

I. The Offering of Isaac (Genesis 22)

A. Genesis 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?* 8 *And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.*

- Jehovahjireh — יהוה יראֵה — the Lord will provide

B. This substitution took place in the mountains of Moriah.

1. The mountains of Moriah became the sight of the city of Jebus.
2. Jebus became Jerusalem when it was captured by David.
3. One of the mountains became the sight of the temples in which countless lambs were sacrificed
4. Just outside of the city is a hill called Golgotha (perhaps on the same mountain where Abraham offered the ram) God provided a Lamb.

- John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

II. A Repeated Prophecy

- Genesis 26:3 *Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;* 4 *And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;*

III. Jacob's Dream

A. The line of the Messiah "should" have gone through Esau, as the firstborn

1. Jacob bought the birthright for a bowl of soup.

2. Jacob got the blessing by trickery.

B. Genesis 28:12 *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*

- Jacob would go on to name this place Beth-el — house of God.

C. John 1:51 *And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*

- John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins,

*the just **for** the unjust,*

*that **he might bring us to God...***

1 Peter 3:18a