

Genesis 22 – A Shadow of the Christ, a Chart by Joshua Stucki

Isaac was a type, or shadow, of Christ:

1) They were both children of promise:

Isaac – promised to Sarah (Genesis 18:10). Christ – promised to Israel (Isaiah 7:14), Mary (Luke 1:31), and all of us (Genesis 12:3; John 3:16).

2) Both had their births announced in advance to their mothers (Genesis 18:14+15; Luke 1:31).

3) Their births had divine appointments:

Isaac – to carry the seed of Messiah (Genesis 18:14). Christ – to fulfill the mission of Messiah (Galatians 4:4).

4) They were pre-named by angels:

Isaac – “Isaac, to the establish covenant” (Genesis 17:19). Jesus – “Jesus, to fulfill the covenant (Matthew 1:21, 5:17).

5) They were born by miraculous means:

Isaac – in Abraham and Sarah’s old age (Genesis 21:2). Jesus – through a virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:34).

6) They were both “only begotten sons”:

Isaac – the only son of the covenant (although Abraham had seven sons (Genesis 16:15, 22:2, Genesis 25:1ff)). Jesus – the only Son of God (John 3:16).

7) They were both loved by their fathers (Genesis 22:2; John 3:16).

8) They were both hated by their brothers without cause:

Isaac – by Ishmael (Genesis 21:9) and Abraham’s other sons (Genesis 25:6). Jesus was thought crazy by his family (Mark 3:21) and God’s chosen people (John 15:25).

9) They both had to be sacrificed:

Isaac – God commanded Abraham to sacrifice “his only begotten son” (Genesis 22:2). Jesus – Jesus had to be sacrificed for sins to be forgiven (Luke 24:7; 1 John 2:2, 4:8).

10) They were both compared to a lamb:

Isaac – Abraham said God would provide a lamb, knowing God had told him to sacrifice Isaac (not yet known Isaac by Genesis 22:7). Jesus – Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:36).

11) They both went up the hill of Moriah/Golgotha/Calvary (Genesis 22:2, 14; Luke 23:33):

They are all the same place – Genesis 22:14 – So Abraham called that place, “The Lord will provide.” And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

“Moriah” was the name of the hill during the Patriarchal age.

Golgotha was the name during and after David’s time (because David buried Goliath’s skull there – 1 Samuel 17:54ff). This is where “Golgotha” got its name (Matthew 27:33; Luke 23:33; John 19:17).

Calvary is the Latin and traditional Christian name. All three words mean “skull”.

12) Two men accompanied each on their way to sacrifice

Isaac – accompanied by two servants (Genesis 22:3). Jesus – accompanied by two thieves (Luke 23:32).

13) They both carried their own wood at one point:

Isaac – carried his own sacrificial wood (Genesis 22:6). Jesus – carried his own cross (Luke 23:26).

14) They both had help carrying their wood at another point:

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

15) Both were “dead” for three days:

Isaac – Abraham thought Isaac dead during the journey (Genesis 22:4; Hebrews 11:17+18). Jesus was dead for three days (Luke 24:46). Compare with how Esther felt in Esther 4:16.

16) Both willingly offered up himself (Genesis 22:9; John 10:18).

17) Both were raised from the dead:

Isaac – figuratively (Hebrews 11:19). Jesus – literally (1 Corinthians 15:4).

18) Both were freely given by their fathers (Genesis 22:12); Romans 8:32).

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