

Deeper Lamb of God

Why are you here?

Acts 2:22-24

22"People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus of Nazareth by doing wonderful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. 23But you followed God's prearranged plan. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to the cross and murdered him. 24However, God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life again, for death could not keep him in its grip.

What was the **pre-arranged plan**? **Explain**

Two types of attributes:

>Absolute: Truth, love, power.

>Relative: Mercy, grace, lovingkindness

Augustine

Let's look at this plan.

Two theological terms to appreciate it.

First term: Types and shadows. Types and shadows. Substance: Jesus.

Col. 2:16,17. Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-- things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

Type is defined as person, object, office, ceremony, structure or event in the Old Testament regarded as foreshadowing a corresponding reality in the New Testament.

Antitype is defined as a person, thing, or idea represented by an earlier type or symbol, such as a New Testament event prefigured in the Old Testament.

The type and anti-type are two separate things and the **anti-type is always superior to the type. The antitype is always clearer and more revealing.**

Great resemblance in the type and anti type, but differences too. They are not exact replicas of one another.

How do we know? Only if the NT authorizes it. We cannot leave it up to our imaginations

Wacky examples from a Catholic site: Uzzah died a physical death by touching the Ark in 2Sam 6:7. That is a 'type' of dying a spiritual death by partaking of the Holy Eucharist unworthily as in 1Cor 11:27.

Second Term: Progressive revelation over 4000 years by 40 authors. Why?

Imagine a man who stood up in Times Square in NY and proclaimed, "I am God. Repent and believe in ME." We would think him nuts.

That is what Jesus did. They didn't think He was crazy, they thought He was wrong. Why?

At just the right time.

1. Language.
2. A foundation of a nation.
3. A foundation of a religion.
4. A foundation of a God who does miracles.
5. A foundation of a book.
6. An expectation of unfulfilled promises.

If Jesus had appeared at Noah's time, He likely would have had the same response.

Why was there a progressive revelation? To establish Jesus words and miracles as more than a show...but as a fulfillment. It provided a history and a foundation.

Not a nut in the public square, but a man with four thousand years of prophecy.

Let's watch the types and progressive revelation **unfold**.

Begin with the story of **two naked vegetarians**.

Genesis 3:1-7

1Now the serpent was the shrewdest of all the creatures the LORD God had made. "Really?" he asked the woman. "Did God really say you must not eat any of the fruit in the garden?"2"Of course we may eat it," the woman told him. 3"It's only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God says we must not eat it or even touch it, or we will die." 4"You won't die!" the serpent hissed. 5"God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil."

6The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. 7At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves.

Gen.3:21 Their own covering not sufficient. **Shadowy.**

21And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Gen. 4:1-5. The very next story in the Bible is Cain and Abel.

1Now Adam slept with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When the time came, she gave birth to Cain, and she said, "With the LORD's help, I have brought forth a man!" 2Later she gave birth to a second son and named him Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain was a farmer. 3At harvest time Cain brought to the LORD a gift of his farm produce, 4while Abel brought several choice lambs from the best of his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his offering, 5but he did not accept Cain and his offering. This made Cain very angry and dejected.

Gen.22:1-13 @2000 BC, Abraham and Isaac.

1Later on God tested Abraham's faith and obedience. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." 2"Take your son, your only son--yes, Isaac, whom you love so much--and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will point out to you." 3The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son Isaac. Then he chopped wood to build a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place where God had told him to go.4On the third day of the journey, Abraham saw the place in the distance. 5"Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the young men. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back." 6Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the knife and the fire. As the two of them went on together, 7Isaac said, "Father?" "Yes, my son," Abraham replied. "We have the wood and the fire," said the boy, "but where is the lamb for the sacrifice 8"God will provide a lamb, my son," Abraham answered. And they both went on together. 9When they arrived at the place where God had told Abraham to go, he built an altar and placed the wood on it. Then he tied Isaac up and laid him on the altar over the wood. 10And Abraham took the knife and lifted it up to kill his son as a sacrifice to the LORD. 11At that moment the angel of the LORD shouted to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," he answered. "I'm listening." 12"Lay down the knife," the angel said. "Do not hurt the boy in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld even your beloved son from me." 13Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering on the altar in place of his son.

Mt. Moriah

Ram sacrifice

God stopped the sacrifice of an only son. The next time we visit Mt. Moriah, God does not stop the sacrifice of the only Son.

Ex.12:1-7;12-13 Passover story

1Now the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron while they were still in the land of Egypt: 2"From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. 3 Announce to the whole community that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice. 4If a family is too small to eat an entire lamb, let them share the lamb with another family in the neighborhood. Whether or not they share in this way depends on the size of each family and how much they can eat.

5This animal must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no physical defects. 6"Take special care of these lambs until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then each family in the community must slaughter its lamb. 7They are to take some of the lamb's blood and smear it on the top and sides of the doorframe of the house where the lamb will be eaten.

