

• Talk about others who are types of Christ - David like Joseph most perfect type of Christ
 Christ was prophet, Priest & King

Ge 5:28-29

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NOAH A TYPE OF CHRIST

1. Noah's very name foreshadowed the Coming One. - Christ.

- Gen. 5:28,29 - "And Lamech lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son; and he called his name Noah."

- Noah means "rest".

- His father regarded him as the one who should be the rest-giver, and as the one who should provide comfort from the toil ~~inferred~~ by the Curse.

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- "He called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed."

- Lamech looked upon his son as one who should bring deliverance from the Curse.

- As one who should provide comfort and rest from the weariness of toil.

- We see how this pictures or forshadows the Lord Jesus Christ:

- In Isaiah 11:10 concerning Christ it says:

- "And His rest shall be glorious" (Reference to the the Millennium)

- Jesus said while he walked this earth:

- "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Mat. 11:28

- Noah's name also looks forward to the time of the Lord's Second Advent when he shall deliver the earth from the curse. The Creation itself will be at rest. See Isaiah 35.

Read vs 1-10

2. The first thing which is told us in connection with Noah is that he **"found grace in the eyes of the Lord"** (Gen.6:8)

- To see the contrast between Noah and mankind at the time we must see Genesis 6:5-7.
- The ruinous and ravaging effects of sin were universal.
- But as God looked down upon the creatures of His hand, now fallen and depraved, there was one who stood out by himself,
 - One who was just and perfect in his generations,
 - One upon whom God's eye delighted to rest.
- It is very significant that nothing at all is said about Noah's family-his "sons and their wives" - in this connection
- Noah only is mentioned, as if to show he is the one on whom our attention should be fixed.
- When we note what a striking type of our Lord Jesus, Noah is, the reason for this is clear.
 - He is the one in whom the heart of the Father delighted, and just as the first thing told us in connection with Noah is that he **"found grace in the eyes of the Lord,"**
 - So the first words of the Father after the Lord Jesus had commenced His public ministry were, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"** (Matt. 3:17)

3. The next thing told us about Noah is that he **"was a just man"** (Gen. 6:9)

- Like all other sinners who find acceptance with God, Noah was "justified by faith."
- He possessed no inherent righteousness of his own.
- Righteousness is imputed, imputed to those that believe.
- There was only one man who has ever walked our earth who was inherently and intrinsically righteous and that was He whom Noah foreshadowed,
- He of whom the centurion testified, **"Certainly this was a righteous man"** (Luke 23:47)

4. **Genesis 6:9** we read Noah was **"...perfect in his generations,.."**.

- Noah and his family had not been defiled by contact with ^{the} sons of God (fallen angels).
- Perfect in his generations signifies that Noah was uncontaminated physically.
- "Perfect in his generations" of none other is this said but Noah alone.
- How plain and perfect the type.
 - When the Eternal Word was "made flesh" He did not contract the corruptions of our fallen nature.
 - Unlike all of mankind, He was not **"shapen in iniquity and conceived in sin"**
- On the contrary His mother was told, **"That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God"** (Luke 1:35)
- In His humanity our Lord was **"separate from sinners"** (Heb.7:26).
 - He was uncontaminated by the virus of sin; He was perfect in His generation.

5. Genesis 6:9 tells us that Noah **"walked with God"**.

- In this also he was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ who for thirty-three years lived here in unbroken communion with the Father.
- All through those years, however varied His circumstances, we find Him enjoying holy and blessed fellowship with the Father.
- During in His early life in the seclusion of Nazareth we learn that **"Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man"** (Luke 2:52)
- During the long season of fasting and temptation in the wilderness, we find Him living by **"every word of God"** (Luke 4:4)
- While His disciples slept, our blessed Lord retired to the solitudes of the mountain, there to pour out His soul to God and enjoy fellowship **(Luke 6:12)**. - Read
- At the close of His sufferings on the Cross we hear Him cry, **"Father, into thy hands I commend My spirit"** (Luke 23:46).
- Truly His walk was ever **"with God"**.

6. God Gave Noah an Honourous Work to Do.

- "Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. With thee will I establish My covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring in the ark, to keep them alive with thee." (Gen. 6:14, 18, 19)
- Here we find a work entrusted to Naoh by God, a highly important work, a momentous and stupendous work.
- Never before or since has such a task been allotted to a single man.
- The task of preserving from God's judgment representatives of all creation was committed to Noah!
- The type is so clear and plain:
 - To the Lord Jesus Christ, God's beloved son, was entrusted the task of effecting the salvation of lost and ruined sinners,
 - It is this He refers when He says, **"I have finished the work which thou gavest Me to do"** (John 17:4) -speaking here as though in Glory, where He now is as our great High Priest.

