *nācham* – to sigh, breathe strongly, to be sorry

Christ in the Ark of Noah

God's plan was not to be thwarted...

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name **Seth**: For God, said she, hath appointed me **another seed instead of Abel**, whom Cain slew. (Genesis 4:25)

Seth means "*substitute*"

Christ in the Ark of Noah

God's plan was not to be thwarted...

Through Seth's line would come the Promised One that would crush the serpent's head.

It was through this godly line that "then began men to call upon the **name of the LORD [Yahweh]**" (Genesis 4:26)

It was evidently at this time that godly men and women first initiated formal public services of sacrifice, worship and prayer, replacing the earlier practice of meeting personally with God, as Cain and Abel had done. The practice of individual prayer is also intimate, implying that God's personal presence was no longer regularly available. In any case, **an act of faith is implied.** (THMSB, p. 28)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

In only 1612 (+/- 8) years, humanity had degenerated to the point that God was willing to utterly destroy everything He created...

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)

And GOD saw that **the wickedness of man was great in the earth**, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for **all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**" (Genesis 6:5, 12)

This list contains a brief list of names of people who are mentioned in the Bible, listed in order of their death. "Yah" is mentioned in Genesis.

Reference/Name	Book/Chapter/Verses	Hebrew Name	Hebrew Transliteration	Hebrew Meaning	Hebrew Age at Death
1. Genesis 5:5	Adam (man) / Adam (man) / Adam (man)	אָדָם	Adām	man	930
2. Genesis 5:6	Seth (son of Adam) / Seth (son of Adam) / Seth (son of Adam)	שֵׁט	Shayt	to set, to place	912
3. Genesis 5:7	Enosh (son of Seth) / Enosh (son of Seth) / Enosh (son of Seth)	עֵנוֹשׁ	Enosh	to be weak, to be feeble	905
4. Genesis 5:8	Cain (son of Adam) / Cain (son of Adam) / Cain (son of Adam)	חָוֶל	Chavil	to be weary, to be tired	912
5. Genesis 5:9	Abel (son of Adam) / Abel (son of Adam) / Abel (son of Adam)	הָבֶל	Havil	to be weak, to be feeble	912
6. Genesis 5:10	Enoch (son of Japheth) / Enoch (son of Japheth) / Enoch (son of Japheth)	חֵנוֹךְ	Chenoch	to be weak, to be feeble	365
7. Genesis 5:11	Japheth (son of Noah) / Japheth (son of Noah) / Japheth (son of Noah)	יָפֶתְ	Yaphet	to be weak, to be feeble	165
8. Genesis 5:12	Shem (son of Noah) / Shem (son of Noah) / Shem (son of Noah)	שֵׁם	Shem	to be weak, to be feeble	600
9. Genesis 5:13	Ham (son of Noah) / Ham (son of Noah) / Ham (son of Noah)	חָם	Cham	to be weak, to be feeble	950
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12. Genesis 5:16	Ham (son of Noah) / Ham (son of Noah) / Ham (son of Noah)	חָם	Cham	to be weak, to be feeble	950
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18. Genesis 5:22	Ham (son of Noah) / Ham (son of Noah) / Ham (son of Noah)	חָם	Cham	to be weak, to be feeble	950
19. Genesis 5:23	Japheth (son of Noah) / Japheth (son of Noah) / Japheth (son of Noah)	יָפֶתְ	Yaphet	to be weak, to be feeble	165
20. Genesis 5:24	Shem (son of Noah) / Shem (son of Noah) / Shem (son of Noah)	שֵׁם	Shem	to be weak, to be feeble	600

<http://www.icr.org/article/how-young-earth-applying-simple-math-data-provided>

Christ in the Ark of Noah

... Noah was a **just** man and **perfect in his generations**, and Noah walked with God. (Genesis 6:9)

“just” - *tsaddiyq* – just, lawful, righteous

“perfect” - *tâmiym* – entire, also (as a noun) integrity, truth: - without blemish, complete, sound, without spot, undefiled, upright, whole

“in his generations” - *tôledâh* – descent, family, history, birth

Seems to indicate that his DNA was uncorrupted...

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And it came to pass, when **men began to multiply** on the face of the earth, and **daughters were born unto them**, That the **sons of God** saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they **took them wives of all which they chose**. (Genesis 6:1-2)

“sons of God” - *bêne 'êlôhiym* – used of angels elsewhere in the Old Testament

Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. (Job 1:6, see also Job 2:1; 38:7)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was filled with **violence**. (Genesis 6:11)

“corrupt” - *shâchath* – to decay, ruin

“violence” - *châmâs* – violence; by implication wrong; unjust gain, false, injustice

“The earth” suggests that the corruption extended to all of God’s creation including the animal kingdom

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And God said unto Noah, The end of **all flesh** is come before me; for **the earth is filled with violence** through them; and, behold, **I will destroy them with the earth**. Make thee an **ark** of gopher wood; **rooms** shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt **pitch it** within and without with **pitch**. (Genesis 6:13-14)

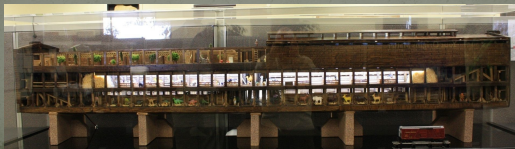
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“rooms” - *qên* - a nest; a chamber or dwelling

“pitch” - *kôpher* - a cover; figuratively a redemption price; also *kâphar* meaning to cover, expiate or condone, to placate or cancel: - appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: **The length** of the ark shall be **three hundred cubits**, the **breadth of it fifty cubits**, and the **height of it thirty cubits**.
(Genesis 6:15)

"cubit" – based on the average length from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger

- Egyptian Royal Cubit = 20.61 to 20.83 inches
- Sumerian Cubit = 20.42 inches
- Ancient Greek Cubit = 18.20 inches
- Ancient Roman Cubit = 13.60 inches
- Near Eastern (Biblical) cubit = 18.0 inches

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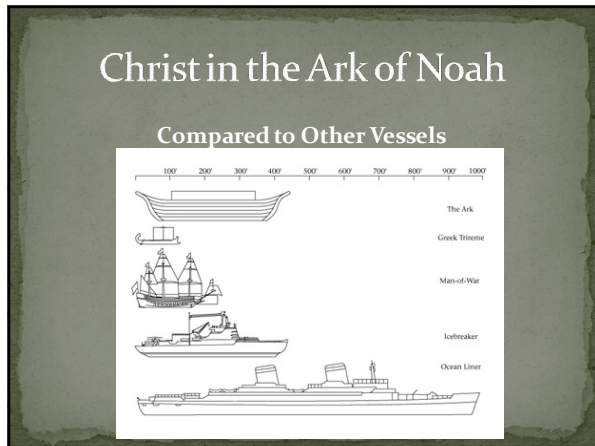
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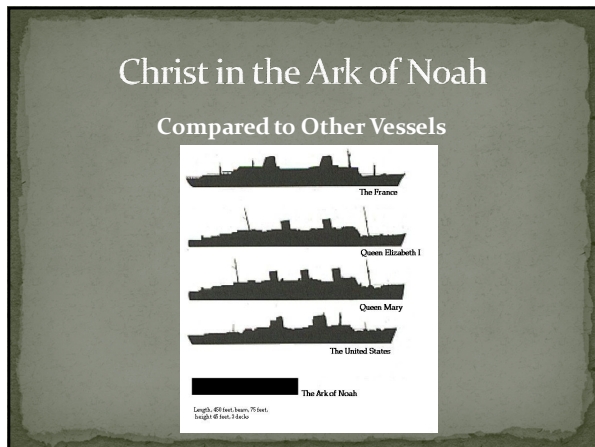
- Length: 300 cbt x 1.5 ft = 450 ft (1 ½ football fields)
- Width: 50 cbt x 1.5 ft = 75 ft
- Height: 30 cbt x 1.5 ft = 45 ft
- Volume: 450' x 75' x 45' = 1,518,750 cu ft

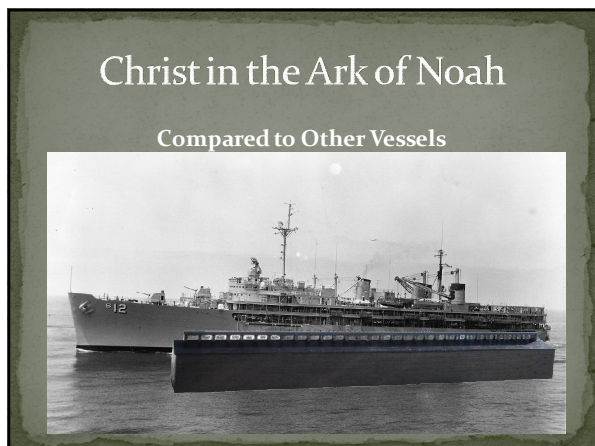
Christ in the Ark of Noah

Capacity = 522 Railroad Cattle Cars









Christ in the Ark of Noah

A **window** shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and **the door** of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with **lower, second, and third stories** shalt thou make it. (Genesis 6:16)

“**window**” - צֶהָר - **tsohar** - a light (i.e. window): dual double light, i.e. noon

Translated: noon, noon day, or midday everywhere else in the O.T.

More likely a large opening in the Ark to allow for light and ventilation.

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened **the window** of the ark which he had made: (Genesis 8:6)

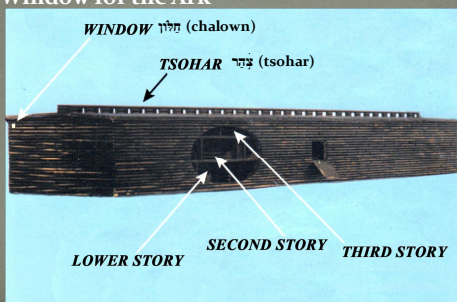
“**window**” - חֲלוֹן - **chalown** - a window

Translated “**window**” everywhere else in the O.T.

May have been a “**port hole**” distinct from the large tsohar prescribed in Genesis 6:16

Christ in the Ark of Noah

A Window for the Ark



Christ in the Ark of Noah

And of **every living thing of all flesh**, **two of every sort** shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls **after their kind**, and of cattle **after their kind**, of every creeping thing of the earth **after his kind**, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive. (Genesis 6:19-20)

“kind” - *miyn* – to portion out; a sort

Biblical **“kinds”** would be less than “species.”

Christ in the Ark of Noah

Biblical **“Kinds”** Equivalent to Biological Classification of **“Families”**

The diagram shows a vertical stack of colored boxes representing the hierarchy of biological classification: Life (blue), Domain (light blue), Kingdom (green), Phylum (light green), Class (yellow-green), Order (yellow), Family (orange), Genus (light orange), and Species (orange). To the right of the 'Family' box, the word 'Kinds' is written in yellow. To the right of the 'Genus' box, the word 'Species' is written in orange. Below the diagram, there are two URLs: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_\(biology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_(biology)) and <https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/no-kind-left-behind/>.

How many animals on the Ark?

Classification	Species	# on Ark
Mammals	3700	<3700
Birds	8600	<8600
Reptiles	6300	<6300
Amphibians	2500	<2500
Sea Creatures	1,051,205	0
=====		
Total	1,072,305	<21,100

Data from Dr. Terry Mortenson, *Noah's Flood: Washing Away Millions of Years*, DVD, Creation Library Series, © 2006, Answers In Genesis.

How many animals on the Ark?

Unclean (21,100 x 2)	42,200
Clean	7,800
Total # of Animals	50,000

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Kinds, Species, Variants



Kinds, Species, Variants



Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **take** thou unto thee of **all food that is eaten**, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for **food for thee, and for them**. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. (Genesis 6:21-22)

- Food **enough to last 370 days** for
 - Noah's family
 - All the animals
- Water for drinking and cleaning
- Required 4.07 ML (Mega Liters) or 1,074,480 gallons

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **the LORD said unto Noah**, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation ... For yet seven days, and **I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights**; and **every living substance** that I have made will **I destroy** from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. And **Noah was six hundred years old** when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the **waters of the flood**. (Genesis 7:1,4-7)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month**, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. (Genesis 7:10-11)

- “**Second Month**” – Two Possibilities:
- Iyar – April-May – Religious Calendar
 - Cheshvan – October-November – Civil Calendar
 - Probably the latter
 - The Religious Calendar established with Moses

Christ in the Ark of Noah

Hebrew	English	Number	Length	Civil Equivalent
ניסן	Nissan	1	30 days	March-April
אייר	Iyar	2	29 days	April-May
סיון	Sivan	3	30 days	May-June
תמוז	Tammuz	4	29 days	June-July
אב	Av	5	30 days	July-August
אלול	Elul	6	29 days	August-September
תשרי	Tishri	7	30 days	September-October
חשוון	Cheshvan	8	29 or 30 days	October-November
כסלו	Kislev	9	30 or 29 days	November-December
טבת	Tevet	10	29 days	December-January
שבט	Shevat	11	30 days	January-February
אדר א'	Adar I (leap years only)	12	30 days	February-March
אדר ב'	Adar (called Adar Beit in leap years)	13	29 days	February-March

<http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm>

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"Second Month the seventeenth day"

Cheshvan 17

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the **first month, the first day** of the month [**Tishri 1**], the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the **second month, on the seven and twentieth day** [**Cheshvan 27**] of the month, was the earth dried. (Genesis 8:13-14)

Biblical year = 360 days

Cheshvan 17 - Cheshvan 27 = 360+10=370 days

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all **the fountains of the great deep** broken up, and **the windows of heaven** were opened. (Genesis 7:10-11)

"fountains of the deep" – describes the earth's crust breaking open

Huge geysers of superheated water shooting high into the atmosphere

Christ in the Ark of Noah

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all **the fountains of the great deep** broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the **rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights**. (Genesis 7:11-12)

Water from the **fountains of the deep** condensed in the atmosphere and returned to earth as **rain for 40 days and nights**

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **the flood was forty days upon the earth**; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And **the waters prevailed**, and were **increased greatly** upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And **the waters prevailed exceedingly** upon the earth; and all **the high hills**, that were under the whole heaven, **were covered**. **Fifteen cubits [22.5'] upward** did the waters prevail; and **the mountains were covered**. (Genesis 7:17-20)

"hills/mountains" – same Hebrew word: *har*

High mountains were probably not part of the pre-Flood world

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **all flesh died** that moved upon the earth, both of **fowl**, and of **cattle**, and of **beast**, and of every **creeping thing** that creepeth upon the earth, and **every man**: **All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.** And **every living substance** was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both **man**, and **cattle**, and the **creeping things**, and the **fowl** of the heaven; and **they were destroyed** from the earth; and **Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.** (Genesis 7:21-23)

Could a "local flood" do this?

