

ADAM AND CHRIST

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A study of typology is both fascinating and faith building. A type is a prophetic picture that foreshadows something called the antitype. The antitype is always greater than the type. This article will be limited to a study of Adam as a prophetic picture or type of Christ. There are a good number of points of comparison between Adam and Christ.

There is a point of comparison between Adam and Christ which is quite prominent, that is the way they both came into the world. Adam and Christ both came into the world as a result of biological miracles. Adam was created from the dust of the ground, and God breathed the breath of life into him. "AND THE LORD GOD FORMED MAN OF THE DUST OF THE GROUND, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE; AND MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL" (**Genesis 2:7**). Adam became a human being because of a miracle and Christ Jesus came into the world because of a miracle. Isaiah prophesied about the unique way the Messiah was to come into the world. "THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN; BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL" (**Isaiah 7:14**). Jesus birth was a miracle and Adam's creation was a type, a shadow cast on the pages of the Old Testament with the antitype being fulfilled in Christ.

When living in the garden, Adam had access to the "TREE OF LIFE" (**Genesis 2:9**). He could have lived forever and never faced death, but because of sin; Adam brought death into the world. God told Adam that he would die and return to the ground: "IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE SHALT THOU EAT BREAD, TILL THOU RETURN UNTO THE GROUND; FOR OUT OF IT WAST THOU TAKEN FOR DUST THOU ART AND UNTO DUST SHALT THOU RETURN" (**3:19**)

Adam's bringing death into the world was a type, a prophetic shadow, to the antitype of Christ bringing life to man through His death and resurrection. The apostle Paul said, "FOR SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH, BY MAN CAME ALSO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE" (**I Corinthians 15:2**). One man Adam, sinned and brought physical death upon all men, One man, Christ lived and did not sin. It is through his death that all men can live forever with God. Adam's sin and physical death was the type. Christ's life without sin and death for all who sinned is the antitype.

In **Genesis 2**, God opened Adam's side and removed a rib so Adam could have a wife (**Genesis 2:18-23**). While on the cross, Jesus' blood was shed and His side was opened to purchase the church, the bride of Christ (**John 19:16-34; Acts 20:28, Ephesians 5:23-27**). The side of Adam being opened to have a bride was a type to the antitype of Christ's side being opened, to have a bride, on the cross.

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There are a great number of type and antitype comparisons in the Scriptures between Adam and Christ. Perhaps this study will whet your appetite for further study of Adam and Christ.