Exodus 12:12-13

12On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn sons and firstborn male animals in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! 13The blood you have smeared on your doorposts will serve as a sign. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

- >Lamb lived with family
- >Spotless, without blemish.
- >Blood caused death to Passover.

What's up with the blood? **Lev.17:11**

Leviticus 17:11

11for the life of any creature is in its blood. I have given you the blood so you can make atonement for your sins. It is the blood, representing life, that brings you atonement.

Lev.1-8 The Old Cov. Sacrificial system.

- >Put hands on animal to commute sins
- >Only a covering
- >Yom Kippur

Lasted **700 years** until **Jer.31:31-34** New Covenant to **REMOVE** sins.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31"The day will come," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. 32This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife," says the LORD.33"But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day," says the LORD. "I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their family, saying, `You should know the LORD.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will already know me," says the LORD. "And I will forgive their wickedness and will never again remember their sins."

Is 53:3-7 even describes it. Notice the shadow is getting clearer.

Isaiah 53:4-6

4Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins! 5But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! 6All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all.

OT ends with the promise of a forerunner and a fulfiller of the New Covenant.

400 years later, we are introduced to this forerunner and the Messiah.

John1:29

29The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

The shadow is now the substance.

Consider this lamb:

- >dwelt with His people.
- > without spot or blemish...sinless.
- >Only Lamb who could REMOVE sins

>What a gift. In the OT, could only have sins covered, still felt guilt. Longed for Messiah. That is what **Sabbath** was for. Just a taste of rest. Jesus is the Lord of Sabbath. We have complete rest in Him.

Lord's Supper at Passover, Matt. 26:26-28

26As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it and eat

it, for this is my body." 27And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, 28for this is my blood, which seals the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many.

- >3rd and 4th cups
- >Toast to Him.

God's perfect lamb, beaten, shedding His blood for the forgiveness of sins. WHY?

>**WHY? John 13:31**

31As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, "The time has come for me, the Son of Man, to enter into my glory, and God will receive glory because of all that happens to me.

For His glory. This is about Him. Not about us.

>We have seen what the Lamb has done, **what is He doing now? Heb.9:12-15**

12Once for all time he took blood into that Most Holy Place, but not the blood of goats and calves. He took his own blood, and with it he secured our salvation forever. 13Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people's bodies from ritual defilement. 14Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our hearts from deeds that lead to death so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. 15That is why he is the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, so that all who are invited can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

>**So, is Jesus the only way to God?**

- >He is if you want your sins forgiven
- >Jesus is contrary to every other religious worldview.
- >With Jesus, all roads can't lead to God.

We have seen the past and the present of the Lamb, let's take a look at the **future Lamb.**

Revelation 5:11-14

11Then I looked again, and I heard the singing of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and the living beings and the elders. 12And they sang in a mighty chorus: "The Lamb is worthy--the Lamb who was killed. He is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and

blessing."13And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They also sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever."
14And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped God and the Lamb.

Revelation 6:12-17

12I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood.
13Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from trees shaken by mighty winds. 14And the sky was rolled up like a scroll and taken away. And all of the mountains and all of the islands disappeared.
15Then the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy people, the people with great power, and every slave and every free person--all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. 17For the great day of their wrath has come, and who will be able to survive?"

Revelation 20:11-15

11And I saw a great white throne, and I saw the one who was sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done.
13The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them. They were all judged according to their deeds. 14And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death--the lake of fire. 15And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

>**Acts 2:37-38** 37Peter's words convicted them deeply, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38Peter replied, "Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For those who are saved, the Lamb is has some wonderful promises for us

Revelation 21:1-8

1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a beautiful bride prepared for her husband. 3I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his

people. God himself will be with them. 4He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever." 5And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." 6And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega--the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give the springs of the water of life without charge! 7All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. 8But cowards who turn away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and all liars--their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death."

Revelation 21:21-27

21The twelve gates were made of pearls--each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass. 22No temple could be seen in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. 24The nations of the earth will walk in its light, and the rulers of the world will come and bring their glory to it. 25Its gates never close at the end of day because there is no night. 26And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. 27Nothing evil will be allowed to enter--no one who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty--but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Last chapter in the Bible hearkens back to the beginning. **Rev.22:1-6**

1 And the angel showed me a pure river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2coursing down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. 3No longer will anything be cursed. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. 4And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. 5And there will be no night there--no need for lamps or sun--for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever. 6Then the angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true: `The Lord God, who tells his prophets what the future holds, has sent his angel to tell you what will happen soon.'

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Jesus fulfilled the Sabbath.

Exodus 20: Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. Co.2 says, we don't have to keep Sabbath anymore, why not? It is in the Ten C's.

First of all, what is it? Ex.31:12ff, a sign of the Old Cov.

To break it was to defile the thing it represents.

If I throw a plate at my wife, that is one thing.

If I take off my ring and throw it at her, that is worse?

Why? I am spurning our covenant. It is like burning the flag, I desecrate what it represents.

When did the Sabbath get initiated? Not at the giving of the Law, but at creation.