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **the waters prevailed** upon the earth an **hundred and fifty days.** (Genesis 7:24)

40 days of rain plus an additional **110** days **the waters prevailed**, i.e., continued to rise, **150** days total

"**prevail**" - *qābar* - to be *strong*, *act insolently*, *exceed*, *confirm*, *be great*, *be mighty*

150 days = approximately **5 months**

And **the waters returned** from off the earth continually: and **after the end of the hundred and fifty days** the waters were **abated.** (Genesis 8:3)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **the ark rested in the seventh month**, on the **seventeenth day** of the month [**Nissan (Abib) 17**], upon the mountains of Ararat. And **the waters decreased** continually until the tenth month: **in the tenth month, on the first day** of the month [**Tammuz 1**], were the **tops of the mountains seen.** (Genesis 8:4-5)

"**seventh month**" - 210 days total

Water increased for 150 days

The earth was covered for 60 days

Christ in the Ark of Noah

Hebrew	English	Number	Length	Civil Equivalent
ניסן	Nissan	1	30 days	March-April
אייר	Iyar	2	29 days	April-May
סיון	Sivan	3	30 days	May-June
תמוז	Tammuz	4	29 days	June-July
אב	Av	5	30 days	July-August
אלול	Ehul	6	29 days	August-September
תשרי	Tishri	7	30 days	September-October
חשוון	Cheshvan	8	29 or 30 days	October-November
כסלו	Kislev	9	30 or 29 days	November-December
טבת	Tevet	10	29 days	December-January
שבט	Shevat	11	30 days	January-February
אדר א'	Adar I (leap years only)	12	30 days	February-March
אדר ב'	Adar (called Adar Beit in leap years)	13	29 days	February-March

<http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm>

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And it came to pass **at the end of forty days**, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And **he sent forth a raven**, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. **Also he sent forth a dove** from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; (Genesis 8:6-8)

This would be the **eleventh month**, the **tenth day**

Tisha B'Av – **10th of Av** -historically a bad day for the Jews started by the bad report of the 10 spies – Numbers 13:25-33

Now in the **fifth month**, in the **tenth day** of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan ... into Jerusalem, And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire: (Jeremiah 52:12-13)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And **he stayed yet other seven days**; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark ... And **he stayed yet other seven days**; and sent forth the dove; **which returned not again** unto him any more. (Genesis 8:10, 12)

“seven days” (v. 10) – Av 17

“seven days” (v. 12) – Av 24

Christ in the Ark of Noah

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"first month, the first day" (7 days later) – Tishri 1

"2nd month, 27th day" (57 days later) – Cheshvan 27

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, **was the earth dried**. And God spake unto Noah, saying, **Go forth of the ark**, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. **Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee**, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; **that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply** upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: (Genesis 8:14-18)

After 370 days on the Ark

Christ in the Ark of Noah

People throughout the world have some kind of flood story that is a part of their culture

- 95% tell of a global flood
- 66% say it was due to the wickedness of man
- 88% report that there was a favored family
- 66% say the family was forewarned
- 70% talk about a boat that saved the family
- 67% include animals on the boat
- 57% explain that when the flood was over, the boat landed on a mountain

Christ in the Ark of Noah

None of these stories contains the beauty, clarity, and **believable detail** given in the Bible, but each is meaningful to their own culture. ...

The only credible way to understand the widespread, similar flood legends is to recognize that **all people living today**, even though separated geographically, linguistically, and culturally, have **descended from the few real people** who survived a **real global flood**, on a **real boat** which eventually landed on a **real mountain**. **Their descendants now fill the globe, never to forget the real event.** (John D. Morris - <http://www.icr.org/article/why-does-nearly-every-culture-have-tradition-global/>)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

Many flood memories are repressed or forgotten but live on in the written language of the people, e.g. Chinese:

船 = 舟 + 八 + 口
Ship | Vessel Ship Eight People

洪 = 氵 + 共 (卅 + 一 + 八)
Flood Water Total Together Earth Eight

Christ in the Ark of Noah

But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)

“**grace**” - **chên** - *graciousness*, that is, subjectively (*kindness, favor*)

First occurrence in the O.T.

And the child [Jesus] grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the **grace** of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)

“**grace**” - **charis** - *graciousness*

First occurrence in the N.T.

Christ in the Ark of Noah

But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)

The grace of God was present contemporaneously with the judgment of God: **But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah**; he found grace in the eyes of God. This was the way out of the devastation. This is grace in the context of judgment. The word **found** shows **grace is not won and it is not earned**. Noah simply **found** grace in God.*

*Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*. (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 155.

Christ in the Ark of Noah

But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)

Grace: "God's unmerited favor"

God as Creator is Owner and Master of His creation

He has the right to do as He pleases with what is His

The total destruction of *His* creation is within His right

"But Noah found **grace**"

Christ in the Ark of Noah

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and **Noah walked with God**. (Genesis 6:9)

David, arguably less worthy, found God's grace

And when [God] had removed [Saul], he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, **I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart**, which shall fulfil all my will. (Acts 13:22)

David was not sinless; his heart's desire was to seek God

Christ in the Ark of Noah

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and **Noah walked with God**. (Genesis 6:9)

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for the LORD seeth not as man seeth**; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but **the LORD looketh on the heart**. (1 Samuel 16:7)

If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; Shall not God search this out? **for he knoweth the secrets of the heart**. (Psalms 44:20-21)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and **Noah walked with God**. (Genesis 6:9)

David is numbered among the heroes of the faith along with **Noah** (Hebrews 11:7, 32), not because he was sinless, but **because his heart's desire**, like that of **Noah** was for God, and **God granted them His grace**

For **by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Ephesians 2:8)

But **Noah found grace** in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)

Christ in the Ark of Noah

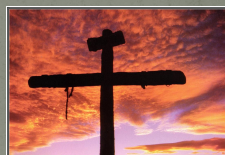
How is the Ark an Image of Christ?

Ark

Christ





The Ark was made of wood



The Cross was made of wood

Christ in the Ark of Noah

How is the Ark an Image of Christ?

Ark	Christ
 <p>The Ark was covered within and without with pitch (Genesis 6:14)</p>	 <p>The blood of Christ covers (atones for) our sin (Romans 5:11)</p>

Christ in the Ark of Noah

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt **pitch it** within and without with **pitch**. (Genesis 6:14)

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the **atonement**. (Romans 5:11)

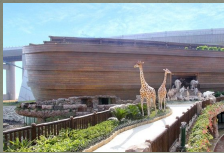

"atonement" - *katallagē* - exchange, that is, restoration to (the divine) favor: atonement, reconciliation

[Christ] In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed, ye were sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

"Sealed" - *sphragizō* - to stamp for security

Christ in the Ark of Noah

How is the Ark an Image of Christ?

Ark	Christ
 <p>The Ark was large enough to accommodate many more people (Genesis 6:15)</p>	 <p>Christ saves whosoever will... (John 3:16; Revelation 3:20)</p>

Christ in the Ark of Noah

And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. (Genesis 6:15)

The Ark had 1,518,750 cu ft of space; room enough for 2420 more people, but only 8 entered the Ark

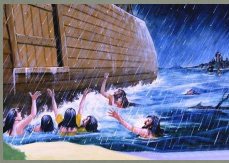

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)

God's grace is available to ALL!

Christ in the Ark of Noah

How is the Ark an Image of Christ?

Ark	Christ
	
The Ark had only one door (Genesis 6:16)	Jesus is the only way (John 14:6)



Christ in the Ark of Noah

A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. (Genesis 6:16)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

[Jesus] is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:11)

Christ in the Ark of Noah
How is the Ark an Image of Christ?

Ark	Christ
	
<p>The Ark carried its cargo to safety (Genesis 8:1-19)</p>	<p>All who trust in Christ have their final destination in heaven with Him (John 14:3)</p>

Christ in the Ark of Noah


And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried ... And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. (Genesis 8:14,18-19)

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also.** (John 14:3)

Christ in the Ark of Noah


And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth:** for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And **I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,** coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and **there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:** for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)

Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ in the Life of Abraham



And you, **be ye fruitful, and multiply**; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein. (Genesis 9:7)

Christ in the Life of Abraham

The Dominion Mandate Repeated

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply**, and **replenish the earth**, and **subdue it**; and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)

“replenish” - *mālê’* - to fill
“subdue” - *kābash* - to conquer, subjugate, violate
“dominion” - *rādâh* - to rule over

Christ in the Life of Abraham

The Dominion Mandate Repeated

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them,
Be fruitful, and **multiply**, and **replenish** the earth. (Genesis 9:1)

“replenish” - *mâlê'* - to fill

The commands to **“subdue”** - *kâbash* - and to have
“dominion” - *râdâh* - or “rule over” are not repeated

Man's relationship with the animals had been altered

God's desire was for man to populate the entire planet

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The Institution of Human Government

And surely **your blood** of your lives **will I require**; **at the hand of every beast** will I require it, **and at the hand of man**; **at the hand of every man's brother** will I require the life of man. **Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.**
(Genesis 9:5-6)

“require” - *dârash* - ask for, demand, exact, i.e. avenge

God delegated capital punishment for murder to man

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The Dominion Mandate Repeated (again)

And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; **bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.** (Genesis 9:7)

Clearly, God wants them to “spread out”

They complied with the “be fruitful, and multiply” part

They disobeyed in the “fill the earth” part

Chapter 11 shows the results...

Christ in the Life of Abraham

The Noahic Covenant

And I, behold, **I establish my covenant with you**, and **with your seed** after you; And **with every living creature** that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. (Genesis 9:9-10)

This is the **first covenant** established **in the Bible** and it is **unconditional**; God takes all the responsibility

Man has no participation in the covenant; he is only the beneficiary of the covenant

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The Noahic Covenant

And I will establish my covenant with you; **neither shall all flesh be cut off** any more by the **waters of a flood**; **neither shall there any more be a flood** to destroy the earth. (Genesis 9:11)

"flood" – *mabbûl* – in the sense of *flowing*; a *deluge*

Used only in reference to **the catastrophic global flood** in the O.T.


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The Noahic Covenant

And God said, **This is the token** of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, **for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud**, and **it shall be for a token** of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that **the bow shall be seen in the cloud**; And **I will remember my covenant**, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and **the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh**. (Genesis 9:12-15)

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The Noahic Covenant



And **the bow shall be in the cloud**; and I will look upon it, **that I may remember the everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. (Genesis 9:16)

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The Noahic Covenant



And God said unto Noah, **This is the token of the covenant**, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth. (Genesis 9:17)

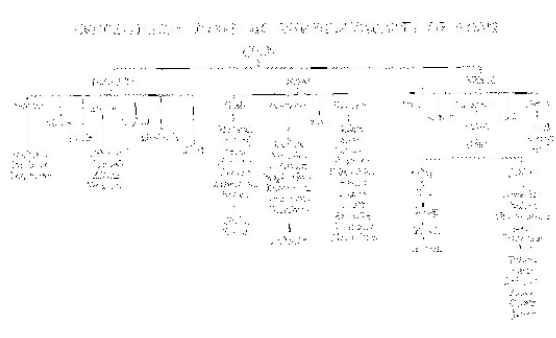
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The Table of Nations – Genesis 10

Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and **unto them were sons born after the flood**. (Genesis 10:1)

These “sons” became the “nations” disbursed at the Tower of Babel – Genesis 11

This explains why Flood “stories” are ubiquitous in almost every culture



These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and **by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.** (Genesis 10:32)

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Division of Nations – Genesis 11


And **the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.** (Genesis 11:1)

And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was **Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided;** and his brother's name was Joktan. (Genesis 10:25)

And they said, Go to, let us build us **a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;** and let us make us a name, **lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.** (Genesis 11:4)

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Division of Nations – Genesis 11



**migdāl w-rô'shō
basššhāmayim**

Tower Whose top To the heavens

Not “to reach” the heavens, but “dedicated unto” the heavens

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Division of Nations – Genesis 11



The European Union Parliament Building, Strasbourg, France

In 2010 Glenn Beck suggested that the tower's design consciously mirrors the Vienna painting of the **Tower of Babel** by Pieter Bruegel the Elder*

... there is no new thing under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seat_of_the_European_Parliament_in_Strasbourg

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Division of Nations – Genesis 11

And **the LORD came down** to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And the LORD said, Behold, **the people is one**, and **they have all one language**; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, **let us go down**, and there **confound their language**, that **they may not understand one another's speech**. So **the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth**: and they left off to build the city. (Genesis 11:5-8)

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Division of Nations – Genesis 11

“**the LORD came down**” does not mean God was unaware

God, as we have seen, allows time for man to repent before executing judgment

“**the people** [were] **one**, and **they** [had] **all one language**” – they were united in their rebellion against God's command:

“let us build us a city and a tower ... **lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth**” (Genesis 11:4)

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Division of Nations – Genesis 11

“So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. (Genesis 11:8)



For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (Romans 1:18-19)



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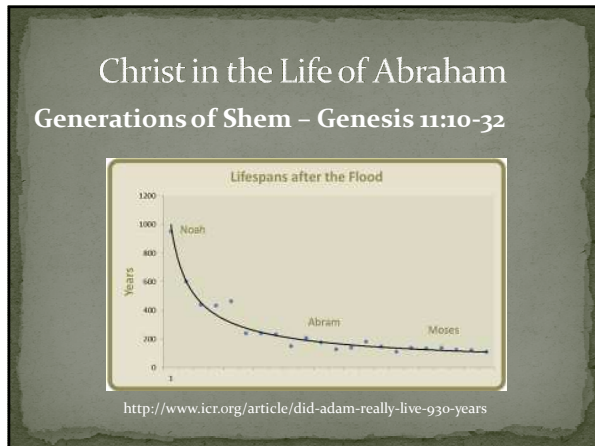
Generations of Shem – Genesis 11:10-32

