

TYPOLOGY

CCC 128 The Church, as early as apostolic times, and then constantly in her Tradition, has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology, which discerns in God's works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son.

Isaac and Jesus

- Both were only “promised” Sons
- Both were only “beloved” sons of their father.
- Both were miraculously conceived
- Both were offered in sacrifice.
- Both carried wood on which they were to be sacrificed.
- Both were bound upon the wood they carried.
- Isaac was given back to his father on the third day of their journey; Jesus’s resurrection on 3rd day

Noah and Jesus

- Noah’s obedience made possible salvation for his family : Jesus’ obedience unto death makes possible salvation for many.
- Flood waters : Waters of baptism
- Wood of the Ark : Wood of the Cross
- Ark : The Church

Moses and Jesus

- Both Moses and Jesus fasted for 40 days;
- Both of their lives as infants were threatened by powerful rulers (pharaoh and Herod)
- Both were in Egypt for a time during their youth.
- Both left Egypt later on and returned to Israel.
- Both were commissioned by God to give the Law.
- Both had faces that shone like the sun (Moses after talking to God, and Jesus at the Transfiguration)
- Both were lawgivers on a mountain (Moses on Mount Sinai and Jesus giving the Sermon on the Mount).
- Moses’ sister was named Miriam; Jesus’ mother was Mary
- Moses met Jesus at the transfiguration of Jesus to discuss Jesus’s “exodus” from this life.
- Moses changed water into blood; Jesus changed water into wine, and then wine into His Precious Blood.
- Moses led his people out of slavery of Pharaoh; Jesus led his people out of the slavery of Satan.
- Moses helped to bring down Pharaoh; Jesus helped to bring down the Roman Empire (eventually setting up His Church headquarters in Rome)
- When the woman was caught in adultery, the Pharisees questioned Jesus about the Law of Moses which was written by the finger of God (10 commandments). As if to

shout to them that He was indeed God, Jesus started writing with His finger in the dirt. Though we don't know what he wrote, its writing with his finger that is important).

King David and Jesus

- Both were Shepherds. David a shepherd in the field; Jesus the Good Shepherd.
- Both were born in Bethlehem.
- Both were 30 when they started their public life
- Both were King of Israel.

King Solomon and Jesus

- Both rode donkeys while being hailed as King of Israel and the Son of David.
- Both had Queen Mothers who interceded for others (Solomon had Bathsheba; Jesus has Mary at the Wedding Feast of Cana)
- Both were known as the son of David.
- Both were King of Israel
- Solomon built the Jewish Temple that was destroyed and then rebuilt. Jesus' body is our Temple which was killed (destroyed), and then rose again.

Joseph in the Old Testament and Jesus

- Both were stripped of their bloody garments.
- Both were sold to unbelievers - Joseph for 20 pieces of silver; Jesus for 30
- Both were unjustly incarcerated.
- Both suffered for the sake of Israel's benefit.
- Both gave bread to save Israel (Joseph regular bread; Jesus gives us the Eucharist).
- Both came back to greatness after being down and out.
- Joseph was set over all the land of Egypt by becoming Pharaoh's right-hand man (a prefigurement of the papacy): Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, our loving Father, and has all authority over heaven and earth.

The Old Testament Ark of the Covenant and Mary

- Both were created from purest elements
- The Ark's mercy seat was overshadowed by cherubim. Mary was overshadowed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Both carried the Word of God (in stone/in flesh) and the bread from Heaven (manna/Eucharist); the High Priest (symbolized by the staff of Aaron/Jesus the High Priest) inside them.
- David Danced in front of the Ark; the unborn John the Baptist leaped for joy at the sound of Mary's voice.
- Both stayed away for 3 months (the Ark in the house of Obed-edom, Mary at the house of Elizabeth).

Joseph in the Old Testament and Joseph in the New Testament

- Both had fathers named Jacob.
- Both received messages in dreams.
- Both went to Egypt under duress.
- Joseph in the OT saved Israel by giving them bread to eat; Joseph in the New Testament saved Jesus, who saves us by giving us the Eucharist to eat.

Elijah and John the Baptist

- Both wore hairy garments.
- Elijah left in a whirlwind by the Jordan River; John started his preaching near that spot.
- Elijah decreased while Elisha increased (with a double portion of Elijah's spirit), John decreased while Jesus increased.
- Jesus said that John the Baptist was the prophesied Elijah who was to come before the Messiah.

Baptism

- The Holy Spirit moved over the waters of the earth in Genesis 1:2 (a new creation).
- Noah and his family were saved through water.
- Moses is saved by floating on the water of the Nile, as an infant (a prefigurement of infant baptism)
- Moses and the Israelites are saved by going through the waters of the Red Sea, with the Lord in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night (pillar=The Holy Spirit)
- Moses struck the rock in the desert and saving water poured out. Jesus is our Rock, and he saves us through the waters of Baptism.
- Naaman the Syrian has his leprosy washed away by bathing in the Jordan River. (In the OT, leprosy was a biblical prefigurement of Sin)
- The Holy Spirit descended over the waters when Jesus was baptized (we are a new creation in Christ after Baptism).
- Jesus tells Nicodemus "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is *born of water and the Spirit*, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."