

10/8/17 | Jesus, B.C.: Books of the Law

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."



—John 1:1-2, NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever gone on a treasure hunt? How is reading the Bible like treasure hunting?

Jesus's Genealogy

2. Consider the names of the first ten human fathers in Jesus's lineage. Consider their translations. What does it say if read as a sentence?
3. Consider the translations of the rest of the genealogy. To save space, these will be in paragraph form (with prepositions and punctuation added).

<p>Adam – Man</p> <p>Seth – is Appointed</p> <p>Enosh – Mortal</p> <p>Kenan – Sorrow</p> <p>Mahalallel – The Blessed God</p> <p>Jared – Shall come down</p> <p>Enoch – Teaching</p> <p>Methuselah – His death shall bring</p> <p>Lamech – Those in despair</p> <p>Noah – Rest, or comfort</p>

Shem through Terah

The fame of Babylon's fortress and sorrow extend like a plant beyond the place of division. A friend branches out, enraged with fury.

Abram (Abraham), Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)

A glorious father (the father of a multitude), laughs as he outwits (a might prince sees God!)

Judah through Rehoboam

One who praises the Lord breaks open a way into an area surrounded by a wall of great height. O' my people who belong to the Prince. A prophet, clothed with strength, who serves (the Lord), is here, one well-loved, peaceful, and who sets the people free.

Abijah through Manasseh

My father is the Lord, the healer of him whom the Lord judged and whom the Lord raised up! The Lord took hold (of me) and the Lord is strong! Mighty is the Lord! My strength and help are in the Lord! The Lord is perfect! I took hold of the strength of the Lord. It made (me) forget (my misery).

Amon through Zerubbabel

Truly, (I am) the master builder whom the Lord healed, whom the Lord God raised up, whom the Lord upholds. I have asked God about the ransomed of the Lord, the exiles who are in Babylon.

Abiud through Joseph

My father is glorious! My God will raise up a helper, the Just (One) will the Lord raise up! My God is my praise! God will help! May the gift of Jacob increase.

Emmanuel (Jesus Christ)

For God is with us, the Messiah and Savior.

4. What do you think? How does this translation make you feel about God's omniscient planning?

Melchizedek and Jesus

5. First, read Genesis 14:18-20. Where did Melchizedek live? What did he bring out to eat and drink? What did Abram give him?
6. Now read Hebrews 7:1-3. This Melchizedek was a king and a priest. Why is that unique?
7. Read Hebrews 7:15-28. What are the similarities between Melchizedek and Jesus? Why is Jesus called a priest "in the order of Melchizedek" (vv. 11, 17, 21)?
8. Why does Jesus need to be a priest at all? Why do we need a priest? (Scan Hebrews 5 and 8-10 for clues, too!)

Abraham and Isaac and Jesus

9. Read Genesis 22:1-4. How many days did Abraham and Isaac

travel? If Abraham immediately considered his son dead, how many days was Isaac dead to Abraham? How might this be a foreshadowing of Jesus?

10. Now read verses 5 and 6. What was Abraham asked to do? Why? What was Isaac carrying? Read John 19:17. What was Jesus carrying?
11. Now read verses 7-8 of Genesis 22 and also John 1:29. What did this week's sermon say about Jesus being the sacrificial lamb?
12. Read verse 9. Abraham was over a hundred years old. How could he have bound Isaac and tied him up? Read John 10:17-18 and Mark 14:36. Why does it matter to us that Jesus was a willing sacrifice?
13. Verses 10-12 and John 3:16. Both Isaac and Jesus were beloved only sons. What does this tell you about their fathers?
14. Verse 13. What was the ram caught in? Read Matthew 27:29. What was placed on Jesus?
15. Read Genesis 22:14-18. Read Galatians 3:6-9, 14. How do these passages compare?
16. What took Isaac's place? Who provided it?

17. This substitution for salvation is seen throughout the Bible. Pick several passages and note how God provides and takes the punishment meant for sinners so that believers may live.

Genesis 22:13

Leviticus 1:4, 16:21-22

Isaiah 53:4-6

Matthew 8:17, 27:25-26

Mark 10:45, 15:11-15

John 10:11, 11:50

2 Corinthians 5:15, 21

Galatians 3:13

1 Timothy 2:6

1 Peter 2:24-25, 3:18

18. There are countless other places in scripture (and the Books of the Law!) where Jesus appears or has fulfilled certain events. To close, discuss this quote.

"[Typology is] the idea that persons (e.g., Moses), events (e.g., the exodus), and institutions (e.g., the temple) can — in the plan of God — prefigure a later stage in that plan and provide the conceptuality necessary for understanding the divine intent (e.g., the coming of Christ to be the new Moses, to effect the new exodus, and to be the new temple). —Graham Cole

19. What example of typology from this study (or from this week's sermon), inspires you the most?

TAKEAWAY: Consider these discussion questions all week.