These are the generations of **Shem**: Shem was an hundred years old, and **begat Arphaxad two years after the flood**: And **Shem lived** after he begat Arphaxad **five hundred years**, and begat sons and daughters. (Genesis 11:10-11)

“**Shem**” means “**name**”

Life spans declined dramatically after the Flood

Noah lived **350 years** after the Flood – **950 years total** (Genesis 9:28-29)



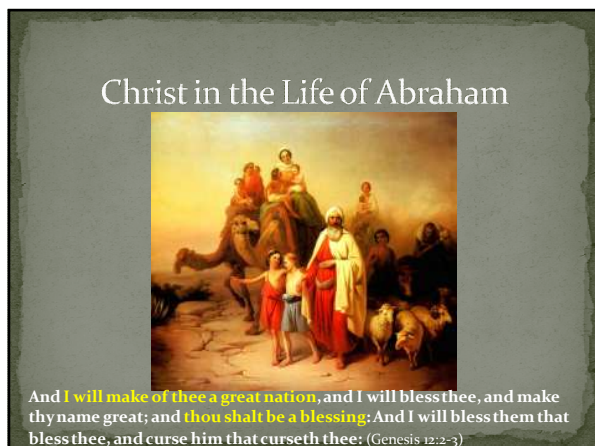
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Generations of Shem – Genesis 11:10-32


Declination seen at time of death

Seth (600)	Serug (230)
Arphaxad (438)	Nahor (148)
Salah (433)	Terah (205)
Eber (464)	Abram
Peleg (239)	Nahor
Reu (239)	Haran

Now the LORD had said unto **Abram**, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto **a land that I will shew thee**: (Genesis 12:1)



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... and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**
(Genesis 12:3)

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Six Promises (Genesis 12:1-3):

- (1.) God would make would of Abram **"a great nation"**
- (2.) God would **bless him**
- (3.) God would **make Abram's name great**
- (4.) Abram would be a **blessing to others**
- (5.) God promises to **bless those who bless him and curse those who curse him**
- (6.) And the greatest promise of all: **"in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"** – the promise of Messiah

Christ in the Life of Abraham

The Promise of an Heir

I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.** (Genesis 12:2-3)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**; for **he shall save his people from their sins.** (Matthew 1:21)

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The Promise of an Heir

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and **shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great**, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.** (Luke 1:31-33)

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The Promise of an Heir

The **first Image of Christ** that we see in the life of Abraham is in **the promise of our Savior.**

For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)

Christ in the Life of Abraham

A Personal Visit



And the LORD **appeared** unto Abram (Genesis 12:7)

Christ in the Life of Abraham

A Personal Visit

And **the LORD appeared** unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto **the LORD, who appeared** unto him. (Genesis 12:7)

- This was a **physical appearance**
- “**appeared**” -- *ra'ah* -- “to see”
- The “**LORD**” is *Yahweh* (Jehovah) in the flesh
- This is known as a “**Theophany**” or a “**Christophany**”
- Jesus said, “God is a Spirit” (John 4:24)
- This was the pre-incarnate Christ

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A Personal Visit – Not a “Vision”

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram **in a vision**, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. (Genesis 15:1)

And God spake unto Israel **in the visions** of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. (Genesis 46:2)

[Balaam] He hath said, which heard the words of God, which **saw the vision** of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: (Numbers 24:4)

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A Personal Visit – Not a “Vision”

And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli **the vision**. (1 Samuel 3:15)

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and **I saw visions of God**. (Ezekiel 1:1)

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A Personal Visit – Not a “Vision”

And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me **in the visions of God** to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. (Ezekiel 8:3)

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A Personal Visit – Not a “Vision”

In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south. (Ezekiel 40:2)

And **I Daniel alone saw the vision**: for the men that were with me saw not **the vision**; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore **I was left alone, and saw this great vision**, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. (Daniel 10:7-8)

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A Personal Visit

And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto **thy seed** will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. (Genesis 12:7)

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to **seeds**, as of many; but as of one, And to **thy seed, which is Christ**. (Galatians 3:16)

Paul emphasizes the significance of the “singular” **seed**

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Another Personal Visit


And the LORD said unto Abram ... Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For **all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever** [olam]. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. (Genesis 13:14-16)

This promise is unconditional

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Another Personal Visit

In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, **Unto thy seed** have I given this land, **from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates**: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the **Hiittites**, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites. (Genesis 15:18-21)



Gen 15:18
On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Exod 23:31
And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

1 Kings 4:21
Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

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Another Personal Visit

The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto **thy seed** will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. (Genesis 24:7)

After Solomon, Israel lost the Promised Land; but when the promised "**Seed**" comes again, the land will be restored to Israel

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The Angel of the LORD

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The Angel of the LORD

And **the angel of the LORD** found her [Hagar] by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. (Genesis 16:7)

First mention of "**angel**"

Hebrew: **mal'ak** meaning "**messenger**"

The angel is "of the **LORD**" (**Yahweh**)

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The Angel of the LORD

And **he said**, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. And **the angel of the LORD said** unto her, **Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself** under her hands. And **the angel of the LORD said** unto her, **I will multiply thy seed exceedingly**, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. (Genesis 16:8-10)

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The Angel of the LORD

Note: **the angel says, "I will multiply thy seed"** (v. 10) not **"The LORD will multiply..."**

An ordinary angel would not personally make such a promise

An ordinary angel has no authority other than what is specifically assigned to him by God

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The Angel of the LORD

And there appeared unto him an **angel of the Lord** standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. (Luke 1:11-12)

And **the angel answering said** unto him, **I am Gabriel**, that **stand in the presence of God**; and am **sent to speak unto thee**, and to shew thee these glad tidings. (Luke 1:19)

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The Angel of the LORD

And in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel was sent from God** unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And **the angel came in unto her, and said**, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, **the Lord is with thee**: blessed art thou among women. (Luke 1:26-28)

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The Angel of the LORD

And **the angel said** unto her, Fear not, Mary: for **thou hast found favour with God**. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give** unto him the throne of his father David: (Luke 1:30-32)

And **the angel answered and said** unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

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The Angel of the LORD

So when **the angel says, "I will multiply thy seed"** (Genesis 16:10) He is not speaking *for* the LORD, He *IS* the LORD

An ordinary angel, like Gabriel, relays the message directly from God but takes no responsibility for it

Once again we have a physical manifestation of God

This is a "Theophany" or "Christophany"

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The Angel of the LORD

And **she called the name of the LORD** that spake unto her, **Thou God seest me**: for she said, Have **I also here looked after him that seeth me?** Wherefore the well was called **Beerlahairoi**; (Genesis 16:13-14)

Hagar finally recognizes to whom it was she was speaking

"Beerlahairoi" - *be'êr lachay rô'iy* - *well of the living (One), my Seer*

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The Angel of the LORD

And **God heard** the voice of the lad; and **the angel of God** called to Hagar **out of heaven**, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; **for God hath heard** the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; **for I will make him a great nation**. And **God opened her eyes**, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. (Genesis 21:17-19)

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The Angel of the LORD

Here we have **"the angel of God"** (Elohim) not **"the angel of the LORD"** (Yahweh)

Hagar was no longer under the "Covenant" protection of the LORD through Abraham

Note again that **the angel says**, **"I will make him a great nation"** (v. 18) not **"The LORD will make him a great nation..."** The **angel IS the LORD**

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Christ Visits Abraham

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And **the LORD appeared unto him** in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, **three men** stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and **bowed himself toward the ground**, And said, **My Lord**, if now I have found favour **in thy sight**, pass not away, I pray thee, from **thy servant**: (Genesis 18:1-3)

“appeared” - *rā'āh* - “to see”

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Christ Visits Abraham

- Three “men” came to visit Abraham (Genesis 18:2)
- **“the LORD appeared** unto him in the plains of Mamre” (Genesis 18:1)
- One of the three was **the LORD (Yahweh)**
- That it is the LORD (Yahweh) with whom Abraham is speaking is emphasized in verses, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26, and 33.
- This is a physical manifestation of the pre-incarnate Christ

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- Abraham “**bow**ed himself toward the ground” (Genesis 18:2)
- Hebrew: **shachah** meaning “to prostrate in homage to royalty or God”
- God’s angels do not accept worship from men
- Consider Revelation 19:10 – “And I **fell at his feet to worship him**. And he said unto me, **See thou do it not**: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: **worship God**”

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Also Revelation 22:8-9 – “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel** which shewed me these things. **Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not**: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **worship God**

“Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and **worshipping of angels**” (Colossians 2:18).

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- This “Angel” accepted Abraham’s worship
- Abraham addresses Him as “Lord”
- Hebrew: **Adonai** (plural of **Adon**) meaning “sovereign” (human or divine)
- The reason is not that he is addressing all three, since the next second person pronoun is singular. Rather, **Abraham recognized one of the three to be God Himself and used the divine title of Adonai, literally, “My Lords.”**
(Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel’s Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, 310)

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- This "Angel" assumes responsibility for the promise to Abraham
- "And [the Angel] said, **I will certainly return** unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, **Sarah thy wife shall have a son.**" (Genesis 18:10)
- The Angel demonstrates **omniscience** and assigns **omnipotence** to Himself

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- And **the LORD said** unto Abraham, **Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?** (Gen. 18:13)
- Is any thing too hard for the LORD? (Genesis 18:14a)
- Note: The "Angel" never says "Thus saith the LORD"
- The "Angel" reaffirms the promise of Messiah

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Christ Visits Abraham

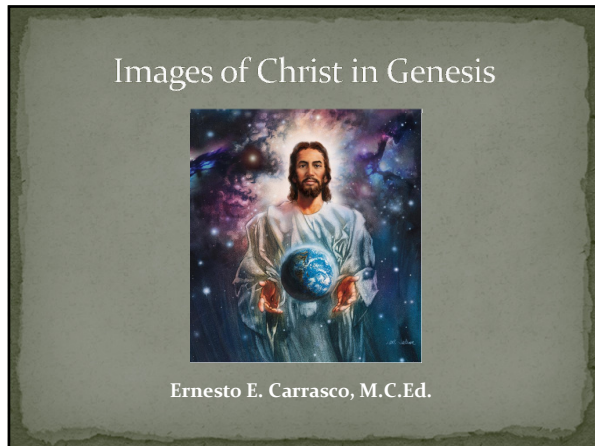
- And **the LORD said**, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and **all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?** (Genesis 18:17-18)
- Abraham then intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah
- Genesis 18 vividly displays the image of Christ as **Yahweh**, as **worthy of worship**, as **omniscient**, as **omnipotent**, as **faithful promise keeper**, and as **friend**.

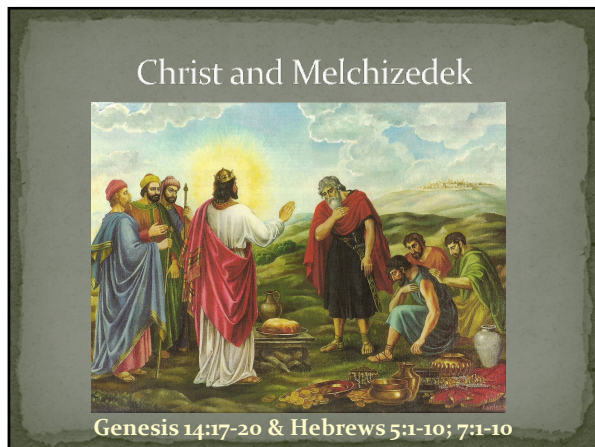
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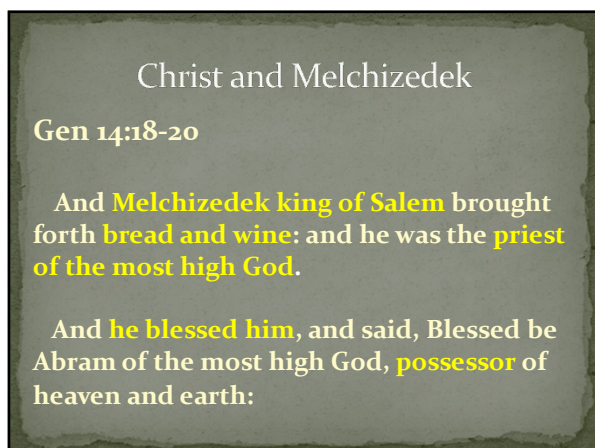
Your father **Abraham rejoiced to see my day:**
and he saw it, and was glad. (John 8:56)

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say
unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.** (John 8:58)









Christ and Melchizedek

Gen 14:18-20

And **blessed be the most high God**, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. **And he gave him tithes of all.**

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Who is this mysterious king-priest?

- מֶלְכִּי-צֶדֶק מֶלֶךְ שָׁלֵם
- His name means “king of righteousness”
- He is the king of Salem which means “Peace”
- He serves Abram “bread and wine”
- He is “priest of the most high God”

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Who is this mysterious king-priest?

- He blesses Abram and the God of Abram “**possessor** of heaven and earth”
- Heb. *qānāh* – to procure, especially by purchase – “**to redeem**”
- Abram “gave him tithes of all [the spoils]”

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- Some say Jerusalem
- A shortened form for **Urusalim**, “city of peace,” according to tablets found in **Tell el Amarna**
- **Jerusalem** was the city of the **Jebusites**
- The **Jebusites** lived in the land at the time of Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21)

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Genesis 15:18-21

I given **this land**, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the **Jebusites**.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Joshua 15:63

As for the **Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem**, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the **Jebusites dwell** with the children of Judah **at Jerusalem** unto this day.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Judges 1:21

And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the **Jebusites** that **inhabited Jerusalem**; but **the Jebusites dwell** with the children of Benjamin **in Jerusalem** unto this day.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Judges 19:10-11

But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against **Jebus, which is Jerusalem**; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Judges 19:10-11

And when they were by **Jebus**, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into **this city of the Jebusites**, and lodge in it.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

1 Chronicles 11:4
And David and all Israel went to **Jerusalem**, which is **Jebus**; where the **Jebusites** were, **the inhabitants of the land**.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- If Salem is Jerusalem,
- And Jerusalem is Jebus
- Why did Moses in Genesis 14:18 not use its common name, **Jebus**?
- **Salem** is mentioned only 5 times in the Bible
- 3 times associated with Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1, 2)

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- Once it is located about 40 mi. north of Jerusalem
- And Jacob came to **Shalem**, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padanaram; and pitched his tent before the city. (Genesis 33:18)

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- Once associated with the “dwelling place of God”
- In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. **In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.** (Psalm 76:1-2)

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- “Zion” is thought to refer to Jerusalem
- Zion – a mountain in Jerusalem
- Also – “a monumental or guiding pillar”: sign, title or way-mark
- Not necessarily Jerusalem

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Acts 7:48-50

Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; as saith the prophet [Isaiah],

Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Acts 7:48-50

Hath not my hand made all these things?

