

There's more to the story (Abraham/Isaac)

Isaac/Jesus

- Both were children of a promise and had their births foretold: (Genesis 18:10-14)(Luke 1:26-38)
- Both births were by miraculous/supernatural means: (Gen 18:11-14)(Gen 21:2)(Is 7:14)(Luke 1:34-35)
- Both had their names announced before birth (Gen 17:19)(Matt 1:21)
- Both called were only sons: (Gen 22:2)(John 3:16)
- Both loved by their fathers: (Gen 22:2)(John 10:17)(John 17:23-26)
- Both were born of the Spirit and were mocked and ridiculed by those in the flesh(Gen 21:9)(Gal 4:29)(Mark 27:31-31)(Mark 15:16-20)(Luke 23:35-36). We as believers who are born of the Spirit will be persecuted by those in the flesh (non-believers).
- Abraham was to take his only son whom he loved to Moriah. Moriah is noted in 1 Chronicles 21:18-30 and is where the threshing floor that David would purchase from Ornan. This place would eventually be the location of the Temple of God (1 Chronicles 22:1, 2 Chronicles 3:1). The temple in the Old Testament was a shadow pointing to Christ who would be the ultimate sacrifice by His death and act as our High Priest. They would destroy His temple (His body), but He would raise it after three days (John 2:19).
- Both Isaac and Jesus rode a donkey prior to their sacrifice (Gen 22:3)(Matt 21:1-11)(Zech 9:9)
- Both carried their own wood laid on them to carry to their sacrifice: (Gen 22:6) (John 19:16-17)
- Both were bound and placed on an altar to be sacrificed on top of the wood as they willingly laid down their lives to be sacrificed. They both trusted their fathers. Jesus willingly laid His life for the sheep (John 10:11).
- Both of their Fathers would carry out the wrath (Gen 22:6) (Isaiah 53)
- Abraham was told that God will provide a Lamb (Gen 22:8). Jesus was the true sacrifice as the Lamb of God who would be sacrificed in this same area 2,000 years later (John 1:29,36)(1 Peter 1:18-19)(Rev 5:6-10).
- Worship requires sacrifice. Sacrifices were offered in the temple in worship. We no longer offer animal sacrifices in worship, but now we offer our bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service of worship (Romans 12:1). We bring our bodies as a sacrifice of worship to the true sacrifice of God.
- Abraham did not spare his only son. God the Father did not spare His Son, His only begotten Son (John 3:16) (Romans 8:32).
- God tells Abraham that He has sworn by Himself (Genesis 22:16) as this reiterates what was told and shown in Genesis 15:8-21 as God swore to Abram by Himself. This promise is immutable and the anchor for our souls (Hebrews 6:13-20).
- God reinforced the promise He had made to Abraham in Genesis 12 and Genesis 15. This speaks to Abrahamic Covenant. This promise is linked to a future descendant which would find it's ultimate fulfillment in the Son of God.
 - Romans 9:6-9
 - Galatians 3:15-29
- Both raised from the dead, Isaac figuratively as a type (Heb 11:17-19) and Jesus literally (Acts 2:24)
- Only Abraham is mentioned as returning(Gen 22:19), but we know Isaac descended down the mountain. This reference to him not being mentioned in returning is a shadow pointing to the resurrection and ascension of Christ after His death. The next time Isaac is mentioned is when he meets his bride (Gen 24:62-67). After Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended, the next time we see Him is when He comes to be united with His bride (the true Church).

The story of Abraham and Isaac is about a father and son on a mountain but is a type and shadow pointing to what would occur nearly 2,000 later in this same area between the Eternal Father and the Eternal Son. God the Father would send His Son, His only begotten Son to fulfill the promise He made on Moriah that on the mount of the Lord a sacrifice would be provided. This would be fulfilled in Jesus who in this same area, like Isaac would carry the wood on His back to the place of sacrifice and would willingly lay down His life in trust His Father. Isaac was not the son that by his sacrifice would take away the sin of the world, but was pointing to the promised Son who could take away the sins of the who would be the true sacrifice of God, the Son of God. Jesus trusted the Father even unto death as He tasted the wrath of the Father as it pleased the Father to crush His Son in our behalf so that we could have peace with God. God promised He would provide a sacrifice in this area, and this was fulfilled 2,000 years later when the Son of God would die on Mount Calvary. Many read this story and ask how could Abraham be willing to sacrifice His son? The deeper question is how the eternal Father could send His eternal Son to be the sacrifice and suffer His wrath in the place of evil fallen. This is love that our finite minds can't comprehend fully and should bring us to awe, reverence, and worship for His mercy, grace, and love for His people. He spared nothing as He sent His Son, His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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