Gen.2: The 6th day was not the highlight of creation, although we think it is cuz that is when He made us. It is the 7th day that is the highlight. How?

The whole week is building in importance. From inanimate to animate to made in His image and likeness with a spirit. Day 7 is the day He rested from His accomplishment. (cf.Gen.1:31) God is enjoying His work and satisfied in Himself. He is digging Himself and the glory of His work. Ps.19 tells us that His handiwork speaks of Him and glorifies Him. The entire week was headed toward a goal of rest, contemplation and enjoyment of God.

God gives the command in Ex. 20. The Jews in their corporate life were to relive the creation week...work for 6 days, rest from work and enjoy God for one day. Just like God did.

But the cycle repeated itself over and over. Must have made them long for the day when they could cease from their labor. They were reminded every week, a rest is coming.

Jesus said, Come unto Me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.

That brings us to Mark 2. David could eat of the temple cuz he was doing work for God and he needed it. Jesus made it clear, His work was more important than David's. And He then announced, I am the Lord of the Sabbath.

Find your rest in Him and every day is a day of resting in Jesus. When we rest from our works and rest in His, every day is a day of rest.

So, we don't go to church on Sat. cuz that was only a type of Jesus our eternal rest.

>But we don't forsake the assembling, Heb. 10

>The early church met frequently but more formally on Sunday as it was the day of Jesus resurrection.

As long as we are assembling to hear Word, ordinances, worship, prayer, discipline, it does not matter what day cuz every day is a day of rest for us in Jesus.

Heb.4: Jesus rested from His work. Every day is a celebration of grace because the type is fulfilled in Jesus.

Past, Present and Future Type.

Jesus is the bridegroom. I Cor.15.

Jewish wedding.

1. The bridal selection or shiddukhin by the father, cf. Eph.1:4. There was also a matchmaker. II Cor.11:10-12.
2. There was a legal contract/covenant or ketubah. Cf. In this contract the groom promises to care for his wife and give himself for her. The bride promises to pay her dowry-her financial status. I Cor.6:20, a yielded life.
3. Bridal payment. The Mohar or the bride price. Paid by the groom to the bride's family. This set her free from her parents household to be with the groom. Ex.Isaac and Rebecca Gen.24:53 and Jacob and his wives, Gen 29:20,27 We are told in I Cor. 6:19,20 that we have been purchased, redeemed with a price. The price was not mere silver or gold, but His own life, I Pet. 1:18,19.
4. The Betrothal or Eyrusin. Also called the kiddushim, meaning sanctification or set apart. This is a time for the couple to prepare to enter into the covenant/marriage. This is much stronger than engagement. A breaking of the betrothal was only available to the husband thru divorce, Deut.24:1-4. If we are betrothed to Jesus, only He can break the covenant...we cannot...lose our salvation. Hosea 2:19,20. God would not divorce His people Mal.2:16. John10:28, He will keep us.
5. Prior to the betrothal ceremony, typically each would undergo a mikveh, immersion, ceremonial cleansing (Jesus at the initiation of his ministry? Matt.3:13-17 and the church, Eph.5:26,27; I cor. 6:11?????).
6. The betrothal ceremony: the bride and groom would appear together under a huppah (canopy) and publicly express their intention to become engaged. The canopy symbolized a new household being planned (Ps. 19:5, Joel 2:16) . An item of value would be exchanged (such as rings) and a cup of wine was shared to seal the vows. Jesus initiated the new covenant with a cup of blessing. He then said He would not taste it again until the wedding feast.
7. The betrothal period was to last one year and the couple was considered married, but were not intimate. They lived separately until the end of the betrothal period. (Joseph and Mary, Matt. 1:18-25).

8. After the betrothal ceremony. The groom would return home to fulfill his obligations during the betrothal. Before he left the bride at the betrothal ceremony, the groom would leave a gift as a reminder that he would return to receive her. Eph. 1:13,14.
9. One year of betrothal. The groom was to focus on preparing a dwelling place for the bride. (John14:1). Typically this was done not by building a new dwelling, but by adding a room to his existing home. The rabbis determined that this was to be a better place than what she had been living in. The groom would not decide when the place was ready, but his father would make the determination and give the go ahead to receive the bride. Matt. 24:32-36. The bride was to keep herself busy for the wedding day by preparing wedding garments. Eph.5:25-27. Are we keeping ourselves busy and prepared for His return?
10. The Wedding day was a surprise to the bride. Remember, the father of the groom determined when everything was ready. Matt.25:1-13. A member of the grooms party would go to the bride's house and shout, "Behold, the bridegroom comes." I Thess.4:16-18 Then a shofar would blow.
11. The entire party would come with the groom (Rev.?) and the bride and groom would go under the huppah (to establish a new household), they would say a blessing over the cup of wine and the ceremony would include final vows. The pinnacle of the ceremony was the marriage supper. Rev.19:7-9 At least seven days of celebration (John14:10-012). When it was all done, the groom would bring his bride home in a full covenant marriage.
12. They would then dwell in their new home, which was not new, but improved...new heavens and new earth.