7. Noah, Alone, Did the Work.

- We want to notice that there is no reference here to any help that Noah received in the executing of his God-given task.
- The record reads as though Noah alone provided the necessary means for securing the lives of those that God had entrusted to his care.
- We see want to notice how this foreshadows the typology of Leviticus 16:17 - **"And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out"**
- When atonement was being made the High Priest must be alone.
- As Noah did the work alone, so did our great High Priest, who Noah is a type of do the work of redemption alone.
- 1 Peter 2:24 tells us - **"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."**
- He needed no assistance in this work for God had **"laid help upon One that is mighty"** (Psalm 89:19)
- In full harmony then with Leviticus 16, type, and in perfect accord with its fulfillment in our gracious Saviour,
- We find that the record in Genesis reads as though Noah was alone in his task and received no assistance in the work of providing a refuge from the coming storm of Divine wrath.

8. The successful issue of Noah's work, seen in "the saving of his house" (Heb. 11:7) reminds us of the language of Hebrews 3:6 - "But Christ as a son over his own house"
- But the type goes further: Noah's work brings blessing to all creation as is seen from the fact that the animals and birds were also preserved in the ark.
 - Ge 8:11: "And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark."
 - So, too the work of Christ shall yet bring blessing to the beasts of the field.
 - At His return to the earth - Romans 8:21 tells us: "the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God"
9. In Ge 6:19 we have a hint of the animal creation being subject to Noah - Read Ge 6:19
- We have a passing glimpse of the yet future fulfillment of this part of the type in Mark 1:13: "And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts."
 - Noah's headship over all creatures comes out even more clearly in Ge. 9:2 - Read emphasized "into your hand are they delivered"

• How this reminds us of Psalm 8, which speaks of the future dominion of the Son of Man.

• Read Psalm 8: 5-9

• Compare + Read Hebrews 2:8

• This same thought is repeated in the Genesis narrative again and again as if with deliberate emphasis.

- When we read of the animals entering the Ark we are told "They went in unto Noah (not unto Noah and his family) into the Ark"

- And then we are told "And the Lord shut him (not them) in" (Ge 7:15:16)

- And again, on leaving the ark we read that God said unto Noah, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things" (Ge 9:3)

• So, Christ is "the Heir of all things" (Heb. 1:2).

10. In Genesis 6:21, we find Noah presented as the great food-provider: **"And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them."**

- In the scriptures Christ is presented as the Bread of Life.
 - He is God's Manna for our souls.
 - He is the Shewbread which was eaten by Aaron and his sons (Lev. 24:9)
 - He is the Old Corn of the land (Joshua 5:11)
 - It is only as we feed upon Christ as He is presented unto us in the written Word that our spiritual life is quickened and nourished.

11. In Genesis 6:22, we learn of Noah's implicit and complete obedience - **"Thus did Noah according to all that God commanded him, so did he."**

- And again, in Genesis 7:5, we read **"And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him."**
- So, too we read of the perfect obedience of Him whom Noah foreshadowed: **"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even so I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love"** (John 15:10).
- We want to notice that the obedience of our blessed Lord went farther than that of Noah, for He **"became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross"** (Phil. 2:8) - in all things He has the preeminence.

12. Read Gen. 8:18-19

- In these verses we see Noah bringing all whom God had committed to his care on to the new earth.
- This reminds us of our Lord's words - "Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none" (John 18:9).
- However, the fact ^{that} ~~that~~ the animal creation is here specifically mentioned as sharing in this blessing seems to point to a millennial scene when all creation shall enjoy the benefit of Christ's reign.

13. Read Gen. 8:20

- Here we see Noah offering a burnt offering unto the Lord.
- Of our Saviour Ephesians 5:2 tell us - "Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor."

14. Genesis 9:1 tells us - "And God blessed Noah and his sons"

- It is beautiful to see Noah and his sons here linked together in the enjoyment of God's blessing, as though to foreshadow the blessed fact that every mercy we now enjoy is ours for Christ's sake.
- Ephesians 1:3 tells us - "Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"

15. With Noah and his sons God established *His Covenant*.

- In Gen. 9:8,9, we read "And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him saying, And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you"
- The word "covenant" occurs just seven times in this passage, namely in verses 9,11,12,13, 15,16,17.
- Note, the covenant that God made with Noah was an "an everlasting covenant" (Ge. 9:16)
- We read of the One who Noah is a type of - "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant" (Heb. 13:20)