

Lesson #6: Handout for Age of the Patriarchs Part III

The Fathers of the Church saw the Unnamed Servant as symbolic of God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only person of the Holy Trinity who does not have a personal name. Compare the major players in this narrative with the Most Holy Trinity and the Church:

Just Father	Abraham	God the Father Yahweh
Righteous Son	Isaac	Jesus the Son
Servant	Unnamed Servant	Holy Spirit
The Bride	Rebecca	The Church

God continues the 3-fold Abrahamic Covenant:

First Generation	Second Generation	Third Generation
Abraham	Isaac	Jacob
Land: 12:2; 15:7, 18; 17:8; 22:17	Land: 26:3	Land: 28:13; 35:12
Descendants 12:2; 15:4-5; 17:2-6; 22:17	Descendants: 26:3	Descendants: 28:14; 35:10
World-wide blessing 12:2; 22:18	World-wide blessing: 26:4	World-wide blessing: 28:14

Jacob/Israel's Twelve sons and one daughter\*

LEAH'S SONS	Leah's servant ZILPAH'S SONS	RACHEL'S SONS	Rachel's servant BILHAH'S SONS
Ruben #1	Gad # 7	Joseph #11	Dan #5
Simeon #2	Asher #8	Benjamin #12	Naphtali #6
Levi #3			
Judah #4			
Issachar #9			
Zebulun #10			

\*A daughter, Dinah, was born to Leah after Zebulum and before Josheph.

The Fathers of the Church saw Joseph son of Jacob as a "type" of Christ. What similarities can you see between Joseph and Jesus?

**Answer:**

JOSPEH	JESUS
1. Joseph escapes death by going into Egypt.	1. Jesus escapes death by going into Egypt
2. He is betrayed by his brothers, the sons of Jacob/Israel.	2. Jesus is betrayed by his brothers, the sons of Israel--the Jews.
3. Joseph's brothers believed he was dead but he was found to be alive.	3. Jesus was believed to be dead but He was Resurrected from the dead.
4. Joseph is the beloved son of Jacob	4. Jesus is the beloved Son of God