

Abraham and Isaac Father and Son

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Allegories and Types

- Biblical *allegories* often use literal history to demonstrate a deeper meaning or foreshadow a more important event (e.g., Galations 4:21-32).
 - Destruction of Sodom by fire and the subsequent smoke foreshadow a future judgment of the wicked.
- A *type* is a model (or shadow) of some reality which is yet to appear, a prototype of that which is yet to be developed or revealed.
 - A biblical *type* is borrowed from the Greek word τύπος (e.g., Romans 5:14) which is a mark formed by a blow or impression (e.g., on a coin), hence a figure image.
- An antitype (αντίτυπο) is a thing resembling another, its counterpart.

Example Types

Type	Antitype	Reference
Adam	Christ	Romans 5:14
Melchizedek	Christ as King/Priest	Hebrews 5,6,7
Sodom / Egypt / Babylon	The World	Jeremiah 51:6, Revelation 11:8, 18:4
Brazen Serpent	Christ lifted on cross	Num 21:8; John 3:14
Jacob's Ladder	Christ as way to Heaven	Gen 28:12, John 1:51
Rock in Wilderness	Christ	Exod 17:6, 1 Cor 10:4
Passover	Sacrifice of Lamb	Exod 12, 1 Cor 5:7
Sabbath	Rest in Christ	Colossians 2:16,17

Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.

John 8:56

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, “In Isaac your descendants shall be called.” He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type (παραβολῆ).

Hebrews 11:17-19, NASB

The Birth of Isaac

Genesis 21:1-7

- Miracle Birth of Isaac - Sarah is well past child bearing age.
- The promised Son through which the whole world would be blessed (Galatians 3:16).
- The Father's only Son, the beloved Son
 - Genesis 22:2,9,16
 - John 3:16, Matt 3:17, Matt 17:5, Luke 20:13

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22

- *“Take 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.”*
Genesis 22:2
 - “Only son” Hebrews 11:17, John 3:16
- Abraham has already left his home country and family is now willing to sacrifice his son (even though he believes he will receive him back).
 - *“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”* Matthew 10:39

Mt. Moriah

- The sacrifice is to take place on the mountains of Moriah.
- There is where the Temple will be built, Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 3:1,2).
- Melchizedek, King of (Jeru)salem (Gen 14:8) indicates there was a city already there.

The Sacrifice of Isaac

- Isaac carries the wood for the sacrifice
 - (Gen 22:6, Jn. 19:17-18)
- Resurrection is expected
 - *“I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you”*
(Gen 22:5, Heb 11:19)
- The obedience of the Son (Gen. 22:6-9, Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 5:7-8)
- Bound His Son (Gen 22:9)
 - Psalm 118:27 Last Psalm before Passover (Matt 26:30; Mark 14:26)
 - Psalms 113-118 Passover Liturgy
- He did not spare His own Son (Gen 22:16, Romans 8:32)