Stephen quoting Solomon and Isaiah (1 Kings 8:27 and Isaiah 66:1-2)

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

Hebrews 8:1-2

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

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.

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

2 Chronicles 3:1
Then **Solomon began to build the house of the LORD** at Jerusalem in **mount Moriah**, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, **in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.**

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- If Salem is Jerusalem
- And Mt. Moriah the site for the Temple,
- Why did God not instruct Abraham to go to Salem or Jebus?
- The place Abraham went was uninhabited
- There was no city there

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Where is this mysterious city of Salem?

- **Salem** is *NOT* Jerusalem
- An **attribute** of Melchizedek
- He is “King of Righteousness”
- He is “**King of Peace**”
- “**Righteous King of Peace**”

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Some other nagging questions...

- No genealogy; no posterity
- No record of death
- No further contact with Abraham
- No hard evidence for Salem

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Some other nagging questions...

- King and priest are separate offices – Melchizedek is both (see 1Samuel 13:5-15)
- How can the “Righteous King of Peace” be king and priest in godless Canaan, in Jerusalem, city of the Jebusites?

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Hebrews 5:1-10

1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained **for men** in things pertaining to God, **that he may offer** both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 **Who can have compassion** on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that **he himself also is compassed with infirmity.**

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Hebrews 5:1-10

- “For men” – *hyper* – meaning over, above
- “that he may offer” – intermediary
- Must have compassion/sympathy
- “he himself also is compassed with infirmity”
- Set above men to intercede for men while he himself is still sinful

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Hebrews 5:1-10

3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

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Hebrews 5:1-10

- The high priest, because he too is sinful, must offer for himself
- No man volunteers for this job
- He must be called of God

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Hebrews 5:1-10

5 So also **Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest**; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. (Psalm 2:7)

6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever **after the order of Melchisedec.** (Psalm 110:4)

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Hebrews 5:1-10

- Christ is now High Priest as ordained by God the Father
- His priesthood is “forever”
- “**after the order**”-*kata, taxis* – according to the fixed succession

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Hebrews 5:1-10

7 Who [**Christ**] in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him [**the Father**] that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered;

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Hebrews 5:1-10

- **“learned he obedience”**
- What He knew by omniscience, He “learned” by experience, thus “being made perfect”—not as God (for as God He was eternally perfect, by definition), but as **man**. (THMSB, p. 1899)

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Hebrews 5:1-10

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 **Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**

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Christ Meets the Requirements for High Priest:

- Placed “over” men
- Has compassion/sympathy
- Can identify with men’s sin
- Called of God

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Superiority of Christ our High Priest:

- Begotten of God the Father
- Eternal priesthood
- according to the “fixed succession” of Melchizedek

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Hebrews 7:1-10

1 For this **Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God**, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also **King of Salem, which is, King of peace**;

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Hebrews 7:1-10

- Melchisedec, king of Salem
- King of righteousness
- King of Salem, King of Peace
- Priest of the most high God
- Holds a dual office: King/Priest

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Hebrews 7:1-10

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch **Abraham** gave the tenth of the spoils.

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Hebrews 7:1-10

- No genealogy
- No posterity
- No beginning, no end (eternal)
- Made "**like**"-*aphomoioo*-the Son of God
- Perfect tense: past action continuing into the present
- Perpetual priesthood
- Abraham gave him a tithe

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Hebrews 7:1-10

5 And verily they that are of **the sons of Levi**, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to **take tithes of the people** according to the law, that is, of their brethren, **though they come out of the loins of Abraham:**

6 But he whose descent is not counted from **them received tithes of Abraham**, and blessed him that had the promises.

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Hebrews 7:1-10

- Descendants of Abraham, the Levites receive tithes of the “other” descendants of Abraham
- Melchizedek, not a descendant, receives tithes of Abraham
- Melchizedek is greater than Abraham, and greater than the Levites

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Hebrews 7:1-10

- 7 And without all contradiction **the less is blessed of the better.**
- 8 And here men that die receive tithes; **but there** he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that **he liveth.**

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Hebrews 7:1-10

- “**the less**” (Abraham) is blessed of “**the better**” (Melchizedek)
- “**but there**” (Genesis 14:18-20)
- Melchizedek “**liveth**”-zoe-present, active, indicative (action is certain)

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Hebrews 7:1-10

9 And as I may so say, **Levi** also, who receiveth tithes, **payed tithes in Abraham.**
 10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, **when Melchisedec met him.**

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Hebrews 7:1-10

- The Levitical priests paid tithes by “proxy” to Melchizedek
- The priesthood of Melchizedek is superior to the Aaronic priesthood

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Hebrews 7:14-17

14 For it is evident that **our Lord sprang out of Juda**; of which tribe Moses spake **nothing concerning priesthood.**
 15 And it is yet far more evident: for that **after the similitude of Melchisedec** there **ariseth another priest**, (i.e. Jesus)

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Hebrews 7:14-17

16 **Who is made**, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but **after the power of an endless life**.

17 For he testifieth, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec**.

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Hebrews 7:24-27

24 **But this man** (Jesus), because he continueth ever, **hath an unchangeable priesthood**.

25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them**.

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Hebrews 7:24-27

26 For **such an high priest became us**, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who **needeth not daily**, as those high priests, **to offer up sacrifice**, first **for his own sins**, and then for the people's: **for this he did once, when he offered up himself**.

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Jesus the Perfect High Priest

- Unchangeable, perpetual priesthood
- Saves to the uttermost
- Intercedes forever
- He is a sinless High Priest
- Offered Himself, a once-for-all sacrifice

Christ and Melchizedek

Melchizedek	Christ
• Without descent (Heb 7:3)	• Without descent (in His pre-incarnate state)
• No beginning, no end (Heb 7:3)	• In the beginning was the Word (Jn 1:1)
• Priest continually (Heb 7:3)	• Priest forever (Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6,10)

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Melchizedek	Christ
• Offered bread and wine (Gen 14:18)	• Offered His body and blood (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:19-20; Jn 6:51,58; 1 Cor 11:24-26)
• Interceded between man and God (Gen 14:19-20)	• Intercedes for us (1 Tim 2:5; Heb 5:1)
• Blesses Abram—the greater blesses the lesser (Gen 14:19; Heb 7:7)	• Through His sacrifice, Jesus blesses us (Rom 4:6-8; Eph 1:3; Rev 19:9)

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<u>Melchizedek</u>	<u>Christ</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receives a tithe from Abram (Gen 14:20; Heb 7:6) • Name means "King of Righteousness" (Gen 14:18) • King of Salem or "Peace" (Gen 14:18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He <i>IS</i> our offering (Heb 10:1-18). The tithe is an OT concept not repeated in the NT. • Messiah is "the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jer 23:6) • He <i>IS</i> our Peace (Is 53:5; Eph 2:14)

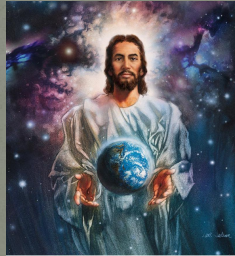
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Conclusion:

Melchizedek is the pre-incarnate Christ in theophany, in Genesis 14:18-20;

If not, he is at least a remarkable *Image of Christ in Genesis*

Images of Christ in Genesis



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The Sacrifice of Isaac

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Hebrew for "**tempt**" is *nâsâh* meaning "to test"

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Let no man say when he is **tempted**, I am tempted of God: for God **cannot be tempted** with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (James 1:13)

Greek for "**tempted**" is *peirazō* meaning "to test"

Greek for "**cannot be tempted**" is *apeirastos* meaning "not temptable"

In context, James is referring to "enticement to sin" which is a "test," but not from God

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The verb involves the idea that **something previously hidden becomes revealed and known**, and here God acts to expose what Abraham has within himself.*

*Eugene H. Merrill, *The Bible Knowledge Key Word Study: Genesis-Deuteronomy*, (Colorado Springs: Cook Communications Ministries, 2003), 90.

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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. (Genesis 22:2)

"**thy son**" – which one? Ishmael or Isaac?

"thine **only son, Isaac**" – more specific

"whom thou lovest" – right to the heart!

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“the land of Moriah” – meaning: *seen of Jah* (Yahweh/Jehovah), or *Jah provides*

Eventual site of Solomon’s Temple (2 Chronicles 3:1)

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“offer” – **‘ālāh** – does *not* mean “slay” – it means “to cause to go up”

The Hebrew verb stem (hiphel – a causative) indicates that the object – Isaac (“**him**”) – participates in the “offering”

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Nowhere in Scripture did God require the sacrifice of persons ... All biblical sacrifice rests on the idea that **the gift of life** to God, **either** in **consecration** or in **expiation**, is **necessary to restore the broken fellowship** with God caused by sin.*

* Walter C. Kaiser Jr., et al, *Hard Sayings of the Bible*, (Dowers Grove, Ill., InterVarsity Press, 1996), 127.

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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.
(Genesis 22:3)

No hint of hesitation on Abraham's part

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, (Hebrews 11:17)

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The Sacrifice of Isaac

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. (Genesis 22:4)

Abraham had already sacrificed, i.e. "consecrated," Isaac when he chose to obey God

"the idea that the gift of life to God, either in consecration or in expiation"

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The Sacrifice of Isaac

Isaac was not a little boy...

- A 3-day journey required some stamina
- Ishmael was 15-16 when expelled from the camp (Genesis 21:14)
- Ishmael almost died in the wilderness (Genesis 21:15-16)
- Abraham transfers the wood from the pack animal and places it on Isaac's back (Genesis 22:6)
- Enough wood to completely consume the victim

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Isaac was not a little boy...

- The wood was too heavy for an 8-10 year old boy
- Isaac was probably in his early 20's or older
- It would not be unreasonable to suggest that he may have been around 33 years old
- Jesus was 33 when He was crucified

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The Sacrifice of Isaac

Isaac was not a little boy...

- Sarah was 90 years old when Isaac was born (Genesis 17:17)
- Sarah died at the age of 127 (Genesis 23:1)
- Isaac would have been around 37 years old at the time of her death
- It's plausible that Isaac was 33 at the time of the sacrifice
- It would be just like God to portray this precursor as accurately as possible

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The Sacrifice of Isaac

And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and **I and the lad will go** yonder and worship, **and come again to you.** (Genesis 22:5)

Abraham had no idea how God would restore Isaac, but he had complete faith that He would

By **faith** Abraham ... offered up Isaac ... Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: **Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead;** (Hebrews 11:17-19)

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And **Abraham took the wood** of the burnt offering, and **laid it upon Isaac** his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; **and they went both of them together.** And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but **where is the lamb for a burnt offering?** (Genesis 22:6-7)

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We must remember that **Isaac was a grown man**, no doubt much **stronger than his father**, and **could easily have escaped had he wished.** He certainly could have guessed his father's intentions; he was well aware of the human sacrifices practiced by the pagan tribes of the area. He knew they were going to offer a burnt offering because they had wood and fire and a knife, but there was no lamb.*

* Henry M. Morris, *The Genesis Record*, (Grand Rapids, MI, Baker Book House, 1976), 380.

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"Therefore doth my Father love me, because **I lay down my life**, that I might take it again. **No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father." (John 10:17-18)

Like Jesus, Isaac willingly submitted to his father's will

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The Sacrifice of Isaac

And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering; so they went both of them together. (Genesis 22:8)

In the Hebrew, it reads **yireh-lo**, which allows for **two options**. The first option is that **God will provide for Himself** or, second, **God will provide Himself** as an offering. **It was a divine provision either way.***

*Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, (San Antonio, TX, Ariel Ministries, 2009), 354.


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But we must not suppose that this was the language merely of faith and obedience; **the patriarch spoke prophetically, and referred to that Lamb of God which He had provided for himself, who in the fullness of time should take away the sin of the world, and of whom Isaac was a most expressive type.** All the other lambs which had been offered from the foundation of the world had been such as Men chose and Men offered; but This was the Lamb which God had provided - emphatically, The Lamb Of God. (Adam Clark's Commentary on the Bible - Genesis 22:8.)

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And **the angel of the LORD** called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, **Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.** (Genesis 22:11-12)

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The Sacrifice of Isaac

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now **I know that thou fearest God**, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. (Genesis 22:12)

God knew it before, but now Abraham had given a most memorable evidence of it. He needed do no more; what he had done was sufficient to prove the religious regard he had to God and his authority. (Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible - Genesis 22:11-14)

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Sacrifice of Isaac	Sacrifice of Christ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered up by his father Probably 30-34 years old Carried the wood for his own sacrifice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered up by His Father Was 33/34 years old Carried His own Cross

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Sacrifice of Isaac	Sacrifice of Christ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not resist Three-day journey Was received back alive Later received his bride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not resist Three days in the tomb Rose on the 3rd day Will receive His Bride (the Church) at the Rapture

Christ in the Life of Abraham



The Bride of Isaac

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The Bride of Isaac

And Abraham said unto his **eldest servant** of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh (Genesis 24:2)

“**eldest servant**” - not named – probably Eliezer

And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and **the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?** (Genesis 15:2)

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“**eldest**” - **zāqēn** – old – aged, ancient, elder (i.e., one in authority)

In Genesis 15:2-3, Eliezer may have been 20-40

Now, **50 years later**, he is 70-90 - strong enough to make the journey to Mesopotamia

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And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: (Genesis 24:3)

“swear” - *shâba’* – to be complete

From *sheba’* the cardinal number seven, or seven times

This was a very serious oath!

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“LORD” - *Yahweh* – “God of heaven and earth”

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (Colossians 1:16)

“him” –the LORD Jesus Christ

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And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: (Genesis 24:3)

The Canaanites were cursed.

