

Jesus in Genesis Types and Shadows 2

We continue with our study of the portraits of Christ in the book of beginnings. As we study, there can be a tendency to just stay on the academic level...but I would encourage you to see Jesus. As God so faithfully and lovingly painted picture after picture of His only begotten Son, take time to look at each portrait and consider what He means to you personally. The angels adore Him. God is pleased with Him; the departed saints sing their praise falling down before Him. What is your perspective of Him?

Last week we discussed Isaac as a type. His son Jacob had two wives that are a type of Israel and the church. Rachael was sought after (like Israel) but Leah became the actual first wife and fruitful (the church). It was later that the marriage with Rachael was consummated and fruitful. Prophetic?

Jacob's Ladder

OT: Genesis 28:12,17

NT: The cross connecting us to heaven Colossians 1:20; John 1:51

Joseph

OT: Genesis 37:3 deeply loved by father.

NT: Jesus, Matthew 3:17 "...my beloved Son..."

OT: Verse 4 "...they hated him..."

NT: John 7:7 "The world... hates me."

OT: Verse 5 a prophetic gift

NT: Matthew 24 a prophetic gift

OT: Verse 10 Every knee will bow.

NT: Philippians 2:10 every knee will bow.

OT: Verse 18 Brothers plotted to kill him.

NT: Matthew 12:14 Brothers plotted to kill him.

OT: Verse 11,19,20 jealousy caused betrayal

NT: Matthew 27:18 betrayed because of envy

OT: Verse 23,24 held in cistern

NT: Psalm 88 Caiaphas' cistern

OT: Verse 28 sold for silver as a slave

NT: Mt 26:15 sold for the price of a slave

OT: Went down into Egypt

NT: Matthew 2:13 take the young child to Egypt.

OT: No sin is recorded in Joseph's life.

NT: No sin is recorded in Jesus' life.

OT: 39:17,18 falsely accused

NT: Matthew 26:60 falsely accused

OT: 41:46 Joseph was 30 when he began his ministry.

NT: Jesus was 30 when he began his ministry. Luke 3:23
OT: 41:42 The world comes to Joseph for bread to live.
NT: John 6:35 The world must come to Jesus, the bread of life
OT: 42:8 Joseph was unrecognized by his brothers.
NT: 1Corinthians 2:8 unrecognized by the princes of this world.
OT: 45:4 Reveals himself to brothers
NT: Revelation 1:7 *Parousia* – his appearing or revealing.
OT: verse 5,7 Sent ahead to save
NT: Hebrews 2:10 Captain in Greek is the same as trailblazer, the one who goes ahead.
OT: verse 8 Made Lord and ruler
NT: Acts 2:36 Lord and Christ
OT: verse 20 made a place for them
NT: John 14:1,2 Matthew 6:19 Get it?!
OT: 50:20 What appeared to be evil was ultimately for good.
NT: Colossians 2:15 Jesus triumphed over evil via the cross.

Joseph was also judged with two men one of which went to a place to serve along side Joseph. The other did not. Consider the thieves on the crosses.

Pharez Genesis 38:27-29

While the last type, Joseph, was so full and easily seen, this Pharez shadow or type is almost more of a prophecy. The rabbis see great significance in what was said about Pharez or Perez. "The Midrash highlights Perez, whom we find in the genealogy in Matthew 1:3 and the account in Genesis 38. The phrase "another seed from another place" is used again, in reference to Perez." Remember the seed of the woman in Genesis 3.

"The Midrach Rabbah describes as follows the new phase which began with Perez: 'This is the history of Perez, and it has a profound significance. ...When the Holy One created his world there was as yet no Angel of Death... But when Adam and Eve fell into sin, all generations were corrupted. When Perez arose, history began to be fulfilled through him, because from him the Messiah would arise, and in his days the Holy One would cause death to be swallowed up as it is written, 'He will destroy death forever' (Isaiah 45:28)"

Ben Parets refers to the Messiah as 'son of Perez'. Since Judah begat Perez or Phares, as the name appears in Matthew 1:3, Jesus is in a sense the 'Son of Perez'. Midrash Tanhuma states, "Thus Judah profited, because from him came forth Perez and Hezron from whom are descended David and the Messiah King, he who will save Israel."

Rabbi Moses Ben Nahman who lived towards the end of the 13th century, describes the birth of Perez as follows:

“He was encircled by a hedge, and he was enclosed within it. That is why it is said ‘So this is how you have broken through the hedge and come out from within it’. Perez was the first-born, “The first-born through the power of the Most High, as it is written, ‘I will give to him a first-born son’. This was written about the holy person who is to come, David, the King of Israel- long may he live. Those who are wise will understand.”

Breaking out of the hedge depicts when Christianity broke out of the Judaic mold. The Rabbis speak a great deal about the hedge of the Law. There are 613 commands and prohibitions in the Old Testament. See Ephesians 2:14-15

Rabbi Shlomo Yitshak (1040-1105) said of Perez that he is “their savior, the one who will break open the way”. Rabbi David Qimhi declares that “the one who breaks open the way is Elijah, and their king is the Branch, the Son of David”.

The writings of some of the most widely recognized Jewish exegetes in reference to Perez help us to see clearly that the Messiah was One who would break the hedge of the Law. It is not by keeping the Law we are saved but trust in the One who fulfilled it, making a way for us, our Trailblazer – King Jesus.