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## Christ in the Old Testament 9 – “Types”

Purpose: To show that the lives of many Old Testament saints were typical of Christ & foreshadowed His life and ministry. To learn of Christ through them.

### 1 Introduction

Who can remember the five ways of finding Christ in the OT?

Prophecies, Theophanies, Symbols, Types, Ceremonies

Have considered Prophecy, Theophany and Symbols

This week – “Types”

Meaning OT characters whose lives teach us of Christ

Although strictly, symbols and ceremonies are also types

Again, far from exhaustive treatment!

What can we learn about Him from these characters?

### 2 Adam

How is Adam a type of Christ?

Romans 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

But see all of Romans 5

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

In other words Adam represented us in the garden

When he broke the law, we did too

We are guilty of his sin

When he sinned, we sinned in him – in Adam all die

Christ represented His people in all He did

When He kept the law, His people did too

When He died to sin, so did we!

When He rose, so did we!

When He ascended, so did we!

Now seated in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Also – Adam was the first man at the creation

Christ was the first of a new race of men at the new creation

The firstborn from the dead.

The first man to die to sin and be made alive in a glorified body

The first glorified human in heaven!

### 3 **Melchizedek**

Genesis 14:18-20 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out **bread and wine**; now he was a priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

We know from Hebrews that Melchizedek is a type

Hebrews 7:1-17 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. 3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. 4 Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils. 5 And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham. 6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises. 7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater. 8 In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on. 9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. 11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? 12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also. 13 For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. 15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises **according to the likeness of Melchizedek**, 16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is attested of Him, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

How is Melchizedek a type?

He was a priest of God – so is Christ  
His name is King of Righteousness or King of Peace  
He is associated with Jerusalem  
He is priest by virtue of an indestructible life  
He has a perpetual priesthood  
He was greater than Abraham  
He brought out bread and wine to Abraham....

## **4 Moses**

How is Moses a type?

### **4.1 As a prophet**

Have already seen

Deuteronomy 18:15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

Have thought of Jesus as The Prophet

### **4.2 As a redeemer**

Moses led the people of God out from slavery in Egypt  
Christ leads His people out from slavery to sin and Satan

### **4.3 As the mediator of a covenant**

Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant

Reception of the Law on Sinai

Christ is mediator of a better covenant

Hebrews 8:4-6 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; 5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "See," He says, "that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

## **5 Isaac**

Isaac is a Type of Christ – how? Perhaps as The Child of Promise  
Certainly As a sacrifice

Genesis 22:1-14 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he

split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. 5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you." 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided."

How is this typical of Christ?

Abraham's one and only son

The heir of all the promises God had made to Abraham

Laid out as a sacrifice for sin

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called." 19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

Where is Mount Moriah? Jerusalem!!

Isaac offered at very place where God didn't spare his only son!

Note the sayings that came from this event:

"God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering"

"On the mount of the Lord it will be provided"

And it was!

## **6 Joseph**

Joseph: most perfect type of Christ in the Old Testament

Genesis 37:19-28 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer! 20 Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!" 21 But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his

father. 23 So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; 24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it. 25 Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring them down to Egypt. 26 Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. 28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Ridiculed Gen. 37:19

Plotted against Gen. 37:20

Stripped of his robe Gen. 37:23

Sold for silver Gen. 37:28

Also lied about - see Gen. 39: 14

Numbered with transgressors – see Gen. 40:1–3

Unrecognized by his own Gen. 42:8

Yet rises to be the ruler at Pharaoh's right hand

And realises that all His suffering was to save God's people!

## **7 Jonah**

How was Jonah a type of Christ?

In His burial and resurrection

Matthew 12:39-40 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; 40 for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

## **8 David**

How was David a type?

Born in Bethlehem

A shepherd of sheep

A mighty warrior

A man after God's own heart

Conquering King – the king of kings in his day

No enemies could stand against him

A prophet and a king

## **9 Solomon**

How is Solomon typical of Christ

Builder of the House of God

At peace with all

Full of divine wisdom

Christ is the personification of wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

See first few chapters of Proverbs, where wisdom is personified

His reign typical of the eternal reign of Christ. Psalm 72

## **10 Conclusions**

Can find many others whose lives mirror Christ in some regard

Judah (offering to be Benjamin's substitute and surety)

Joshua (even has the same name!) – leading God's people  
victoriously into the Promised Land

Aaron – the High Priest

All teach us about Christ, foreshadow His life

Search the Scriptures – Christ is there if you will but seek Him!