

# THE MESSENGER



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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*Editor's Note: For the next few weeks articles in the bulletin will involve studies in the early chapters of Genesis. These studies are in anticipation of the adult class during V.B.S. in July 2012.*

## Parallels Between Isaac and Jesus (Type and Antitype) *by Dempsey Collins*

### Isaac

### Jesus

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| 1. Promised son (Gen. 15:4)           | 1. Promised (Genesis 12:3)                         |
| 2. Miracle conception (Romans 4:19)   | 2. Miracle conception (Matt. 1:20;<br>Isaiah 7:14) |
| 3. Persecuted (Gal. 4:29)             | 3. Persecuted (I Peter 2:23)                       |
| 4. Obedient to death                  | 4. Obedient to death (Phil. 2:8)                   |
| 5. Only son (Gen. 22:2)               | 5. Only Son (John 3:16)                            |
| 6. Offered (Heb. 11:17)               | 6. Offered (Heb. 10:10)                            |
| 7. God provided (Gen. 22:8, 13)       | 7. God provided (John 1:29)                        |
| 8. Isaac was innocent                 | 8. Jesus was innocent (I Peter 2:22)               |
| 9. Isaac carried the wood (Gen. 22:6) | 9. Jesus carried His own cross (John 19:17)        |

# Genesis One and Completeness

The late Hebrew University professor Umberto Cassuto points out that the structure of the days of creation is based on a system of numerical harmony, using the number seven. He wrote, “The work of the Creator, which is marked by absolute perfection and flawless systematic orderliness, is distributed over seven days: Six days of labour and a seventh day set aside for the enjoyment of the completed task.”

And then he made these observations: The words “God” (*Elohim*), “heavens” (*samayim*), and “earth” (*eretz*), which are the three nouns of the opening verse, “In the beginning, *God* created the *heavens* and the *earth*,” are repeated in this creation account in multiples of seven. “God” occurs thirty-five times (5 x 7), “heavens” twenty-one times (3 x 7), and “earth” twenty-one times. In addition to this, in the Hebrew original the first verse has seven words, and the second fourteen words. The seventh paragraph (the seventh day) has three sentences, each of which has seven words, and contains in the middle, the phrase, “the seventh day.” Cassuto concludes: “This numerical symmetry is as it were, the golden thread that binds together all the parts of the section and serves as a convincing proof of its unity.”

## Genesis 2:2, 3

- Contains four lines, the first three are parallel (each having seven words in Hebrew)
- The midpoint of each line has the phrase “The seventh day”
- Line one: So God finished by the 7<sup>th</sup> day His work which He did
- Line two: And He rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day from all His work which He did
- Line three: And God blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> day and sanctified it
- Line four: Because on it He rested from all His work that God created to do

## Genesis 1:26

“Image” (tselem) “A carving out. Man is carved into the shape of God. The word suggests God is the pattern for man.” (McArthur, p. 163)

## Verse 27

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (In Hebrew written in poetic form) Umberto Cassuto, p. 36

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## NOTES & NEWS:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16*