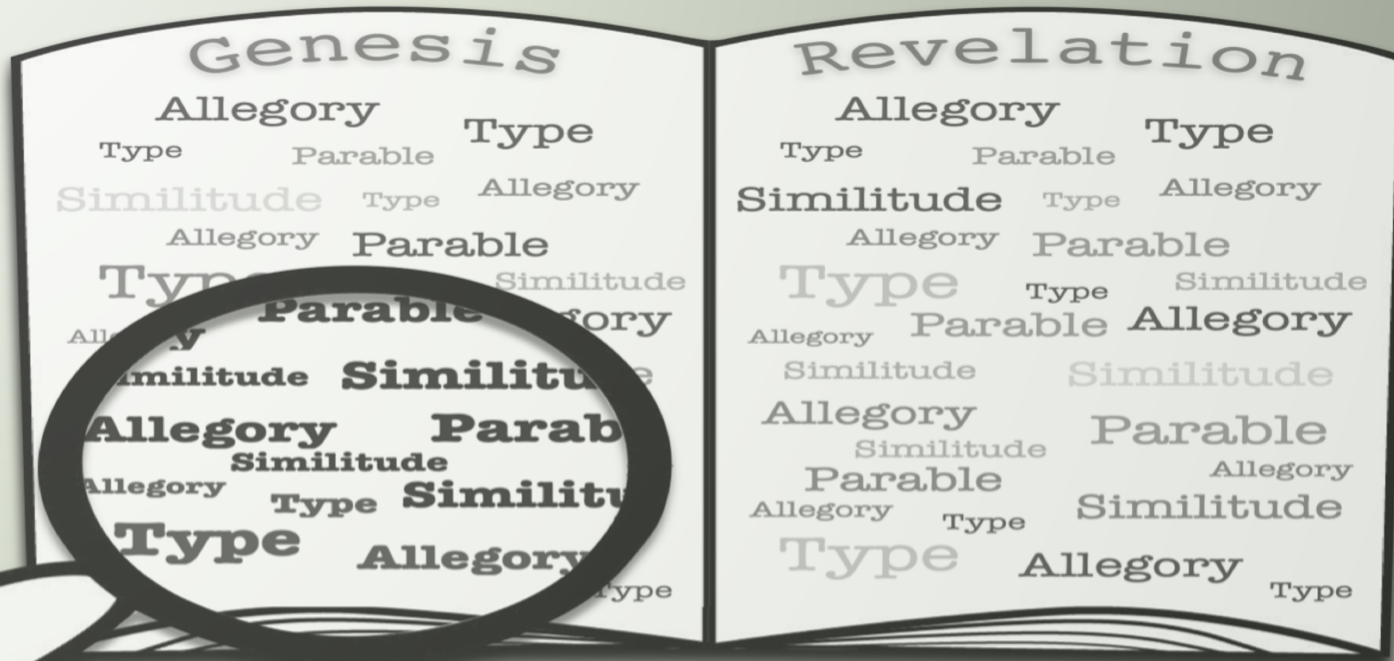


Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



Abraham Allegory

class 2 - a father sacrifices his son

THE ALLEGORY OF ABRAHAM'S LIFE—SACRIFICE THE BASIS OF SONSHIP

John 8:56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad”

- ❑ **“A parable was enacted by Abraham in offering up Isaac. THE THINGS TRANSACTED WERE REAL, BUT THEY WERE ALSO PARABOLIC, OR figurative, of something else, even of the sacrifice and resurrection of the Seed, or Christ” —*Elpis Israel***

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to *be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Rom 8:32 *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,* how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

ELPIS ISRAEL—“THE PARABLE OF THE SEED” PG 255-261

Heb 11:17-19 “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and HE THAT HAD RECEIVED THE PROMISES offered up his only begotten son, OF WHOM IT WAS SAID, THAT *IN ISAAC SHALL THY SEED BE CALLED: Accounting that God was able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; *from whence also he received him in a figure*”

- Abraham, who “received the promises,” offered up His son
- Specifically quotes *Gen 21:12 “*in Isaac shall thy seed be called*”
- The event is a “figure” (Greek “parable”) of a resurrected Son

Gal 3:16 “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; **but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ*”

- “The parable, or representation, of what was afterwards to happen to Isaac's Seed, the Christ, now began” —*Elpis Israel*

Gen 22:1 *And it came to pass after these things, that GOD DID TEMPT ABRAHAM, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am*

After these things—Gen 21 reveals the allegory of the two seeds of Abraham: Ishmael—the Law, Bondage, and Isaac—the Promise, Free. Isaac reps. the Christ-seed, crucified by the Ishmael-seed; then raised. **Tempt**—this does not imply, *to provoke to fail*. God does not operate on this principle with His children (Jam 1:13-15). The word “tempt” is tran. “prove” (Exo 15:25; 16:4). God does “prove” the obedience His servants that He would know what is in their hearts and minds; by various means (Deu 8:2-6; Jud 3:1-4; 2Chr 32:27-32; 24:1-2, 15-22; Deu 13:3; 1Cor 11:18-19).

