

Isaac

Type and Shadow for Christ

“...even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness to be obedient unto the commandments of God in offering up his son Isaac, *which is a similitude of God and his Only Begotten Son.*” --Jacob 4:5

The ‘Unblemished’ Beginning

1. He was a long awaited son (Genesis 17:19/3 Nephi 1:13)
2. He was a son of promise (Genesis 17:19/2 Nephi 25:18)
3. Know by name before birth (Genesis 17:19/Matthew 1:21)
4. Child of God’s miracle (Genesis 17:19/1 Nephi 11:18-21)
5. Born at a set time (Genesis 21:2/Moses 6:62)
6. There was great rejoicing (Genesis 21:6/Luke 2:13-14)
7. He is the first born – only begotten (Genesis 22:2/D&C 93:21)
8. Son destined to receive all that his father hath (Genesis 24:36/John 16:15)
9. Both circumcised at 8 days old (Genesis 21:4/Luke 2:21)
10. Both of their births were spoken of more than any other (Genesis 17&18/Mosiah 13:33-34/Jacob 7:11)

The ‘Great & Last’ Sacrifice

1. They were ‘only begotten’ sons (Genesis 22:2/John 3:16)
2. They were to be offered up in the same place (Genesis 22:2, 14/BD 734; Map #17:B1-Moriah (Hebrew)Chosen by Jehovah] - Leviticus 1:11)
3. They rode on a donkey to the sacrificial spot (Genesis 22:3/Matthew 21:5)
4. They made a special 3 days journey (Genesis 22:4/Matthew 12:40)
5. They command for others [Law of witness observed - 2 Corinthians 13:1] to “Abide ye here” was given (Genesis 22:5/Matthew 26.36)
6. They were the same age at the time of the sacrifice [33] (Genesis 22:5/3 Nephi 8:5)

“[Isaac] was now about thirty-three, the age at which his great Antitype was offered up...We cannot say that the superior strength of the father prevailed, but the piety, filial affection, and obedience of the son yielded.” (Adam Clark, *Clark’s Commentary*, pg. 140)
7. They were willing to be sacrificed with ‘total submission’ (Genesis 22:5/Matt 26:42)
8. They would return after the sacrifice (Genesis 22:5; Hebrew 11:17-19/John 2:18-21)

“Father Abraham and Mother Sarah knew -- knew the promise would be fulfilled. How they did not know and did not demand to know. Isaac positively would live to be the father of a numerous posterity. They knew he would even though he might need to die. They knew he could still be raised from the dead to fulfil the promise, and faith here preceded the miracle.” (Spencer W. Kimball, *CR*, October 1952, pg. 49)
9. They both carried their wood to the sacrificial (Genesis 22:6/Luke 23:26)
10. They were bound upon the wood (Genesis 22:9/John 19:18)
11. An angel of the Lord appears before the sacrifice (Gen. 22:11/Luke 22:43)
12. Only “God will provide a lamb” (Genesis 22:8, 13/Genesis 22:14; John 1:29)