

HE THAT SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON
The Lord's Supper
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Genesis 22:1-19

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:32

Jesus Christ was revealed in the Old Testament hundreds of years before He was born in Bethlehem. Christ rebuked the religious establishment, saying, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39). “Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, [Jesus] expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27). Old Testament writers wrote by “the Spirit of Christ which was in them . . . [and] testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow” (I Peter 1:11).

In some cases, Old Testament revelations of Christ take the form of specific prophecies that find fulfillment in none other than Jesus of Nazareth. In other passages, biblical typology reveals Christ through objects, actions and people that illustrate exact qualities and events in Christ's earthly ministry. Isaac is a very clear type of Jesus Christ.

Among the qualities shared by Isaac and by Jesus Christ, these are very evident.

1. Both were born in manifestation of a divine covenant (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:4-6; 17:15-19; II Samuel 7:12-17; Psalm 89).
2. Their births were foretold in advance by angel visitors (Genesis 19:10-15; Luke 1:26-38).
3. Both were born miraculously, Isaac to an aged, barren woman and Christ to a virgin (Genesis 18:10-14; Matthew 1:18-25).
4. Isaac and Jesus suffered rejection from their brethren (Genesis 21:9-11; John 1:11; 7:1-5).
5. Both were offered as a sacrifice by their fathers (Genesis 22; Matthew 26:39-42; Isaiah 53:10).

This involved: Being bound (Genesis 22:9; Matthew 27:2)

Carrying the instrument of sacrifice to the place of sacrifice

Isaac: wood – (Genesis 22:6); Christ – wooden cross (John 19:17)

Offering no resistance to being a sacrifice victim

6. A 3-day period marked their death experience (Genesis 22:4; Matthew 16:21).
7. Both returned from their sacrifice alive (Genesis 22:5, 13; Matthew 28:6).

8. Both are the seed of Abraham (Romans 9:7; Galatians 3:16).