And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. (Genesis 9:25)

... it would have been utterly inconsistent ... to have united the child and heir of the promise with one who was under a curse
(Adam Clark's Commentary on the Bible - Genesis 24:3)

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But thou shalt go unto **my country**, and to **my kindred**, and **take a wife** unto my son Isaac. (Genesis 24:4)

The **kindred** of Abraham were Shemites, Hebrews, and **still retained some knowledge of the true God**, and some **reverence for him and his will**. (Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible - Genesis 24:1-9)

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And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou **bring not my son thither again**. **The LORD God of heaven**, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he **shall send his angel before thee**, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then **thou shalt be clear from this my oath**: only bring not my son thither again. (Genesis 24:5-8)

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And **the servant** took ten camels of the camels of his master, and **departed**; for **all the goods of his master were in his hand**: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. (Genesis 24:10)

This was a large caravan - no expense was spared

And the servant brought forth **jewels of silver**, and **jewels of gold**, and **raiment**, and gave them to Rebekah: **he gave also to her brother** [Laban] and **to her mother** precious things. (Genesis 24:53)

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And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. (Genesis 24:11)

A distance of 450 miles is covered between vv. 10-11

According to Rashi's rabbinic imagination, the servant arrived in Haran the same day he left because God shrunk the world for him.* 😊

*J.A. Thompson, *Handbook of Life in Bible Times*, (Carmel: Intervarsity Press, 1987), 84.

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And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. (Genesis 24:12-14)

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And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. (Genesis 24:15-17)

“virgin” - *bēthûlâh* – not *‘almâh*, i.e., a young woman

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And **she said, Drink, my lord:** and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, **and gave him drink.** And when she had done giving him drink, she said, **I will draw water for thy camels also,** until they have done drinking. **And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.** (Genesis 24:18-20)

That was a lot of work to water a whole caravan of camels!

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The Bride of Isaac

And the man **wondering** at her **held his peace, to wit** whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. (Genesis 24:21)

“wondering” - *shâ’âh* – to stun, to be astonished

“held his peace” - *chârash* – to be silent, let alone, to be deaf, i.e., to leave off speaking

“to wit” - *yâda’* - “to know”

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The Bride of Isaac

The servant seeks direction from God

He is specific with his request

He takes action (he ran to meet her, v. 17)

He confirms that *this* is God’s answer: “And **the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD**” (Genesis 24:26).

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And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: **I being in the way**, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren. (Genesis 24:27)

"way" - **derek** - a road, figuratively a course of life or mode of action

i.e., he was actively pursuing God's will when God responded

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The servant meets with the family (vv. 28-32)

He informs them of his mission (vv. 33-49)

He testifies of his master's riches (vv. 34-35)

Rebekah had a choice: "And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? **And she said, I will go.**" (Genesis 24:58).

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And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, **and followed the man**; and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. And Isaac came from the way of the **well Lahairoi**; for he dwelt in the south country. And **Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide**; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. (Genesis 24:61-63)

"Lahairoi" - well of a living (One) my Seer; **where the Angel of the Lord met with Hagar**

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The "**meditation**" certainly included prayer, and it is permissible to infer from this, both that **Isaac was a deeply spiritual man, to whom prayer and meditation were habitual** and also that one of the main thoughts that occupied his meditations was his coming bride.*

* Henry M. Morris, *The Genesis Record*, (Grand Rapids, Mi, Baker Book House, 1976), 406.

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And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and **when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel**. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. (Genesis 24:64-65)

"lighted" - *nāphal* - to fall

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The Bride of Isaac

And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. **And Isaac brought her** into his mother Sarah's tent, and **took Rebekah**, and **she became his wife**; and **he loved her**: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. (Genesis 24:66-67)

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The Bride of Isaac

Abraham is analogous to God the Father

Isaac represents or is a "type" of Christ

Eliezer, the servant, portrays the part of the Holy Spirit

Rebekah corresponds to the Church, the Bride of Christ

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The Bride of Isaac

In the symbolic parallel, the servant dispatched by Abraham to seek a bride for his son becomes the Holy Spirit, sent by the Heavenly Father to find and bring the heavenly Bride, the Church, to His Son

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

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The Bride of Isaac

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (John 16:13-14)

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The Bride of Isaac

After **she [the Church]** accepts the invitation, **the Spirit**, like **Abraham's servant**, guides **the Bride** through the wilderness to join **the Bridegroom** when **he** comes out to meet **her** at the end of the journey. (THMSB, 78)

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The Bride of Isaac

The Holy Spirit is sent to convict and convince the **would-be bride** of the advantages that await **her**

She must leave **her** world behind and travel to a new country where **the bridegroom** awaits

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The Bride of Isaac

But the manifestation of **the Spirit** is given **to every man** to profit withal. For to one is given by **the Spirit** the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge **by the same Spirit**; To another faith **by the same Spirit**; to another the gifts of healing **by the same Spirit**; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; But all these worketh that one and **the selfsame Spirit**, dividing **to every man severally as he will**. (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

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The Bride of Isaac

The Holy Spirit has gifts for the bride

Along the way, He provides guidance, instruction, encouragement and companionship for the journey


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The Bride of Isaac

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

(Revelation 19:7-8)

Finally they arrive ...



Images of Christ in Genesis



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Isaac and Jacob



... and **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed** (Gen 26:4)

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Backdrop...

Then **again Abraham took a wife**, and her name was **Keturah**. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. (Genesis 25:1-2)

Six sons

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Backdrop...

And these *are* the days of the years of **Abraham's** life which he **lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen [175] years**. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and **full of years**; and was gathered to his people.
(Genesis 25:7-8)

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Backdrop...

And **his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah**, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; The field **which Abraham purchased** of the sons of Heth: **there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife**. (Genesis 25:9-10)

Isaac would have been around **75** years old
Ishmael would have been around **90** years old
Esau and Jacob would have been around **15** years old

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And **Isaac was forty years old** when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And **Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife**, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and **Rebekah his wife conceived**.
(Genesis 25:20-21)

"intreated" - *'âthar* - to intercede

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, **there were twins in her womb**. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name **Esau**. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called **Jacob**: and **Isaac was threescore [60] years old** when she bare them. (Genesis 25:24-26)

It was **20 years** before God answered Isaac's prayer

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto **Abimelech** king of the Philistines unto Gerar. (Genesis 26:1)

"Abimelech" - *'ābīymelek* – father king or father of the king

Not the same **Abimelech** Abraham encountered – Genesis 20:1-2

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And **the LORD appeared** unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: (Genesis 26:2)

"appeared" - *rā'āh* – to see

This is a **physical appearance**, not a "vision"

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

In Genesis this word **[ra'ah]** describes **divine appearances** to the patriarchs (called **theophanies**), whether literally or in a dream. Apparently **the Lord took visible, human form** when revealing himself *[sic]* in this way (Gen. 18:1-2; 28:13). **In each instance he affirmed his promise to bless Abraham and his descendants.***

*Eugene H. Merrill, *The Bible Knowledge Key Word Study: Genesis-Deuteronomy*, (Colorado Springs: Cook Communications Ministries, 2003), 99.

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

Sojourn in this land, and **I will be with thee**, and **will bless thee**; for **unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries**, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; And **I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven**, and **will give unto thy seed all these countries**; and **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**; **Because that Abraham obeyed my voice**, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. (Genesis 26:3-5)

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

- This is a physical appearance (**ra'ah**)
- God promises His presence and provision
- God reaffirms the promise of the land (vv. 2b-3)
- He reaffirms the promise of posterity (v. 4)
- He reaffirms **the promise of Messiah** (v. 4)
- God's unconditional promise was made to Abraham (v. 5)

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And **Isaac dwelt in Gerar**: And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, **She is my sister: for he feared** to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, **the men of the place should kill me** for Rebekah; because **she was fair to look upon**. (Genesis 26:6-7)

Isaac soon forgot God's promise, "I will be with thee"

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And **Abimelech charged** all his people, saying, **He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death**. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and **the LORD blessed him**. And **the man waxed great**, and went forward, and grew **until he became very great**: (Genesis 26:11-13)

God did not forget His promise "I will be with thee, and will bless thee"

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And he went up from thence to Beersheba. And the LORD **appeared [râ'âh]** unto him the same night, and said, **I am the God of Abraham** thy father: **fear not**, for **I am with thee**, and **will bless thee**, and **multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake**. (Genesis 26:23-24)

God reaffirms the same unconditional promise given to Abraham

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The LORD Appears Twice to Isaac

And **he** **built an altar there**, and **called upon the name of the LORD**, and pitched his tent **there**: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

(Genesis 26:25)

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Isaac Makes the Faith Hall of Fame

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning **things to come**. (Hebrews 11:20)

"things to come" to his posterity

More importantly, **"things to come"** in blessing all the nations of the earth, i.e., **the Messiah**

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... and in thy seed shall **all the families of the earth be blessed** (Genesis 28:14)

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God's Choice

And **the LORD said** unto her, **Two nations** are in thy womb, and **two manner of people** shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and **the elder shall serve the younger.** (Genesis 25:23)

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Isaac and Jacob

God's Choice

And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And **the first** came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name **Esau**. And **after that came** his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called **Jacob**: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. (Genesis 25:24-26)

The **elder, Esau**, shall serve the **younger, Jacob**

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob


Parents' Choice

And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and **Jacob was a plain man**, dwelling in tents. And **Isaac loved Esau**, because he did eat of his venison: but **Rebekah loved Jacob.** (Genesis 25:27-28)

"plain" - *tâm* - complete; usually (morally) pious; specifically gentle, dear: - coupled together, perfect, plain, undefiled, upright

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Isaac and Jacob

Jacob's Preemption



And Esau said to Jacob, **Feed me**, I pray thee, with that **same red pottage**; for I am faint: **therefore was his name called Edom**. (Genesis 25:30)

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Isaac and Jacob

Jacob's Preemption

And Jacob said, **Sell me this day thy birthright**. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and **what profit shall this birthright do to me?** And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: **and he sold his birthright unto Jacob**. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: **thus Esau despised his birthright**. (Genesis 25:31-34)

"despised" - bâzâh – to regard with contempt

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Isaac and Jacob

Jacob's Preemption

The **birthright** customarily involved **a double portion of the inheritance** (Deuteronomy 21:17), but **this privilege also involved the spiritual leadership of the family**. **Esau desired the first but not the second**. In any case, the father was responsible to transfer the birthright to a more deserving son if necessary (I Chronicles 5:1,2), and Isaac should have long since made it clear that it was to go to Jacob. (THMSB, 80)

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Jacob's Preemption

[Jacob], appalled at the thought of a carnal profligate like Esau having the spiritual responsibilities of the birthright, **offered to purchase it from him**, perhaps initially in jest. However, Esau agreed to the absurd bargain, thus making it still clearer that he was **unqualified**. (THMSB, 80)

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Jacob's Preemption

Jacob, of course, should have simply trusted God to work **things out according to His will and promise**, rather than trying to devise his own means for getting this accomplished. **Jacob's sin, however, was simply that of insufficient faith and patience** and, since he meant it for good, could more easily be forgiven. (THMSB, 81)

Legal tablets found at Nuzi in Syria stipulate that **an heir could sell any or all of his inheritance to a brother**. (THMSB, 81)

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Isaac and Jacob

Rebekah's Preemption

And it came to pass, that when **Isaac was old**, and **his eyes were dim**, so that **he could not see**, he **called Esau** his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I ... **make me savoury meat**, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; **that my soul may bless thee before I die** (Genesis 27:1, 4)

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Rebekah's Preemption

This was in clear violation of the revelation given to Rebekah in 25:23. **God had already revealed that Jacob would be the one to carry on the line**; therefore, **the patriarchal blessing rightfully belonged to Jacob**, not Esau. Furthermore, **Esau had already sold the birthright**, and **whoever had the birthright was supposed to get the patriarchal blessing ... What did Isaac want out of this? He wanted venison**. So great a blessing for so low a fee revealed Isaac's attitude. **Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of soup; Isaac was willing to misdirect the patriarchal blessing for one venison meal.*** (Genesis 27:6, 9-10)

*Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, (San Antonio, Ariel Ministries, 2009), 408-409.


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Rebekah's Preemption

And **Rebekah** spake unto Jacob **her son**, saying, Behold, **I heard thy father speak unto Esau** thy brother, ... Go now to the flock, and **fetch me from thence two good kids** of the goats; and **I will make them savoury meat** for thy father, such as he loveth: **And thou shalt bring it to thy father**, that he may eat, and **that he may bless thee** before his death.* (Genesis 27:6, 9-10)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

The Ruse Works!



And **Jacob went near unto Isaac his father**; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. **And he discerned him not**, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: **so he blessed him.** (Genesis 27:22-23)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Isaac's Blessing to Jacob

Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: **Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee:** cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee. (Genesis 27:28-29)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

The Promise Was Christ

- The **Birthright**: the material possessions of the father, the inheritance, bestowed on the son
- Israel has NEVER possessed all the land promised to Abraham
- The **Blessing**: the intangible pronouncement of well being that could only be delivered by the hand of God
- The prophetic birthright & blessing **apply to Christ** not to Israel /Jacob

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

The Promise Was Christ

- Neither have "people served" her or "nations bowed down" to her – even at her zenith during Solomon's reign
- This pronouncement **can only apply to Christ**
- It is **Christ** who **will be Lord** over His brethren
- **Consider the implication:** "cursed be every one that curseth **thee**, and blessed be he that blesseth **thee**"

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

The Promise Was **Christ**

And **he** hath on **his** vesture and on **his** thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. (Revelation 19:16)

And **the nations** of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and **the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it**. (Revelation 21:24)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

The Promise Was **Christ**

- the **blessing** was more significant than the **birthright**
- Jacob could have done without the **birthright**
- the **blessing** had already been bestowed upon him by God
- It was **through Jacob** that **the Redeemer** would come

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Got to Run!

And **when Esau heard** the words of his father, **he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry**, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. And he said, **Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing**. (Genesis 27:34-35)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Got to Run!

And **Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing** wherewith his father blessed him: and **Esau said in his heart**, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; **then will I slay my brother Jacob**. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to **Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob** her younger son, **and said unto him**, Behold, **thy brother Esau**, as touching thee, **doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee**. (Genesis 27:41-42)

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Isaac and Jacob

Got to Run!

Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and **arise, flee thou to Laban my brother** to Haran; And **tarry with him a few days**, until thy brother's fury turn away; Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day? (Genesis 27:43-45)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Isaac's Final Blessing

And **Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him**, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, **go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel** thy mother's father; and **take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban** thy mother's brother. (Genesis 28:1-2)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Isaac's Final Blessing

And **God Almighty** bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; (Genesis 28:3)


"God Almighty" - **'el shadday** – God, the All-Powerful One

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Isaac's Final Blessing

And give thee **the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee**; that **thou mayest inherit the land** wherein thou art a stranger, **which God gave unto Abraham**. And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. (Genesis 28:4-5)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob



And he dreamed, and **behold a ladder** set up on the earth, and **the top of it reached to heaven**: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. (Genesis 28:12)

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Isaac and Jacob

Jacob's Ladder

And, behold, **the LORD** stood above it, and said, **I am the LORD God of Abraham** thy father, and **the God of Isaac: the land** whereon thou liest, to thee will **I give it**, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and **thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.** (Genesis 28:13-14)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

- The “**ladder**” or “**stairway**” represents **Christ the only “way”** by whom we have access to heaven (John 14:6)
- His “**pillows**” (v. 11) are also **symbolic** of **Christ**
- They gave him comfort, support and rest
- **Christ** is our **Cornerstone** and the **Rock** of our Salvation
- “The **stone** which the builders refused is become the **head stone** of the corner.” (Psalm 118:22)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for **a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste** (Isaiah 28: 16)

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone** (Ephesians 2:19-20)

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely **the LORD is in this place**; and I knew it not. And **he was afraid**, and said, How **dreadful** is this place! this is none other but **the house of God**, and this is the gate of heaven. (Genesis 28:16-17)


"afraid" / **"dreadful"** - *yârê'* - to fear; morally to revere; causatively to frighten

"house of God" - *bayith 'êlôhiym* - Bethel

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob

And he called the name of that place **Bethel**; but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. **And Jacob vowed** a vow, saying, **If God will** be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; **then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.** (Genesis 28:19-22)

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Isaac and Jacob



And while he yet spake with them, **Rachel** came with her father's sheep: for she kept them ... **And Jacob kissed Rachel**, and lifted up his voice, **and wept.** (Genesis 29:9, 11)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...

Jacob indentures himself for 7 years to his uncle for **Rachael** (Genesis 29:18)

Laban deceives him, gives him Leah instead of Rachael (Genesis 29:23-25)

Jacob agrees to work another 7 years for Rachael (Genesis 29:27-30)

Jacob is prolific and prosperous

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...

Children of **Leah**: Ruben (1), Simeon (2), Levi (3), Judah (4), Issachar (9), Zebulun (10), Dinah

Children of **Bilah** (Rachael's handmaid): Dan (5), Naphtali (6)

Children of **Zilpah** (Leah's handmaid): Gad (7), Asher (8)

Children of **Rachael**: Joseph (11), Benjamin (12 - born between Bethel and Bethlehem - Rachael dies giving birth - Genesis 35:16-19)

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Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...

Jacob worked 14 years for Rachael

He worked an additional 6 years to build his flocks

After 20 years of working for Laban, it was time to leave

And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and **I will be with thee.**
(Genesis 31:3)

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Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...

Laban objected to Jacob's departure (Genesis 31:23)

Laban had prospered because of Jacob

"I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake" (Genesis 30:27)

And the man [Jacob] increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses. (Genesis 30:43)

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Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...

And **the angel of God** spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. (Genesis 31:11)

I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and **where thou vowedst a vow unto me**: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred. (Genesis 31:13)

Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten ... (Genesis 31:17-18)

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Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...

And [Laban] took his brethren with him, and pursued after [Jacob] seven days' journey; and **they overtook him** in the mount Gilead. (Genesis 31:23)

And **God came to Laban** the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. (Genesis 31:24)

That settled, Jacob faced a greater obstacle ... Esau

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Long Story, Short ...


And Jacob went on his way, and **the angels of God met him**. And when Jacob saw them, he said, **This is God's host**; and he called the name of that place **Mahanaim**. (Genesis 32:1-2)

"angels of God" - *mal'āk 'ēlōhīm*

"host" - *machāneh* - an encampment

"Mahanaim" - *machānayim* - a double camp

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob



And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled **a man** with him until the breaking of the day. (Genesis 32:24)

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob

- This “man” is Christ
- He changes Jacob’s name to “Israel”
- “And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”
(Genesis 32:28)
- “One Who Fights Victoriously With God”
- The “man” spoke by His own authority

Christ in the Lives of Isaac and Jacob

And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. (Genesis 32:29-30)

“Peniel” – *peniy’el* – face of God

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Jacob had seen God in human form as the preincarnate Christ

And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. (Judges 13:22)

No man hath seen God [as He is] at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:18)

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

Trouble in Canaan

The meeting with Esau went well (Genesis 33:15-16)

Jacob (Israel) settled near Shalem in Shechem (Genesis 33:18)

He erected an altar & named it **Elohe-Israel** meaning
"The Mighty God of Israel" (Genesis 33:20)

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Isaac and Jacob

Trouble in Canaan

Shechem, prince and son of Hamor raped Dinah (Genesis 34:2)

Simeon and Levi plotted revenge against the city (Genesis 34:14-24)

While the men were incapacitated, they entered the city
and killed every man and plundered the city (Genesis 34:25-29)

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Isaac and Jacob

Trouble in Canaan

Jacob was not pleased ...

And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, **Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land,**
among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few
in number, **they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.**
(Genesis 34:30)

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Isaac and Jacob

Trouble in Canaan

Once again, Jacob seems to have forgotten God's promise

And **God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel**, and dwell there: and **make there an altar unto God**, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. (Genesis 35:1)

Sometimes we just need to return to the House of God

Christ in the Lives of
Isaac and Jacob

The Promise Reaffirmed

And **God appeared unto Jacob again**, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him. And **God said** unto him, Thy name is Jacob: **thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.** (Genesis 35:9-10)

"appeared" - *rā'āh* - to see; not a vision

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Isaac and Jacob

The Promise Reaffirmed

And **God said** unto him, **I am God Almighty**: be fruitful and multiply; **a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.** (Genesis 35:11-12)

"a nation," i.e., the nation of Israel
"a company of nations," i.e., the "twelve tribes" of Israel

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The Promise Reaffirmed

And **God went up from him** in the place where he talked with him. And **Jacob set up a pillar** in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and **he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon**. And **Jacob called the name of the place** where God spake with him, **Bethel**. (Genesis 35:13-15)

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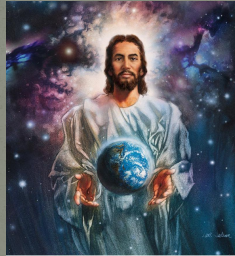
The Promise Reaffirmed

Last record of God making a personal appearance to Jacob

The next time God appears in a vision (Genesis 46:2-4)

Life for Jacob and his tribe of twelve continued, but **the image of Christ** remained in **the anointed rock at Bethel**.

Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ in the Life of Joseph



But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (Genesis 50:20)

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And **God remembered** Rachel, and **God hearkened** to her, and **opened her womb**. And **she conceived**, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And **she called his name Joseph**; and said, **The LORD shall add to me another son**. (Genesis 30:22-24)

“remembered” - **zâkar** - to **mark** (so as to be recognized) God does not “remember;” He “knows”

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. (Psalm 127:3)

“Joseph” - **yôsêph** - Yahweh has added

Christ in the Life of Joseph



Now Israel loved Joseph ... and he made him a coat of many colours. (Genesis 37:3)

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Now **Israel** loved **Joseph more** than all his children, because **he was the son of his old age**: and he made him **a coat of many colours**. (Genesis 37:3)

“Israel” – Jacob’s God-given name

“loved Joseph more” also because he was his favorite wife, Rachael’s, firstborn

“coat of many colors” - **pasim** – the **palm** (of the hand); a long and sleeved tunic. The implication is that it was a **symbol of authority**. Israel had placed Joseph over his brothers.

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And when **his brethren saw that their father loved him more** than all his brethren, **they hated him**, and could not speak peaceably unto him. (Genesis 37:4)


“Joseph, being seventeen years old” (v. 2)

This gave Joseph the right of the “firstborn”

His brothers being “senior” surely felt they were more deserving – **Rubin was the firstborn**

It did not help that when “the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives: and **Joseph brought unto his father their evil report**.” (v. 2)

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And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and **they hated him yet the more.** (Genesis 37:5)

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And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, **we were binding sheaves** in the field, and, lo, **my sheaf arose, and also stood upright;** and, behold, **your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance** to my sheaf. (Genesis 37:6-7)

“obeisance” - *shâchâh* - to depress, that is, *prostrate* (especially reflexively **in homage** to royalty or God)

Not particularly a wise move on Joseph's part!

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And **he dreamed yet another dream**, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, **the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.** (Genesis 37:9)



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And **he told it to his father**, and to his brethren: **and his father rebuked him**, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And **his brethren envied him**; but **his father observed the saying**. (Genesis 37:10-11)

“envied” - *qândâ* - to be jealous, or envious

“observed” - *shâmar* - to hedge about, that is, guard; generally to protect, attend to, etc.

Israel understood there was something to the dreams

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Israel sends Joseph to check on his brothers...

And **Israel said unto Joseph**, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. And he said to him, **Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again**. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to **Shechem**. (Genesis 37:13-14)

Joseph is sent in his capacity as “chief steward”

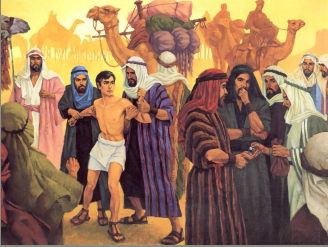
Shechem – the place where Simeon and Levi slaughtered the men of Shalem (Genesis 34:25-29)

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And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that **they stript Joseph out of his coat**, his coat of many colours that was on him; **And they took him, and cast him into a pit**; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. (Genesis 37:23-24)

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And **Judah said unto his brethren**, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? **Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites**, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. (Genesis 37:26-27)


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Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; **and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver**; and they brought Joseph into Egypt. (Genesis 37:28)

“twenty pieces of silver” – the going price for a slave

In Jesus’ day, the price had gone up to **“thirty pieces of silver”** (Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:14-15)

Christ in the Life of Joseph



And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto **Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard**. (Genesis 37:36)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

Judah finds a wife, Tamar, for his son, Er ^(38:6)

God kills Er because he is wicked, and he leaves no children ^(38:7)

Judah tells his brother, Onan to take his place, but he does not want to raise “seed” to his brother, and God kills him ^(38:10)

Judah's third son, Shelah, is too young, so Judah asks Tamar to wait until he is of age ^(38:11)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

In the meantime, Judah's wife, Shu'-ah, dies ^(38:12)

Tamar sees that Shelah is old enough, but Judah seems to have forgotten his promise ^(38:14)

Tamar disguises herself as a prostitute and lures Judah into her bed ^(38:16)

Judah has no money to pay for the services, so he leaves a token to pay ^(38:16-18)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

Tamar conceives ^(38:18)

Judah returns to pay, but cannot find her ^(38:20-23)

Judah soon discovers that Tamar is pregnant and goes to challenge her ^(38:24)

Tamar reveals that Judah is the father ^(38:25-26)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

Tamar delivers twin boys (38:27)

She names one Pharez and the other Zarah (38:29-30)

Now **these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron**, And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, And **Salmon begat Boaz**, and **Boaz begat Obed**, And **Obed begat Jesse**, and **Jesse begat David**.
(Ruth 4:18-22)

Christ is in the line of David, Perez and Judah

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and **Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh**, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And **the LORD was with Joseph**, and **he was a prosperous man**; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. (Genesis 39:1-2)

"officer" - *sâriys* - From an unused root meaning to castrate; a eunuch

This probably explains Mrs. Potiphar's behavior

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

And **his master saw that the LORD was with him**, and that **the LORD made all that he did to prosper** in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he [Joseph] served him; and he [Potiphar] made him [Joseph] overseer over his house, and **all that he** [Potiphar] had he put into his [Joseph's] hand. (Genesis 39:3-4)

Potiphar had clear testimony that Joseph's success was because **"the LORD was with him"**

That should be our testimony also!

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

And it came to pass from the time *that he* [Potiphar] had made him [Joseph] *overseer in his house*, and over all that he had, that *the LORD* blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And *he left all that he had in Joseph's hand*; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. *And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.* (Genesis 39:5-6)

"goodly" - yâpneh tô'ar - beautiful + outline, that is, figure or appearance

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

And it came to pass from the time *that he* [Potiphar] had made him [Joseph] *overseer in his house*, and over all that he had, that *the LORD* blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And *he left all that he had in Joseph's hand*; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. *And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.* (Genesis 39:5-6)

"well favored" - yâpneh mar'eh - beautiful + a view, an appearance

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph was *handsome*!

And it came to pass after these things, that *his master's wife* cast her eyes upon Joseph; and *she said*, Lie with me. *But he refused*, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; (Genesis 39:7-8)

"wotteth not" i.e., "my master is clueless"

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph was *handsome*!

There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Genesis 39:9)

This "sin" would be a betrayal of the trust Potiphar had placed on him

Ultimately, it was a "sin against God"

Christ in the Life of Joseph


Joseph's Saga Continues...

Mrs. Potiphar was persistent

And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. (Genesis 39:10-11)

This appears to be a setup, a trap

Christ in the Life of Joseph



And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. (Genesis 39:12)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned!* (Genesis 39:13-18)

She calls out to the men of the house (where were they before?)

She accuses Joseph of attempted rape

She keeps "garment" (covering) as evidence

She reports the "assault" to Potiphar

* William Congreve, in "The Mourning Bride," 1697

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph's in a heap of trouble!

And it came to pass, **when his master heard the words of his wife**, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that **his wrath was kindled**. And Joseph's master took him, and **put him into the prison**, a place **where the king's prisoners were bound**: and he was there in the prison. (Genesis 39:19-20)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph's in a heap of trouble!

Though nothing is said explicitly to this effect, one gets the impression that **this was not the first of his wife's amorous adventures** ... It almost seems that **Potiphar also knew both his wife and Joseph too well to really believe he had heard the whole story.***

* Henry M. Morris, *The Genesis Record*, 560-561, 563

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph's in a heap of trouble!

