

Greetings, dear reader, in the Wholly Wonderful Name of JESUS!

Here we look at how Jesus is foreshadowed in the Book of Genesis.

GENESIS, 50 chapters, tells the beginning
Of creation, when Adam and Eve, tempted, sin,
Of Cain's murder of Abel, the flood, Noah's ark,
Of Abram, Isaac, Jacob, giv'n God's blessing-mark;
Of Babel's language mixup, Lot's wife, salt-fated,
Of Sodom and Gomorrah, through sin cremated;
Of Abram's test to slay Isaac, promised offspring,
A ram provided in exchange, Christ foretelling;
Of Isaac's bride Rebekah; Esau, from whom runs
Blessing-thief Jacob (Israel) whose jealous sons
Nigh kill dreamer brother Joseph who saves his peers
From famine to Egypt, slaves there 400 years.

Gen 1: Creation - Col 1:15-17, Jn 1:1-3

Jesus as Creator...He owns us 3 times over:

1. He created us.
2. He purchased us with His blood when He died for us.
3. We have voluntarily given our lives to Him.

Gen 2: Woman created from Adam...a picture of Church created through Christ. Sleep of Adam = death of Christ. (cf Isa 53:10-11, We are His seed, He is satisfied by us, "of the travail of His soul", even as Adam was pleased with Eve.) Note the similarities:

- God put Adam to sleep and raised him up again.
- Eve was flesh of Adam's flesh. Cf Eph 1:23, 5:29-32.
- Eve was created for and through Adam.
- Nothing else in creation could satisfy Adam...we thrill the Lord's heart in a way no one else can!

Gen 3:15 The first direct prophecy of Christ...a man to bruise satan's head.

Gen 3:18 Thorns symbol of curse...link to crown of thorns on head of Jesus, who was "made a curse for us" on the cross.

Gen 3:21 Coats of skins...show that blood must be shed to cover us...pointing to Calvary.

Gen 4: Abel's offering from flock of sheep approved (rather than fruit offering of Cain)...indication that offering of blood is that which is acceptable to God, again pointing to Calvary.

Gen 5: Adam begat after his likeness, tainted with sin. Christ "begats" us after His perfect likeness (cf. Rms 5:14-19.)

Gen 6,7: Ark a picture of salvation. Door = Jesus...only entrance.
Ark made according to God's plan. Salvation is planned by God.
Watery storm = judgement / death for those outside ark.
Mt Ararat = resting place in God.

Gen 8: Dove (= Holy Spirit) brought assurance of safety to those dwelling in ark (cf Eph 1:13).

Gen 12:3 In Abraham all the families of the earth to be blessed. See Romans 4 and Galatians 3. Christ the fulfillment of this promise. (Cf Gen 12:7 with Gal 3:16).

Gen 14: Melchizedek = picture of Christ. Note that:
"Melchizedek" means "King of Righteousness",
He was King of Salem, and "Salem" means "peace",
He was both a King and a Priest, like Christ,
Like Christ, he refreshes after battle victory.
Bread & wine symbols of body and blood of Christ...Christ refreshes us with Himself. Cf Heb 5, 6:20, 7; Psalm 110; Zech 6:13.

Gen 15:4-6 Seed (us through Christ!) promised to Abraham like the number of stars...

Gen 16: Angel appearing to Hagar called "thou God seest me" ...Bible scholars think the angel may have been a "theophany" - a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ.

Gen 18: Abraham sees 3 men; 2 (angels) go on to Sodom (Gen 19:1) but "the Lord" remains to talk with Abraham...a theophany?

Gen 21: Abraham / Hagar - Ishmael / Sarah - Isaac story: The church = spiritual children of Abraham = the children of promise, not born naturally, but

after the Spirit, through Jesus. (Isaac was born by promise when Abraham was 100 years old). Ishmael (from the bondmaid Hagar, an Egyptian woman) mocked Isaac = the way those born after the flesh mock the church. Check Gal 4:22-31 and Isa 54.

Gen 22: Abraham intended sacrifice of Isaac = picture of God the Father's sacrifice of God the Son. Note:

- Abraham loved Isaac.
- Isaac was Abraham's only son.
- The place of sacrifice was in the land of Moriah, roughly the same place as the later Temple sacrifices (2 Chron 3:1) and Golgotha...could it be that the ram that was sacrificed was taken from Golgotha? Could it be that this was why Christ said "Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and was glad?"
- Abraham said, prophetically, "God will provide Himself a lamb".

Gen 24: Marriage of Isaac = picture of marriage of Christ to us, His bride. Abraham = picture of God the Father; the unnamed servant = the Holy Spirit; Rebekah = bride of Christ (Isaac, Abraham's only son). Cf Matt 22. Our wedding is yet to take place (Rev 19:6-9).

Gen 26: Abraham's promise of blessing passed to Isaac.

Gen 28: Jacob inherits blessing instead of Esau...God was very particular about the line of blessing to Jesus...there is some mystery here ...check Rms 9:7-16, Mal 1:2.

Jacob's ladder = picture of Christ, our bridge to God.

Gen 32: Theophany?...was wrestling angel Christ?

Gen 37-48: Joseph = picture of Jesus:

- Specially loved by his Father.
- Was sent from the presence of the Father to seek his brethren, his kinsmen in the flesh.
- Was hated by his brothers (Gen 37:4, Jn 15:25, Ps 69:4)
- Claimed that one day he would reign over his brothers.
- His own brethren attempted to kill him...and failed!
- Was sold for the price of a slave.
- Was rejected initially both by his brethren and the Gentiles.

- Was falsely accused and made to suffer for sins that were not his own.
- Was put in prison to die (Jesus was put in the prison of death)
- Was saved from death by God, and vindicated
- Saved Gentiles from famine, providing food
- Gained a Gentile bride.
- Given a special name (Gen 41:4)
- Yet to be fulfilled in the life of Jesus: Joseph began a series of judgmental dealings with his brethren, the children of Israel, and brought them to a place of repentance for their former rejection of him; eventually his brothers had to acknowledge him as Lord. (See Phil 2:9-11, Rms 11:25-26, Zech12:10... one day the eyes of the Jews will be opened to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord!) Then he revealed himself to them; they mourned, he wiped away their tears and lifted them to a high position in the Kingdom over which he ruled.

Gen 49:10-12 Direct prophecy of Christ. (cf Gen 49:11 with Isa 63:1-4, Rev 14:15-20, Joel 3:12-13)"Shiloh" = "The Peaceful One". ***PC***