

Christ in the Bible
Genesis
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Summary: Genesis is the "seed book" of the whole Bible, the source of all the streams of truth that run through all the Scripture and consummate in the book of Revelation.

Genesis gives us the beginning of the universe (1:1), man (1:26-27), marriage (2:21-24), sin (3:1-7), blood sacrifice (3:21; 4:1-7), nations (10:32), the Hebrew nation (12:2), the covenant of redemption (3:15; Adamic Covenant; Abrahamic Covenant 17:7).

Christ seen as:

Creator (Gen 1)

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. (Jn 1:3; 1Cor 8:6; Eph 3:9)

The beginning (Gen 1:1)

Rev 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

Rev 21:6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

The Seed of the Woman (Gen 3:15)

Messiah would be born of the seed of a woman (Mt 1:23; Lk 1:34-35)

Christ is seen in numerous types throughout the book

The Tree of life (Gen 2:9; Jn 1:4; 6:35, 48; Rev 22:2)

Adam - is a type of Christ (the last Adam) in the creation of Eve (a type of the church). From the side of Adam, a rib was removed, and blood shed for the creation of Eve.

Adam is a type of Christ in his humanity. Paul compares the effects of the fall of Adam to the provision of salvation to all mankind in Christ (Rom 5:12-21).

Rom 5:12-14 through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned ... death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

1Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

1Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Abel is shown to be a type of Christ

He was the first one to suffer for the sake of righteousness (Mt 23:34-35).

As was true of Adam, so Abel was a type of Christ by way of comparison and contrast. He is compared with Christ in that he was martyred for righteousness; he is contrasted with Christ in that his blood cried out for vengeance while Christ's blood cries out for mercy. (Heb 11:4; 12:24).

Noah's Ark of salvation (Gen 6-8; Lk 2:30),

1Pt 3:18-21 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ... 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. 21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Abraham - He was the father of many nations,

Jesus is the "Everlasting Father" (Isa 8:18, 9:6; Ps 45:16; Heb 2:13)

The promises in Scripture are made to "Abraham and his Seed...who is Christ." All the promises made to Abraham were made to Him as the typical representative of the Covenant of Grace. Ultimately, they were made to and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

2Cor 1:20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes and Amen.

Isaac – Gen 22:1-2; Heb 11:17-19

Christ Jesus our Isaac; the only begotten Son (Jn 3:16),

Isaac was a type of Christ in that he was the promised "son of Abraham." The promises of God were given directly to Abraham with respect to His son (seed). Everywhere in the NT are we taught that Jesus is the true promised son of Abraham.

Gal 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. (Gal 3:16-19)

Isaac typified the Redeemer in that he is the only other human sacrifice that God commanded, and though God stopped Abraham from going through with the sacrifice of Isaac he is said to have died and been risen "figuratively" (Heb 11:19). Jesus, the true and greater son of Abraham, was sacrificed, raised, and returned to His Father.

Jacob's ladder (Gen 28:12)

Jn 1:51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Joseph - loved by his father (Gen 37:3) Jesus is God's beloved Son (Mt 3:17).

Joseph was a type of Christ in that he suffered unjustly and then was exalted to save his brethren. Joseph typified the "sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow" (1Pt 1:10-11). He was envied and hated by his brothers, suffered at their hands, and was exalted to a place of power over the most powerful nation of the world. Jesus, the greater Joseph, was envied and hated by His countrymen and brethren, murdered by them, and then exalted to the highest place of power and honor to save the world by feeding them with the rich bread of heaven.

Melchizedek was a type of Christ in that he was the King/Priest who blessed Abraham.

No one in the Old Testament serves in both offices. Jesus is the Prophet, Priest and King of His church.

Melchizedek typified Him in two of the three offices (Zech. 6:12-13). He was "King of Righteousness" and "King of Priest." Jesus is the King in whom "righteousness and peace kiss" at the cross (Ps. 85:10). Like Melchizedek before Him, Jesus had "no beginning of days, nor end of life." He is the eternal Priest to whom Melchizedek pointed. He was never, and never will be, replaced as High Priest of the Church.

First prophetic promise of Messiah coming from the tribe of Judah.

Gen 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh [Peace bringer; bringer of prosperity, Pacificator; tranquility; rest; (root = to be safe; secure] comes.