Jam 2:21-24 “Was not Abraham our father justified by works, *when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?* Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **AND THE SCRIPTURE WAS FULFILLED WHICH SAITH, ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS IMPUTED UNTO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS”** (Gal 3:6; Rom 4:1-6)

Gen 22:2 And he said, *Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, WHOM THOU LOVEST*, and get thee into the land of *Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. **“seen of Yahweh”*

Thine Only Son—called the “only begotten son” Heb 11:17-19. Used to describe the Lord Jesus Christ as the “only begotten” son of the Father (1John 4:9; John 1:14-18; John 3:16). Thus, Abraham and Isaac’s relationship is typical of that between Yahweh and Jesus; the Father and Son. Furthermore, it implies Ishmael was not regarded as the patriarch’s true son.

Whom thou lovest—the Lord himself declared the Father “lovest the son” because of his obedience to his Father (Joh 3:35; 5:20; 17:20). This required the voluntary and willing spirit of the Son—

John 10:17-18 *“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father”*

Burnt offering—strictly of a “voluntary will” (Lev 1:1-3). It also had to be “without blemish”; answering to the perfect character of the Lord (Heb 9:14,28; 1Pet 1:18-20). The offering also had to be complete love—heart, soul, mind, strength (Lev 1:8-9 cf. Mar 12:32-33). Only the Lord himself answers the anti-type.

Burnt offering—used 6x (2,3,6,7,8,13). The number of flesh (Gen 1:26-31; Rev 13:18), it speaks of *how* sin’s flesh was conquered (Phi 2:5-8).

Moriah—How significant the Gospel is based upon two covenants: the Abrahamic and Davidic (Mat 1:1). The place “Moriah” is only mentioned by name in two places in Scripture: here, where the Father makes the offering of His son; and in 2Chr 3:1, where the Son of David builds the Temple. It is in Moriah where David made a sacrifice to stopped the plague upon Israel (2Sam 24:18-25). Both “sons” are typical of the Lord Jesus Christ—his first and second advents!

- ☐ “Moriah was itself a mountain upon which Solomon afterwards built the temple (2Chr. 3:1)...The mountain chosen of God is not named; I can only therefore express my opinion that it was Calvary” —*Elpis Israel*, pg. 254 (Joh 2:19-21)

Offer him—because we are the benefactors of God’s work of redemption, it is easy to forget that the *offering was made by and for the Father*. This chapter emphasizes that doctrine:

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son...”

Tit 3:4-6 “After that the kindness and *love of God our Saviour* toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but *according to His mercy He saved us...*” (Eph 2:4-5; Act 20:28)

□ “Men were not ushered into being for the purpose of being saved or lost! God-manifestation, not human salvation, was the grand purpose of the Eternal Spirit. The salvation of a multitude is incidental to the manifestation, but it was not the end proposed. The Eternal Spirit intended to enthrone Himself on the earth, and in so doing, to develop a Divine Family from among men, every one of whom shall be Spirit because born of the Spirit; and that this family shall be large enough to fill the earth, when perfected, to the entire exclusion of flesh and blood.” *J. Thomas, 1856*

Baptism itself is to change servants of Sin to Servants of God (Rom 6)

Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, *and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him*

Two young men—we suggest the two unnamed servants represent two disciples of the Lord. These two servants are mentioned here in v.3, as going with the Father and Son to the sacrifice; again in v.5, when being assured by Abraham that both Father and Son would return to them; and finally in v.19, after the action is completed.

