

Seven Gentile Brides

Many Christians know that the church is the betrothed bride of Jesus Christ. Since the church is gentile (non-Jewish) many types of "Christ and the church" parallels can be seen in the Old Testament via the uniting of a Jewish bridegroom and a gentile bride. But there is one more facet to this type that seems to have been overlooked

Within the pages of the Old Testament we find symbolic types of Jesus Christ. Among these types are Adam, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Salmon and Boaz. Let us examine these types one at a time.

ADAM

In Adam, we see a type of Jesus Christ through a sacrificial death to join his wife in her sinful condition. This is examined in 1 Timothy 2:14:

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Paul also shows Adam as a type of Jesus Christ in Romans 5:14:

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

ISAAC

In Isaac we see a type of Jesus Christ as the obedient only begotten son of Abraham carrying the wood up Mount Moriah to the Calvary peak to become a sacrifice unto the Lord God.

And He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide Himself as the lamb for a burnt offering." And the two of them went together.

JOSEPH

In Genesis 37- 45, there are at least 100 ways that Joseph is a type of Jesus Christ. To name only a few would be...

He came unto his own brothers (Jews) and they despised and rejected him for his foretelling of future princely reign.

And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. 37:8

The Jewish leaders (the sons of Jacob) plotted to kill him.

Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. 37:18

These leaders then sent him into a type of death.

So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it. 37:23-24

He was lifted out of the pit as a type of resurrection.

...so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. 37:28

He is raised unto the right hand of power and authority.

"[Joseph] shall be over [Pharaohs] house, and all [Pharaohs] people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will [Pharaohs] be greater than you." 41:40

At the first coming, they did not recognize him.

So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 42:7

At the second coming, they did recognize him.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. 45:3

SOLOMON

Solomon is a type of Christ as the Kingly Son of David. In the Song of Solomon we can see the mystic parallel to Christ and the church.

MOSES

In many ways, Moses was a type of Jesus Christ as intercessor, deliverer and redeemer. Suffice to say that Moses himself prophesied of Jesus Christ as being a prophet like himself.

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, Deut 18:15

God then confirmed this prophecy.

"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him." Deut. 18:18

SALMON

Salmon is a type of Jesus Christ in his title and lineage. He was the only begotten son of his father and was next in line as leader of the royal house of Judah. He was also brother in law to Aaron of the priestly line of Levi.

The name "Salmon" means "investiture" which is defined as a formal ceremony of conferring the authority and symbols of high office. It also means to cover or adorn. This covering can be seen with how we must clothe ourselves in Jesus Christ.

...and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him. Colossians 3:10

BOAZ

Boaz is a type of Jesus Christ as the role of the "goel" or kinsman redeemer. In his story we see Naomi as a type of Israel outside of the land of Israel and trying to get back in. Naomi soon returns to the land with all of her family dead and without inheritance of the land of her lineage.

Only one clung on to Naomi; Ruth, a gentile who said to her...

"Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God." Ruth 1:16

Naomi was able to regain the land she lost through the joining of Ruth and Boaz as a kinsman redeemer. If Naomi is a type of Israel and Boaz is a type of Jesus Christ, then what is Ruth a picture of?

THE CHURCH IN TYPE

Jesus Christ was born a Hebrew, a Jew within the line of Judah. In Revelation we see that Jesus is to receive the church as His bride, or more specifically, His *gentile* bride.

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:7-8

Paul, as a Jew, desired to present the gentile church as a chaste bride to Jesus as well.

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
2 Corinthians 11:2

One other facet of this gentile bride that we must observe is the fact that she is not recorded in scripture as ever going to die. She will be removed from the earth before the wrath of God comes and she will not experience the second death as seen in Revelation 20:14-15.

EVE - NO DEATH RECORDED

Eve was created before the patriarch Abraham was born. It can then be confirmed that she is a gentile. Eve was presented to Adam as a chaste bride; just as the church is to be presented to Christ. What makes this type even more interesting, is the fact that Adam's death is recorded...

So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; *and he died.* Genesis 5:5

... but Eve's death is edited out of the record. As a type, the gentile bride of Christ will never die. We can see this "holy edit" repeated over and over again.

REBEKAH - NO DEATH RECORDED

There was no greater picture of Jesus Christ and the church than that seen in the lives of Isaac and Rebekah. Rebekah was a gentile, for she was brought from Nahor in the province of Mesopotamia. Yet we see that (as Jesus died once for sins) Isaac is also recorded as dying.

So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, being old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.
Genesis 35:29

And what of Rebekah? Did she not die as well. Of course she did. However, the Holy Spirit saw fit to edit this historical fact out of the record.

ASENATH - NO DEATH RECORDED

After correctly interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh, this ruler saw fit to reward him with his gentile daughter Asenath. But again, Joseph, like his family before him, is recorded as dying.

So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. Genesis 50:26

And what of Asenath? Yet again, there is no record of her death

ZIPPORAH - NO DEATH RECORDED

Moses married a gentile Midianite woman named Zipporah. And again, we see the record of the death of Moses...

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor abated. Deuteronomy 34:7

... but no such record of Zipporah.

RAHAB - NO DEATH RECORDED

Salmon married Rahab who was a type of the church saved from the judgment of God. She was from the area of Jericho, and thus a gentile as well. Her death certificate is not found.

THE SHULAMITE - NO DEATH RECORDED

As her description reveals, the wife of Solomon was a Shulamite and not of Jewish descent. Her bride is found in the Bible-obituary...

... Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place. I Kings 11:43

... but, again, no mention of his wife.

RUTH - NO DEATH RECORDED

Ruth was a Moabite; and is thus a picture of the gentile bride marrying the kinsman redeemer, Boaz. If you look in the Bible, you will notice that nowhere in the text does it record her ever dying as well. This, once again, points to the *saved-from-death* type of the church of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 13:24, Psalm 1:4 and Amos 9:9 we see the act of threshing as a type of judgment, or separation of chaff and wheat. During the time of threshing, Ruth had placed herself at the feet of Boaz as a covering for her and Naomi.

In Revelation we see the church (symbolized by the 24 elders) falling down before the feet of the Kinsman Redeemer just before the threshing of the earth.

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne.
Revelation 4:9-10

THE CHURCH - *NO DEATH RECORDED*

The first lie ever spoken in history was “You shall not die...”¹ Time has shown this deception for what it is. There is a way to come to a place where you will never die, and that is to receive the proposal of marriage to the one who redeemed your life from the pit. Jesus Christ, The Bridegroom to His beloved, redeemed gentile bride.

¹ Genesis 3:4