

# Foreshadowing the Cross: Abraham and Isaac Genesis 22

The gospel according to the prophets

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# Opening breath of the NT

*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

# NT teaching on the cross in the OT

OT prophets foretell the cross

Failure to understand Moses and the prophets: Luke 24:25-27, 44-47

The cross was a mystery before it was revealed at Peter's confession (Mark 8, Matthew 16, Luke 9)

The encrypted message: 1 Corinthians 2:7,8

"...things into which angels long to look" 1 Peter 1:10-12

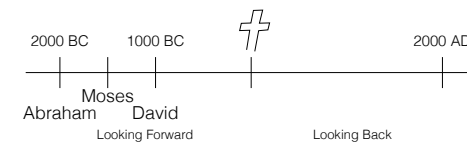
Christ's enigmatic references: The Temple John 2:19, The bronze serpent 3:14, Jonah and the fish Matthew 12:14

The mission becomes explicit: Mark 8:31, 9:31;

OT prophets > the miraculous

Luke 16:29-31

# 2000 Years from The Cross



Our faith rests on an event that occurred 2000 years ago.

"Where is the promise if His coming?" 2 Peter 3:4

Abraham's faith was ultimately in an event that was 2000 years into the future!

# Covenants

Covenant	Mediator	Scripture
The Promise	Abraham	Genesis 12, 13, 15, ...
Old Covenant The Law	Moses	Exodus 19-24, ...
The King	David	2 Samuel 7
New Covenant	Jesus	Jeremiah 31:31-34

Land  
People / Seed  
Blessing

# Abraham

Genesis 12 onward focuses on the family of Abraham (313 references in Scripture)

Called out of a pagan land and family

*"Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac.' Joshua 24:2,3*

Recipient of "The Promise" — the foundational covenant of God with Abraham and his seed

Friend of God James 2:23, 2 Chr 20:7, Isa 41:8

Paul, James (James 2:23), and Hebrews use him as the key example of living by *faith*.

Genesis 15:6: Watershed verse used Rom 4, Gal 3, James 2:23.

Abraham obeyed God's commandments (Genesis 26:5). What commandments?

Father of the Jewish nation.

"Ab" = "father", "ram" = "high", "raham" = "of multitudes."

# 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).

*Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines 21:35*

# The Sacrifice of Isaac Genesis 22

*"After these things God tested Abraham..."*

*"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" (used three times: vv 2, 9, 16) Hebrews 11:17

First occurrence the word "love" occurs in the Bible

Matt 3:17 Christ's baptism *"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."*

Matt 17:5 Mount of Transfiguration *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"*

Luke 20:13 Parable of the vineyard owner *"I will send my beloved son"*

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).

Pinacle is Golgotha

Melchizedek, King of (Jeru)salem (Gen 14:8) indicates there was a city already there.

David encounters the angel of the LORD there after the census 1 Chronicles 21:16)

*David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the Lord, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. (1 Chronicles 21:26)*

## 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)