Joh 18:15-16 “*Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple (John): that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple...*”

Joh 20:3-4 “*Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple (John) did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre*”

Saddled his ass—the preparation of the sacrifice was made by the Father, as Christ rode in humility to Jerusalem (Zec 9:9; Mat 21:7)

Gen 22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

Gen 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, *Abide ye here with the ass*; and I and the lad will go yonder and *worship, AND COME AGAIN TO YOU. ***crucifying flesh 'is' true worship (Phi 3:3)**

Third day—note the record is completely silent between v.3 and v.4. Christ in the grace. The phrase “third day” applies to the resurrection:

Mat 16:21 “...killed, and be RAISED AGAIN THE THIRD DAY” (Act 10:39-40)

Luk 24:7 “...crucified, and THE THIRD DAY RISE AGAIN” (v.46)

Abide ye here with the ass—the same two disciples—Peter and John—testified to the Jews (the ass) of the resurrection (Act 2-4)

❑ **Come Again to You**—“Abraham fully intended to slay Isaac; but he firmly believed that God would raise him from the dead again; because all the promises God had made him were to be accomplished in Isaac's Seed; as it is written, ‘My covenant will I establish with Isaac and with his seed after him:’ therefore, said Abraham to the young men, ‘we will come again to you.’” —*Elpis Israel*

Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

Wood—Adamic nature. Christ partook of flesh and blood (Heb 2:14)
1Pet 2:22-24 “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (Joh 19:17; Act 5:30; 10:39; Gal 3:13)
Christ carrying his own cross rep. this doctrine—Luk 23:25-26; Joh 19:17

Both of them together—unity of the Father and Son (Joh 5:19; 6:38):

Joh 16:32 “Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”

Joh 8:28-29 “When ye have lifted up the Son of man, THEN SHALL YE KNOW THAT I AM HE, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him” (*total agreement between Father and Son—Joh 12:27*)

Fire—this is carried by the Father. This was all-important in the “burnt offering”: first the fire, then the wood (Lev 1:7). It reps. the devouring or burning power of Yahweh’s Word (Luk 24:32; Jer 20:9; 1The 5:19)—

Jer 5:14 “Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, *Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them*”

Jer 23:29 “*Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*”

Knife—carried by the Father, it reps. inspection; the flayed inward parts

Heb 4:12-13 “*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Eph 6:17; Rev 1:16... etc)

As sin and evil are concealed in the heart (Mat 15:19), this indicates the integrity of the Lord Jesus Christ: holy, harmless, without sin; and therefore a suitable sacrifice (Heb 7:26; 4:15; Joh 8:46).

Gen 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, *Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?*

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, *God will provide HIMSELF a LAMB for a burnt offering:* so they went both of them together.

Provide himself—offering not mentioned as being for others (Joh 8:32)

2Cor 5:19-21 To wit, that *God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself*, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, *be ye reconciled to God*. For He hath made him to *be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him*” (Psa 80:17; 1Joh 4:10; 2Cor 5:18)

□ “The death of Christ has more to do with the exaltation of God, than the salvation of man. Most men take in the latter more easily than the former, and quickly get astray through the power of mere humanitarianism” *R. Roberts, Diary of a Voyage, pg. 70*

Lamb—cp. “goat” preferred in sin offering (Joh 1:29; Lev 4:23; Lev 16).

Gen 22:9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and *Abraham built an altar there*, and LAID THE WOOD IN ORDER, and BOUND Isaac his son, and *laid him on the altar upon the wood*.

Abraham built an altar—had to be made of earth or stone, not manufactured like idols; thus, erected without the use of any “iron tool” (Exo 20:23-26). It was elevated; rep. pure worship (Dan 2:33; 4:23; 7:7,19; 1Tim 4:1-4). The Father built it, as Yahweh dictates the terms of sacrifice: worshipped in “spirit and in truth” (Joh 4:24).

Altar—Heb. *to slaughter in sacrifice*. God requires flesh put to death and the life dedicated to Him (Rom 12:1-3). Hence, “the wood.”

Bound—sym. of joy, praise in sacrifice—*not begrudging* (Psa 118:27-28)

☐ “The things commanded were ‘*a parable* for the time then present’ ...which would be found in the realities developed in the Christ... (Heb 13:10)...He was the altar of earth, or of unhewn stone; and in his making, or generation, he was begotten, ‘not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of the Deity’ (Joh 1:13)” —*J. Thomas*

Laid him on the altar—submissive spirit of the Son (Isa 53:7; Joh 12:27)

Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to *slay his son*.

Gen 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am I*.

Gen 22:12 And he said, *Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me*

Abraham—evil men used, but the death of Messiah was of God: *“delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain”*—Act 2:22-24

Slay his son—**Heb 11:17-19** says *“He that received the promises offered up his only begotten, OF WHOM IT WAS SAID, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called. Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence he received him in a figure”*

- **Abraham’s conviction of Yahweh’s Covenant prompted his actions! The same applies for the willing, obedient Son, of whom it is said:**

He “offered prayers and supplications” unto “him that was able to save him from death”—**Heb 5:7** (**Heb 13:20**).

