

“Typology & Illustrations”

Genesis 22 & 24

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- Elders pictures
- Romans 5:12-13+18-19
 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.... Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.
 - Typos-too'-pos
 - a figure formed by a blow or impression
 - in a doctrinal sense
 - of a type i.e. a person or thing prefiguring a future (Messianic) person or thing
 - <https://wordpoints.com/exact-imprint-Gods-nature-february-20/>
 - How is Adam a type?
 - v. 18-19
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 - Adam was a son of God
 - Luke 3:38- the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.
 - Adams’ bride was deceived, but Adam willingly partook
 - 1 Tim. 2:14- And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.
 - Adam was put into a deep sleep and when he woke up, he had a bride that had been prepared for him
 - Gen. 2:21-22- And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.
 - Just as Christ as He was raised from the dead now has a bride that has been prepared for Him
 - Adam was tested and failed in the garden of Eden, Jesus was tested and remained faultless in the wilderness (the result of the fall)
 - Adam was made one with his bride in the same way Christ is made one with His
 - Eph. 5:30-32- For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

- This is not the only example of typology the new testament authors give us. This is a very prevalent interpretative style the NT Authors used.
 - John 1:29
 - The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - John had been preaching a message of repentance for remission of sins (Mark 1:4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.)
 - In a Jewish context what is missing in this?
 - The sacrifice, so when Jesus steps on the scene, we see the Lamb of God
 - The sacrificial system was a shadow of Christ
 - Galatians 4:22-24a
 - For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants:
 - 1 Pet. 3:20-21
 - who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
- Lets take this concept and apply it to Genesis chapter 22
 - How far before Christ came was Genesis written?
 - Probably written sometime around 1445 B.C.
 - Article discussing this:
https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don_stewart/don_stewart_678.cfm
- Genesis 22-Read all of it, and then teach it
 - Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And

Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

▪ Types in this passage:

- Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love
 - Interestingly, this is the first mention of the word love in the bible
 - How many sons did Abraham have at this point?
 - Isaac was not Abrahams only son, he also had Ishmael (Gen. 16:15), yet Isaac is called Abrahams only son.
 - In the same way, Jesus is not the only son of God. Adam is also called a son of God in Luke 3, but yet Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father (John 3:16)
 - The order of birth also seems significant, as typically the older son would receive the blessing/inheritance, yet in both these cases the son that came after received the blessings. (Similar to Jacob and Esau, and David and his brothers)
 - Along with this, we see that Ishmael was a son of the flesh, while Isaac was a son of promise, in the same way Jesus is the Son of Promise, and Adam was the son of the flesh.
 - Gal. 4:22-23
 - For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,
 - Isaac was promised to come:
 - Gen. 18:10-And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.” (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)
 - Jesus was promised to come:
 - Micah 5:2-“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”
- and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”
 - It is often said that Isaac was offered on the same mountain Jesus was crucified on. This is hotly debated.
 - <https://ready4eternity.com/was-jesus-sacrificed-on-mount-moriah/>

- Abraham was called to go to the Land of Moriah, and Jesus was crucified in the area of Moriah. Mount Moriah is where the temple mount was.
- So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son;
 - The promised son along with 2 others
 - Luke 23:32-There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.
- and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.
 - This is significant because of the commentary we get in the NT
 - Hebrews 11:17-19- By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.
 - At the end of this 3 day journey, Abraham receives his son back from the dead (figuratively)
- And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.
 - The wood for the offering is laid upon son
- But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the **lamb** for a burnt offering?” And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”
 - Notice that Isaac asks where is the LAMB for the burnt offering, but later on in the passage, we see that it was a ram provided for the offering
 - These are two separate words used:
 - Šê (seh)-one of a flock, lamb, sheep, goat, young sheep, young goat
 - <https://srichinmoy.wordpress.com/2014/01/06/animal-kingdom-29-lamb-helplessness/>
 - 'ayil (ah'-yil)-ram
 - <https://a-z-animals.com/blog/rams-vs-sheep-rams-vs-ewes/>
 - Why is that significant
 - It's said that a lamb would be provided, but a ram is given at this time
 - Remember John 1:29 where he says “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”
 - Bonus note: Who called Abraham to go offer Isaac in v.1 of this chapter? God.
 - Gen. 22:1-Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

- But here the Angel of the LORD says Abraham did not withhold his son from “Me” speaking of the Angel of the LORD
 - Angel just means messenger
 - We see actions in the OT sometimes attributed to God, and other times attributed to the Angel of the LORD, just like we see here.
 - We see this interesting Character throughout the OT. I think it is a Christophany.
 - Another example:
 - Gen. 16:7-10: Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. And He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” The Angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.” Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.”
 - Gen. 16:13-Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?”
 - Gen. 16, Judges 13, Ex. 3, Judges 2, Judges 6, Gen. 48:16, Zech. 3
 - Who of the Godhead does it seem told Abraham to offer Isaac?
 - Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.
 - Here we see substitutionary atonement (at-one-ment) where the ram is offered in place of another
 - This is like Jesus with the crown of thorns on His head, being the substitutionary atonement for us all
- And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.
- Genesis 24
 - Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” And the servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman will not be willing to

follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?” But Abraham said to him, “Beware that you do not take my son back there. The Lord God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land,’ He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from **there**.”

- So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh, “and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; “but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac.”
 - From Gen. 15:2- But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”
 - Seems that Eliezer is the eldest servant, and his name means “God is help”
 - We have the father sending his servant (God is help) to a far off land to retrieve a bride for his son, and return the bride to the land of Canaan (The Promised Land). The bride also needs to be from the family of Abraham.
 - Similar to the Holy Spirit being sent (Jn. 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—) to the earth in order to prepare a bride for Christ.
 - Gal. 3:29- And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.
 - If you read on, you’ll see the servant goes bearing gifts of gold for the bride of the son
 - Just like the Holy Spirit now gives gifts to the church
- Rules for Typology
 - We don’t use typology to define doctrine
 - Typology can illuminate doctrine that has already been revealed in the bible
 - I’m not going to the OT Typology to create a new doctrine that isn’t already substantiated from other biblical teaching
 - We are not dogmatic on typology
 - This is not a foundational backbone of Christian doctrine that is necessary for salvation, and therefore it is not worth dividing over
 - This is not some form of secret knowledge or interpretation that is reserved for the ultra-spiritual (Border on Gnosticism)
- Books taught on:
 - Romans-1 hour
 - Luke-2.5 hours
 - 1 Timothy- 16 min
 - Genesis-3.5 hours
 - Ephesians-20 min
 - John-2 hours
 - Galatians-20 min
 - 1 Peter-16 min
 - Micah-20 min
 - Hebrews-45 min
 - Total: 11 Hours and 17 Minutes