Potiphar was an **officer of Pharaoh's** and so this was actually **under his authority**. Furthermore he was the **Captain of the Executioners**, and so under Egyptian law **he could have executed Joseph**, but he did not. This may very well mean that **he was not fully convinced of his wife's story**.*

* Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*. (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009). 554.

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Making lemonade...

But **the LORD was with Joseph**, and **shewed him mercy**, and **gave him favour** in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And **the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand** all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. **The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him**, and that which he did, **the LORD made it to prosper**.
(Genesis 39:21-23)

"the keeper of the prison" was probably Potiphar

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40)

Pharaoh's butler (cupbearer) and baker land in prison (v. 1)

Both have dreams, which Joseph (through God) interprets (vv. 5-19)

The butler would be restored to his former position, the baker would be beheaded.

Joseph asked the butler to remember him before Pharaoh

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

The butler soon forgot about Joseph (v. 23) until...

Pharaoh had two troubling dreams

And it came to pass **at the end of two full years**, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. (Genesis 41:1)

The butler remembered Joseph

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

Pharaoh dreamed of 7 skinny cows coming up from the river and eating 7 fat cows (41:2-4)

Then he dreamed of 7 full ears of corn eaten up by 7 thin ears (vv. 5-7)

The butler tells Pharaoh about Joseph (vv. 9-13)

Pharaoh calls Joseph up from prison (v. 14)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

Pharaoh tells Joseph about his dreams (41:15)

And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: **God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.** (Genesis 41:16)

And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: **God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.** (Genesis 41:25)

There will be 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine (vv. 29-31)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

Joseph advises Pharaoh on what to do (41:33-36)

And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. (Genesis 41:37)

Pharaoh cannot think of a better man for the job than Joseph (Genesis 41:38-43)

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, *I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.* (Genesis 41:44)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)


And **Joseph was thirty years old** when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:46)

Joseph was second only to Pharaoh in Egypt

In the 7 years of plenty, grain was stored away

And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, **were ended.** (Genesis 41:53)

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And **the famine was over all the face of the earth:** And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. And **all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn;** because that the famine was so sore in all lands. (Genesis 41:56-57)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Now when **Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt**, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. **And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.**
(Genesis 42:1-3)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. And **Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him** with their faces to the earth. And **Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them;** and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. (Genesis 42:5-7)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Jacob sends all of his sons, except Benjamin, to Egypt to by grain

They do not recognize Joseph, who was dressed as an Egyptian prince

They bow down to him fulfilling Joseph's dream

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Joseph recognizes them, but speaks roughly to them so as not to “tip his hand”

Joseph puts his brothers through a series of trials to see if they have any remorse for how they treated him

This exercise reflects the image of Christ in that he seeks their confession, repentance, and plea for forgiveness

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

In the end, the brothers confess their sin against Joseph and express their remorse

Joseph reveals himself to them

And Joseph said unto his brethren, **I am Joseph**; doth my father yet live? **And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.** (Genesis 45:3)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And **God sent me** before you **to preserve you** a posterity in the earth, and **to save your lives** by a great deliverance. So now **it was not you that sent me hither, but God**; and **he hath made me a father to Pharaoh**, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 45:7-8)

“father” - **’âb** – father; in the sense of a ruler or chief

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Haste ye, and **go up to my father, and say unto him**, Thus saith thy son Joseph, **God hath made me lord of all Egypt**: come down unto me, tarry not: And **thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen**, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: And **there will I nourish thee**; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. (Genesis 45:9-11)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls **were threescore and six** [66]; And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: **all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten** [70]. (Genesis 46:26-27)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, **My father and my brethren**, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, **are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen**. (Genesis 47:1)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, **How old art thou?** And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an **hundred and thirty years**: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. **And Jacob blessed Pharaoh**, and went out from before Pharaoh. (Genesis 47:7-10)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and **gave them a possession in the land of Egypt**, in **the best of the land**, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And **Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren**, and all his father's household, **with bread**, according to their families. (Genesis 47:11-12)

And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt **seventeen years**: so the whole age of **Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years**. (Genesis 47:28)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Jacob blesses Ephraim and Menasseh...

And he [Jacob] blessed Joseph, and said, **God**, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, **the God which fed me all my life long** unto this day, **The Angel which redeemed me from all evil**, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. (Genesis 48:15-16)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Jacob Dies – Joseph’s Brothers Worry

And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people. (Genesis 49:33)

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. (Genesis 50:15)

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Jacob Dies – Joseph’s Brothers Worry

And **they sent a messenger** unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, **Forgive**, I pray thee now, **the trespass** of thy brethren, **and their sin**; for **they did unto thee evil**: and now, we pray thee, **forgive the trespass** of the servants of the God of thy father. And **Joseph wept** when they spake unto him. (Genesis 50:16-17)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Jacob Dies – Joseph’s Brothers Worry

And **his brethren** also went and **fell down before his face**; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, **Fear not: for am I in the place of God?** But as for you, **ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (Genesis 50:18-20)

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (Luke 23:34)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph Dies in Egypt

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and **God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.** And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, **God will surely visit you,** and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. **So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old:** and they embalmed him, and **he was put in a coffin in Egypt.** (Genesis 50:24-26)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a "Type" of Christ

Many commentators avoid concluding that Joseph is a "type" of Christ

There is no such association made in the N.T.

There is no one in Scripture who is more like Christ in his person and experiences than Joseph. Yet nowhere in the New Testament is Joseph given to us as a type of Christ. However, **the parallel cannot be accidental.***

* J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible*, Vol. 1, 147-148.

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Some Parallels

- Miraculous birth, albeit not a "virgin" birth
- Announced he would *rule* over his brothers
- Ridiculed for his message
- Sent by his father to his brothers
- Obeyed his father
- Hated by his brothers without cause
- Betrayed by his brothers

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Some Parallels

- Sold for the going price of a slave (20 pieces of silver in Joseph's case; 30 pieces in Jesus')
- His brothers plotted to kill him
- Cast into a pit (grave) and raised up again
- Tempted but did not sin
- Had no sin attributed to him
- Joseph was "savior of the world" during the famine

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Some Parallels

- Was numbered with the transgressors
- Rejected by his brethren but accepted by Gentiles Became ruler over Egypt (second only to Pharaoh)
- Forgave his brothers
- Saved his family
- Brought his family to a better place

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apología*

On trial by the Sanhedrin, Stephen appeals to Jewish history as recorded in Scripture

Beginning with Abraham, Stephen recites their history to the current time following the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apologíá* – Acts 7

He also places special emphasis on two major characters in Israel's history:

Joseph and Moses (Acts 7:9-39)

Probably no one would argue that **Moses is a "type" of Christ**

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apologíá* – Acts 7

Moses said: "**The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet** from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, **like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken ... And the LORD said unto me, ... I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**" (Deuteronomy 18:15, 17-18)

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

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For **Moses truly said** unto the fathers, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up** unto you of your brethren, **like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.** (Acts 3:22)

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen’s *Apologíá* – Acts 7

It could be argued that nowhere does the New Testament speak of Moses a “type” of Christ

Contrasts and comparisons are made, but

Nothing directly stating that Moses is a “type” of Christ

Most found in John’s Gospel

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen’s *Apologíá* – Acts 7

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17)

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up (John 3:14)

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven (John 6:32)

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen’s *Apologíá* – Acts 7

Excellent comparisons between Moses and Jesus

Not irrefutable proof for typology

Along with allegorical comparisons from Moses’ life in the O.T., they make a good case for Moses as a “type” of Christ

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apología* – Acts 7

Stephen compares Joseph and Moses to Christ

Both "saviors" are unrecognized on the first meeting

In the case of Joseph: "But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first" (Acts 7:12)

In the case of Moses: "And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel" (Acts 7:23)

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apología* – Acts 7

Stephen compares Joseph and Moses to Christ

Both "saviors" are unrecognized until their second meeting

In the case of Joseph: "And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh" (Acts 7:13)

In the case of Moses: "This Moses whom they refused ... the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer ..." (Acts 7:35)

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apología* – Acts 7

If A || B, and B || C, then A || C

A = Joseph, B = Moses, and C = Christ

If Joseph || Moses, and Moses || to Christ, then Joseph || Christ

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen’s *Apología* – Acts 7

Stephen draws a parallel between Joseph and Moses

He parallels both to Christ

If Moses serves as a “type” of Christ, then Joseph also serves

However, even if the argument for typology is rejected, Joseph’s life strongly parallels and reflects the image of Christ

The Scepter and Judah



The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (Genesis 49:10)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in **the last days**. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. (Genesis 49:1-2)

“**the last days**” - more of a prophecy about each son, or tribe, than it was a blessing

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise; thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? (Genesis 49:8-9)

Ultimately, this prophecy, although it names Judah, applies to Jesus

The Scepter and Judah

His brethren, the Jews, i.e., Israel, will bow and praise Him

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)

The Scepter and Judah

Judah is a lion's whelp emphasizes vigor and nobility, successful in vanquishing his prey

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. (Revelation 5:5)

The Scepter and Judah

His brethren, the Jews, i.e., Israel, will bow and praise Him

That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, **until Shiloh** come; and **unto him shall the gathering of the people be**. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. (Genesis 49:10-12)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"The sceptre" - *shēbet* - to branch off, a scion; the symbol of kingship

A **"scion"** can be a descendant or a shoot or twig

And there shall come forth **a rod out of the stem of Jesse**, and **a Branch** shall grow out of his roots: (Isaiah 11:1)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"The sceptre" - *shēbet* - to branch off, a scion; the symbol of kingship

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. (Jeremiah 23:5)

The scepter is permanently assigned to Judah and will ultimately have its fulfillment in the millennial reign of Christ

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"until Shiloh come" - *shiyloh* - he whose it is, that which belongs to him

Judah's preeminence will continue until "Shiloh" comes

"Shiloh" is understood to speak of the messianic reign of Christ

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine"

According to the rabbis, who also take this verse to be messianic, the Messiah will be recognized as riding on an ass.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass (Zechariah 9:9)

* Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Arise's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 642.

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes"

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and **their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment**. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come... And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. (Isaiah 63:3-4, 6)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes"

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and **gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe**. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and **gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God**. And **the winepress was trodden without the city**, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (Revelation 14:18-20)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk"

Probably a better rendering would be "red **as** wine and his teeth white **as** milk."

The "emphasis is on abundance, not only the abundance of grapes but also the abundance of milk, dairy products."*

* Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 642.


The Scepter and Judah

The blessing of Judah in Genesis 49:8-12 undeniably presents the image of Christ and points to His ultimate reign on earth

The blessing and the promise to Judah is that Messiah will come through his line


And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**
(Revelation 11:15)

Images of Christ in Genesis



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Christ in the Life of Joseph



But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (Genesis 50:20)

Christ in the Life of Joseph


And **God remembered** Rachel, and **God hearkened** to her, and **opened her womb**. And **she conceived**, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And **she called his name Joseph**; and said, **The LORD shall add to me another son**. (Genesis 30:22-24)

“remembered” - **zâkar** - to **mark** (so as to be recognized) God does not “remember;” He “knows”

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. (Psalm 127:3)

“Joseph” - **yôsêph** - Yahweh has added

Christ in the Life of Joseph



Now Israel loved Joseph ... and he made him a coat of many colours. (Genesis 37:3)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Now **Israel** loved **Joseph more** than all his children, because **he was the son of his old age**: and he made him **a coat of many colours**. (Genesis 37:3)

“**Israel**” – Jacob’s God-given name

“**loved Joseph more**” also because he was his favorite wife, Rachael’s, firstborn

“**coat of many colors**”- *pasim* – the *palm* (of the hand); a long and sleeved tunic. The implication is that it was a **symbol of authority**. Israel had placed Joseph over his brothers.

Christ in the Life of Joseph

And when **his brethren saw that their father loved him more** than all his brethren, **they hated him**, and could not speak peaceably unto him. (Genesis 37:4)


“Joseph, being **seventeen** years old” (v. 2)

This gave Joseph the right of the “firstborn”

His brothers being “senior” surely felt they were more deserving – *Rubin* was the firstborn

It did not help that when “the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives: and **Joseph brought unto his father their evil report**.” (v. 2)

Christ in the Life of Joseph



And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and **they hated him yet the more**. (Genesis 37:5)

Christ in the Life of Joseph


And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, **we were binding sheaves** in the field, and, lo, **my sheaf arose, and also stood upright**; and, behold, **your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance** to my sheaf. (Genesis 37:6-7)

“obeisance” - *shāchâh* - to depress, that is, *prostrate* (especially reflexively **in homage** to royalty or God)

Not particularly a wise move on Joseph's part!

Christ in the Life of Joseph

And **he dreamed yet another dream**, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, **the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me**. (Genesis 37:9)



Christ in the Life of Joseph

And **he told it to his father**, and to his brethren: **and his father rebuked him**, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And **his brethren envied him**; but **his father observed the saying**. (Genesis 37:10-11)

“envied” - *qâna* - to be jealous, or envious

“observed” - *shâmar* - to hedge about, that is, guard; generally to protect, attend to, etc.

Israel understood there was something to the dreams

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Israel sends Joseph to check on his brothers...