Gen 22:13 Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his *horns: and Abraham went and took the *ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son ***strength, head of a flock**

Thicket—associated with thorns & briars; curse (Isa 9:18 cf. Gen 3:18)

□ “This ram...typically representing the Lamb of God as helplessly caught in the redemptive work of mankind. Both Isaac and the ram represent Christ. Conjointly they show the Lord as saved by his own sacrifice (Heb 13:20)...Both Isaac and the ram represent Christ in different aspects, and the obvious teaching that Christ was saved by his own offering (Phi 2:8-9; Heb 5:7; 9:12—RV)” —*Expositor, HPM*

Heb 9:12 “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but *by his own blood* he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption ~~for us~~” (Gk. middle voice) see: Heb 1:3

Angel called—(v.11) made lower than the angels for the “suffering of death” (Heb 2:9), Christ was resurrected by the angels (Mat 28:2), and exalted to “obtained a more excellent” status than they (Heb 1:4). The angels now “worship” and are “subject” to him (Heb 1:6; 1Pet 3:22)

Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place ***Jehovah-jireh**: as it is said to this day, In THE MOUNT OF THE LORD it shall be seen. ***YAHWEH WILL PROVIDE**

Gen 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven THE SECOND TIME,

Gen 22:16 And said, *By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD*, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: **quoted Heb 6:13-14**

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess ***THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES** ***HEB 1:13; LUKE 1:71-75; ZEC 14:9; DAN 2:44; PSA 110**

Second time—Heb 9:28 “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear THE SECOND TIME without sin unto salvation”

□ “The FIRST TIME announced from heaven the acceptance of the son’s sacrifice; but the SECOND TIME the Lord spoke from heaven had reference to Christ’s triumph over his enemies...” —*Elpis Israel*

The Abrahamic Seed: Stars of Heaven, Sand upon Sea—are immortal sons and daughters, multiplied by the sacrifice of the obedient Son!

Heb 11:8-12 “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place *which he should after receive for an inheritance...* dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, *the heirs with him of the same promise:* For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. *Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many AS THE STARS OF THE SKY IN MULTITUDE, AND AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEA SHORE INNUMERABLE*” (v.39-40)

Stars, Sand—immortality, innumerable Dan 12:1-3; 1Cor 15:41

Rom 4:17-19 “As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, *even God, who quickeneth the dead...* And being not weak in faith, *he considered not his own body now dead,* when he was about an hundred years old, *neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb*”

Luk 20:35-38 *“They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Now THAT THE DEAD ARE RAISED, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For HE IS NOT A GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING: for all live unto him”*

quoted Exo 3:1-6 cf, 6:1-8

- **The oath of a covenant is “immutable” (Heb 6:13-14); that which cannot be altered. By certainty of Yahweh’s own Name, it will be fulfilled (Psa 105:6-11).**
- **Seed multiplied through resurrection of Only Begotten Son—**
Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (Rev 1:5-6; Heb 2; 2Tim 2:12; Mat 19:28)

Gen 22:18 *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

The N.T. quotation of this reference declares it includes Gentiles—

Gal 3:7-9 “Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify *the heathen* through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying, IN THEE SHALL ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED*”

Rom 15:8-12 “Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the CIRCUMCISION for the truth of God, to *confirm the promises made unto the fathers*: And that the GENTILES might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the GENTILES, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye GENTILES, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye GENTILES; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the GENTILES; in him shall the Gentiles trust” *Law (Deu 32:43), Prophets (Isa 11:10), Psalms (18:49)*

- ***Circumcision was of Abraham, not of the Law—John 7:22***

Gen 22:19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and ***they rose up and went together to BEERSHEBA;** and Abraham dwelt at BEERSHEBA. ****the sacrifice now benefits the servants of Abraham***

□ **“Thus, the parabolic representation was finished, ‘and Abraham returned to his young men; and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt there’.” *Elpis Israel***

Beersheba—well of the Oath (Gen 21:14-19). It is here where the Abrahamic Covenant “dwelt.” As Isaac is restored to his Father, Christ was resurrection to the Right Hand of God (Heb 1:3)

- Isaac is the singular “seed” of the Abraham Covenant (Gal 3:16)
- Those baptized into the “seed”—Christ—also become the “seed” of promise (Gal 3:26-29)
- Brethren are “as Isaac was, children of the promise” (Gal 4:28)
- As the “seed” Christ put to death the flesh and was resurrected, so also must his multiplicity “seed” (Rom 6; 2Cor 5:17; Eph 4:22-24)
- Sarah as “Jerusalem from above, the mother of us all” (Gal 4:26), will witness the Christ-seed occupy the “heavenly Jerusalem” as an “innumerable company of angels” (Heb 12:22).