And **Israel said unto Joseph**, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. And he said to him, **Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again**. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to **Shechem**. (Genesis 37:13-14)

Joseph is sent in his capacity as “chief steward”

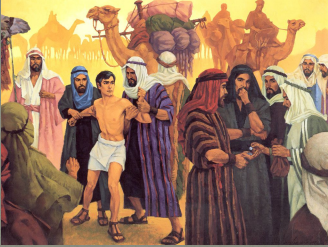
Shechem – the place where Simeon and Levi slaughtered the men of Shalem (Genesis 34:25-29)

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And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that **they stript Joseph out of his coat**, his coat of many colours that was on him; **And they took him, and cast him into a pit**; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. (Genesis 37:23-24)

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And **Judah said unto his brethren**, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? **Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites**, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. (Genesis 37:26-27)


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Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; **and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver**; and they brought Joseph into Egypt. (Genesis 37:28)

“twenty pieces of silver” – the going price for a slave

In Jesus’ day, the price had gone up to “thirty pieces of silver” (Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:14-15)

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And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto **Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard**. (Genesis 37:36)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

Judah finds a wife, Tamar, for his son, Er (38:6)

God kills Er because he is wicked, and he leaves no children (38:7)

Judah tells his brother, Onan to take his place, but he does not want to raise “seed” to his brother, and God kills him (38:10)

Judah's third son, Shelah, is too young, so Judah asks Tamar to wait until he is of age (38:11)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

In the meantime, Judah's wife, Shu'-ah, dies (38:12)

Tamar sees that Shelah is old enough, but Judah seems to have forgotten his promise (38:14)

Tamar disguises herself as a prostitute and lures Judah into her bed (38:16)

Judah has no money to pay for the services, so he leaves a token to pay (38:16-18)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

Tamar conceives (38:18)

Judah returns to pay, but cannot find her (38:20-23)

Judah soon discovers that Tamar is pregnant and goes to challenge her (38:24)

Tamar reveals that Judah is the father (38:25-26)

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Chapter 38 – A Parenthesis

Tamar delivers twin boys (38:27)

She names one Pharez and the other Zarah (38:29-30)

Now **these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron**, And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, And **Salmon begat Boaz**, and **Boaz begat Obed**, And **Obed begat Jesse**, and **Jesse begat David**.
(Ruth 4:18-22)

Christ is in the line of David, Perez and Judah

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and **Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh**, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And **the LORD was with Joseph**, and **he was a prosperous man**; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. (Genesis 39:1-2)

"officer" - *sâriys* - From an unused root meaning to castrate; a eunuch

This probably explains Mrs. Potiphar's behavior

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

And **his master saw that the LORD was with him**, and that **the LORD made all that he did to prosper** in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he [Joseph] served him; and he [Potiphar] made him [Joseph] overseer over his house, and **all that he** [Potiphar] had he put into his [Joseph's] hand. (Genesis 39:3-4)

Potiphar had clear testimony that Joseph's success was because **"the LORD was with him"**

That should be our testimony also!

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

And it came to pass from the time *that he* [Potiphar] had made him [Joseph] *overseer in his house*, and over all that he had, that *the LORD* blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And *he left all that he had in Joseph's hand*; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. *And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.* (Genesis 39:5-6)

"goodly" - yâpneh tô'ar - beautiful + outline, that is, figure or appearance

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"well favored" - yâpneh mar'eh - beautiful + a view, an appearance

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph was *handsome*!

And it came to pass after these things, that *his master's wife* cast her eyes upon Joseph; and *she said*, Lie with me. *But he refused*, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; (Genesis 39:7-8)

"wotteth not" i.e., "my master is clueless"

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph was *handsome*!

There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Genesis 39:9)

This "sin" would be a betrayal of the trust Potiphar had placed on him

Ultimately, it was a "sin against God"

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Mrs. Potiphar was persistent

And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. (Genesis 39:10-11)

This appears to be a setup, a trap

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And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. (Genesis 39:12)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned!* (Genesis 39:13-18)

She calls out to the men of the house (where were they before?)

She accuses Joseph of attempted rape

She keeps "garment" (covering) as evidence

She reports the "assault" to Potiphar

* William Congreve, in "The Mourning Bride", 1697

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph's in a heap of trouble!

And it came to pass, **when his master heard the words of his wife**, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that **his wrath was kindled**. And Joseph's master took him, and **put him into the prison**, a place **where the king's prisoners were bound**: and he was there in the prison. (Genesis 39:19-20)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph's in a heap of trouble!

Though nothing is said explicitly to this effect, one gets the impression that **this was not the first of his wife's amorous adventures** ... It almost seems that **Potiphar also knew both his wife and Joseph too well to really believe he had heard the whole story**.*

* Henry M. Morris, *The Genesis Record*, 360-361, 363

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph's in a heap of trouble!

Potiphar was an **officer of Pharaoh's** and so this was actually **under his authority**. Furthermore he was the **Captain of the Executioners**, and so under Egyptian law **he could have executed Joseph**, but he did not. This may very well mean that **he was not fully convinced of his wife's story**.*

* Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 554.

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Making lemonade...

But **the LORD was with Joseph**, and **shewed him mercy**, and **gave him favour** in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And **the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand** all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. **The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him**, and that which he did, **the LORD made it to prosper**.
(Genesis 39:21-23)

"the keeper of the prison" was probably Potiphar

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40)

Pharaoh's butler (cupbearer) and baker land in prison (v. 1)

Both have dreams, which Joseph (through God) interprets (vv. 5-19)

The butler would be restored to his former position, the baker would be beheaded.

Joseph asked the butler to remember him before Pharaoh

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

The butler soon forgot about Joseph (v. 23) until...

Pharaoh had two troubling dreams

And it came to pass **at the end of two full years**, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. (Genesis 41:1)

The butler remembered Joseph

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

Pharaoh dreamed of 7 skinny cows coming up from the river and eating 7 fat cows (41:2-4)

Then he dreamed of 7 full ears of corn eaten up by 7 thin ears (vv. 5-7)

The butler tells Pharaoh about Joseph (vv. 9-13)

Pharaoh calls Joseph up from prison (v. 14)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

Pharaoh tells Joseph about his dreams (41:15)

And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: **God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.** (Genesis 41:16)

And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: **God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.** (Genesis 41:25)

There will be 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine (vv. 29-31)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)

Joseph advises Pharaoh on what to do (41:33-36)

And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. (Genesis 41:37)

Pharaoh cannot think of a better man for the job than Joseph (Genesis 41:38-43)

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, *I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.* (Genesis 41:44)

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Joseph's Saga Continues...

Joseph Gets a Break! (Genesis 40-41)


And **Joseph was thirty years old** when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:46)

Joseph was second only to Pharaoh in Egypt

In the 7 years of plenty, grain was stored away

And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, **were ended.** (Genesis 41:53)

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And **the famine was over all the face of the earth:** And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. And **all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn;** because that the famine was so sore in all lands. (Genesis 41:56-57)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Now when **Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt**, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. **And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.**
(Genesis 42:1-3)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. And **Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him** with their faces to the earth. And **Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them;** and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. (Genesis 42:5-7)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Jacob sends all of his sons, except Benjamin, to Egypt to by grain

They do not recognize Joseph, who was dressed as an Egyptian prince

They bow down to him fulfilling Joseph's dream

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Joseph recognizes them, but speaks roughly to them so as not to “tip his hand”

Joseph puts his brothers through a series of trials to see if they have any remorse for how they treated him

This exercise reflects the image of Christ in that he seeks their confession, repentance, and plea for forgiveness

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

In the end, the brothers confess their sin against Joseph and express their remorse

Joseph reveals himself to them

And Joseph said unto his brethren, **I am Joseph**; doth my father yet live? **And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.** (Genesis 45:3)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And **God sent me** before you **to preserve you** a posterity in the earth, and **to save your lives** by a great deliverance. So now **it was not you that sent me hither, but God**; and **he hath made me a father to Pharaoh**, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 45:7-8)

“father” - **’âb** – father; in the sense of a ruler or chief

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Haste ye, and **go up to my father, and say unto him**, Thus saith thy son Joseph, **God hath made me lord of all Egypt**: come down unto me, tarry not: And **thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen**, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: And **there will I nourish thee**; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. (Genesis 45:9-11)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls **were threescore and six** [66]; And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: **all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten** [70]. (Genesis 46:26-27)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, **My father and my brethren**, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, **are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen**. (Genesis 47:1)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, **How old art thou?** And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an **hundred and thirty years**: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. **And Jacob blessed Pharaoh**, and went out from before Pharaoh. (Genesis 47:7-10)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and **gave them a possession in the land of Egypt**, in **the best of the land**, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph **nourished his father, and his brethren**, and all his father's household, **with bread**, according to their families. (Genesis 47:11-12)

And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt **seventeen years**: so the whole age of **Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years**. (Genesis 47:28)

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Family Reunion! (Genesis 41-47)

Jacob blesses Ephraim and Menasseh...

And he [Jacob] blessed Joseph, and said, **God**, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, **the God which fed me all my life long** unto this day, **The Angel which redeemed me from all evil**, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. (Genesis 48:15-16)

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Jacob Dies – Joseph’s Brothers Worry

And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people. (Genesis 49:33)

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. (Genesis 50:15)

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Jacob Dies – Joseph’s Brothers Worry

And **they sent a messenger** unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, **Forgive**, I pray thee now, **the trespass** of thy brethren, **and their sin**; for **they did unto thee evil**: and now, we pray thee, **forgive the trespass** of the servants of the God of thy father. And **Joseph wept** when they spake unto him. (Genesis 50:16-17)

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Jacob Dies – Joseph’s Brothers Worry

And **his brethren** also went and **fell down before his face**; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, **Fear not: for am I in the place of God?** But as for you, **ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. (Genesis 50:18-20)

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (Luke 23:34)

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Joseph Dies in Egypt

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and **God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.** And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, **God will surely visit you,** and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. **So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old:** and they embalmed him, and **he was put in a coffin in Egypt.** (Genesis 50:24-26)

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a “Type” of Christ

Many commentators avoid concluding that Joseph is a “type” of Christ

There is no such association made in the N.T.

There is no one in Scripture who is more like Christ in his person and experiences than Joseph. Yet nowhere in the New Testament is Joseph given to us as a type of Christ. However, **the parallel cannot be accidental.***

* J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible*, Vol. 1, 147-148.

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Some Parallels

- Miraculous birth, albeit not a “virgin” birth
- Announced he would *rule* over his brothers
- Ridiculed for his message
- Sent by his father to his brothers
- Obeyed his father
- Hated by his brothers without cause
- Betrayed by his brothers

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Some Parallels

- Sold for the going price of a slave (20 pieces of silver in Joseph's case; 30 pieces in Jesus')
- His brothers plotted to kill him
- Cast into a pit (grave) and raised up again
- Tempted but did not sin
- Had no sin attributed to him
- Joseph was "savior of the world" during the famine

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Some Parallels

- Was numbered with the transgressors
- Rejected by his brethren but accepted by Gentiles Became ruler over Egypt (second only to Pharaoh)
- Forgave his brothers
- Saved his family
- Brought his family to a better place

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's Apología

On trial by the Sanhedrin, Stephen appeals to Jewish history as recorded in Scripture

Beginning with Abraham, Stephen recites their history to the current time following the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apología* – Acts 7

He also places special emphasis on two major characters in Israel's history:

Joseph and Moses (Acts 7:9-39)

Probably no one would argue that **Moses is a "type" of Christ**

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apología* – Acts 7

Moses said: "**The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet** from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, **like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken ... And the LORD said unto me, ... I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee**, and will put my words in his mouth; and **he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**" (Deuteronomy 18:15, 17-18)

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

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For **Moses truly said** unto the fathers, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up** unto you of your brethren, **like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.** (Acts 3:22)

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

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It could be argued that nowhere does the New Testament speak of Moses a “type” of Christ

Contrasts and comparisons are made, but

Nothing directly stating that Moses is a “type” of Christ

Most found in John's Gospel

Christ in the Life of Joseph

Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apologíá* – Acts 7

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17)

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up (John 3:14)

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven (John 6:32)

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen's *Apologíá* – Acts 7

Excellent comparisons between Moses and Jesus

Not irrefutable proof for typology

Along with allegorical comparisons from Moses' life in the O.T., they make a good case for Moses as a “type” of Christ

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen’s *Apología* – Acts 7

Stephen compares Joseph and Moses to Christ

Both “saviors” are unrecognized on the first meeting

In the case of Joseph: “But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first” (Acts 7:12)

In the case of Moses: “And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel” (Acts 7:23)

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

Deacon Stephen’s *Apología* – Acts 7

Stephen compares Joseph and Moses to Christ

Both “saviors” are unrecognized until their second meeting

In the case of Joseph: “And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph’s kindred was made known unto Pharaoh” (Acts 7:13)

In the case of Moses: “This Moses whom they refused ... the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer ...” (Acts 7:35)

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Joseph as a “Type” of Christ – An Argument For...

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If A || B, and B || C, then A || C

A = Joseph, B = Moses, and C = Christ

If Joseph || Moses, and Moses || to Christ, then Joseph || Christ

Stephen draws a parallel between Joseph and Moses

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Joseph as a "Type" of Christ – An Argument For...

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Stephen draws a parallel between Joseph and Moses

He parallels both to Christ

If Moses serves as a "type" of Christ, then Joseph also serves


However, even if the argument for typology is rejected, Joseph's life strongly parallels and reflects the image of Christ

Images of Christ in Genesis



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The Scepter and Judah



The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (Gen 49:10)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in **the last days**. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. (Genesis 49:1-2)

"the last days" - more of a prophecy about each son, or tribe, than it was a blessing

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? (Genesis 49:8-9)

Ultimately, this prophecy, although it names Judah, applies to Jesus

The Scepter and Judah

His brethren, the Jews, i.e., Israel, will bow and praise Him

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)

The Scepter and Judah

Judah is a lion's whelp emphasizes vigor and nobility, successful in vanquishing his prey

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. (Revelation 5:5)

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Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. (Genesis 49:10-12)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"The sceptre" - *shêbet* - to branch off, a scion; the symbol of kingship

A "scion" can be a descendant or a shoot or twig

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: (Isaiah 11:1)

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"The sceptre" - *shêbet* - to branch off, a scion; the symbol of kingship

Behold, the days come, **saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.** (Jeremiah 23:5)

The **scepter** is **permanently assigned to Judah** and will ultimately have its fulfillment in the **millennial reign of Christ**

The Scepter and Judah

Jacob Gives His Final Blessing

"until *Shiloh* come" - *shiytôh* - he whose it is, that which belongs to him

Judah's preeminence will continue until **"Shiloh"** comes

"Shiloh" is understood to speak of the messianic reign of Christ

The Scepter and Judah

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"Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine"

According to the rabbis, who also take this verse to be messianic, the Messiah will be recognized as riding on an ass.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, **thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass** (Zechariah 9:9)

* Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis* (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 642.

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"he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes"

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and **their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment**. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come... And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. (Isaiah 63:3-4, 6)

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And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and **gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe**. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and **gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.** (Revelation 14:18-20)

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"His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk"

Probably a better rendering would be "red **as** wine and his teeth white **as** milk."

The "emphasis is on abundance, not only the abundance of grapes but also the abundance of milk, dairy products."*

* Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis*, (San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2009), 642.

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The blessing of Judah in Genesis 49:8-12 undeniably presents the image of Christ and points to His ultimate reign on earth

The blessing and the promise to Judah is that Messiah will come through his line

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**
(Revelation 11:15)