Inheritance by Christ, not the Law

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (and those baptized into Christ—v.26-29)

Gal 3:17 And this I say, THE COVENANT, THAT WAS CONFIRMED BEFORE OF GOD IN CHRIST, THE LAW, WHICH WAS FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS AFTER, CANNOT DISANNUL, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance be of THE LAW, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

- **The doctrine that inheritance was NOT of the Law, but of Christ, is revealed in the allegory of Moses and Joshua. The Law is directly identified with the name of Moses (Luke 24:44; John 7:23; Act 13:39; 28:23; 1Cor 9:9...etc); while inheritance into the “rest” is directly identified with Joshua (Heb 4:1-11).**
- **Moses died looking to, but not inheriting the Land (Deu 34). Joshua, who bares the Hebrew name of the Greek Jesus, brought the children of Israel into the Land (Jos 1-6). However, doing so required the people be circumcised.**

Jos 5:1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of JORDAN westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that *the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over*, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

- **Jordan: where Jesus was baptized; and John warned the Jews “think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father” (Mat 3:1-13). Here Israel crossed, reversing the flow back to Adam (Jos 3:16)**

Jos 5:2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and *circumcise again (Heb. return) the children of Israel the second time.*

- **Second time: first, under Moses. To be “children of Abraham” required it (Gen 17). This, however, is “circumcision” by Joshua, which was inward, and by the cutting off of the flesh (Rom 2:28-29; Col 2:11).**

Jos 5:3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the *foreskins. (foreskin of heart—Deu 10:16; Jer 4:4)*

Jos 5:4 And this *is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt... (under the Law)*

Jos 5:5 Now *all the people that came out were circumcised*: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.

Jos 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which *came out of Egypt*, were *consumed*, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

- **Those circumcised under the Law died (Rom 2-4)! Significantly, those under Joshua had a change in diet from the manna (v. 12)!**

Jos 5:7 And their CHILDREN, *whom he raised up in their stead*, THEM JOSHUA CIRCUMCISED: for they were uncircumcised...

Jos 5:8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising *all the people*, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

- **This word “people” (only 11x) is the same word dominantly translated “heathen” (143x) or “Gentile” (30x) in Scripture! The Abrahamic seed are those of Jew or Gentile, circumcised in Christ! (Gal 3:26-29)**
- **The name “Jordan” appears 70x in the Book of Joshua. All Nations!**

John 3:3-6 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, *he cannot SEE the kingdom of God.* Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, *he cannot ENTER into the kingdom of God.* That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit”

- The above reps. the two necessary washings: the first in baptism, and the second eternal life. This was allegorized in the history of Israel. Those who were “baptized in the Red Sea” (1Cor 10:1-2) and endured the “ecclesia in the wilderness” (Act 7:38) experienced a second washing through Jordan and inherited the land. This included Jew and Gentile—**

Deu 1:35-38 “Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers, Save CALEB the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it... JOSHUA the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither”

Summary of Abraham's Faith—*Elpis Israel*, pg 266

- 1. That God would multiply his descendants as the stars of heaven for multitude, and make them a great and mighty nation;**
- 2. That at that time his own name would be great;**
- 3. That out of his posterity should arise ONE, in whom and in himself all the nations of the earth should be blessed;**
- 4. That he together with this personage should have actual possession of the land of Canaan for ever;**
- 5. That they two, with all his adopted seed, should possess the world;**
- 6. That the seed, or Christ, would be an only begotten and beloved son, even the seed of the woman only, and therefore of God; that he would fall a victim to his enemies; and in his death be accepted as an offering by being raised from the dead, after the example in the case of Isaac;**
- 7. That at a second time, Christ would possess the gate of his enemies in triumph, and obtain the land of Canaan, and the dominion of the world according to the promise; and,**
- 8. That, at that time, he and his adopted seed, would be made perfect, receive the promises, and “enter into the joy of their Lord.”**

Such was the faith of Abraham in outline, and such must be the faith of all who would inherit with him.