

The twin as type of the twofold coming of the



Messiah



- 1^e To die for our sins
- 2^e As lord of the world

Esau and Jacob



Genesis 25:

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and **the elder shall serve the younger.**

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out **red**, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, **and his hand took hold on Esau's heel**; and his name was called Jacob.

Esau and Jacob

The elder shall serve the younger (עבד = to serve)

Typological fulfilment:

The Messiah is the servant of the LORD:

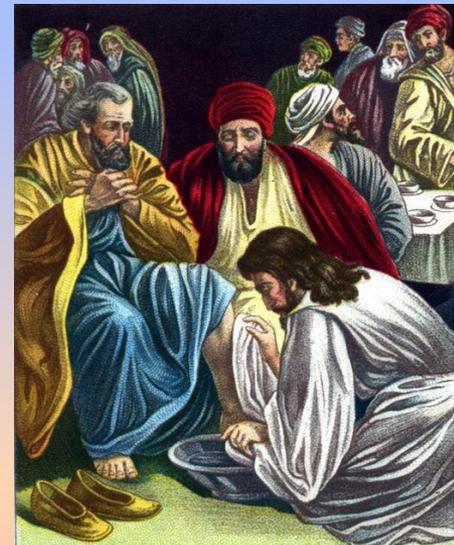
(עבד = servant)

Isaiah 42:1, 49:5, 50:10, 52:13, 53:11

Matthew 20:28

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

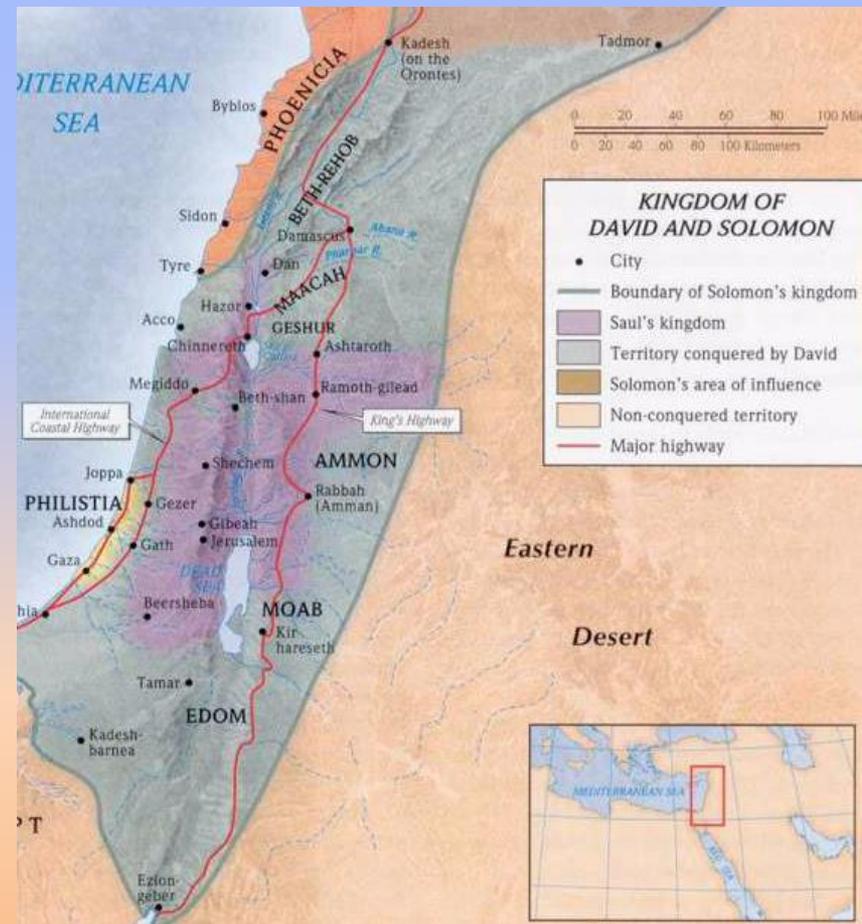


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Literal fulfilment :

King David subdued Edom:
*And he put garrisons in Edom;
throughout all Edom put he
garrisons, and all they of Edom
became David's servants.*
(2 Sam 8:14).



Esau and Jacob



The elder shall serve the younger (so the younger is Lord)

Typological fulfilment:

The Messiah is Lord of the earth at his 2nd coming (Psalm 2:8)

The mighty God, The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5)

He will be King of the world (Daniel 7:13-14)

He shall be exalted and extolled (Isaiah 52:13)

King of kings, and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:4, 19:6)

Esau and Jacob

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Typological fulfilment: (אֶדֶם [edom] = red)

Red is an image of **sin** (Isaiah 1:18):
though your sins be ... red like crimson,
they shall be as wool.



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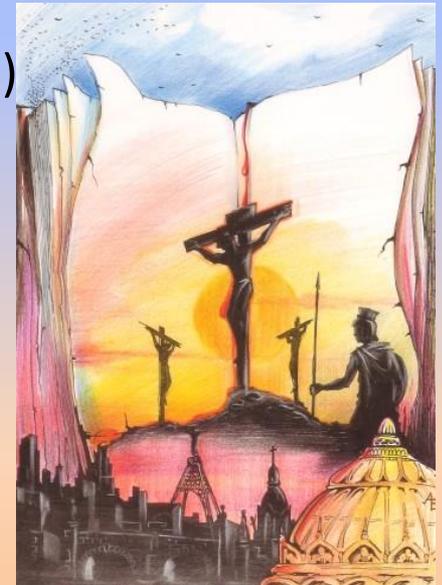
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*For he has made him to be **sin** for us, who knew no sin; so that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*



Esau and Jacob



And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob.

So Jacob got his name:

hand = יָד [jad]

heel = עֲקֵב [akeb]

Jacob = יַעֲקֹב [ja'akob] = hand-heel

The Hebrew character י [jod] is the symbol of the hand

Jacobs name has been confused with lying. However this is not deserved, although the characters are identical:

to supplant = עֲקֵב [ekeb]

heel = עֲקֵב [akeb]

Esau and Jacob



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Typology:

It has been predicted that the **heel** of the Messiah would be wounded at his first coming. (Gen. 3:15) *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his **heel**.*



thee = serpent = satan
her seed = the Messiah

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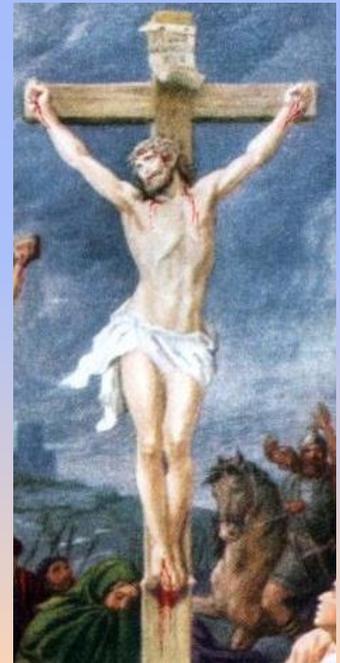
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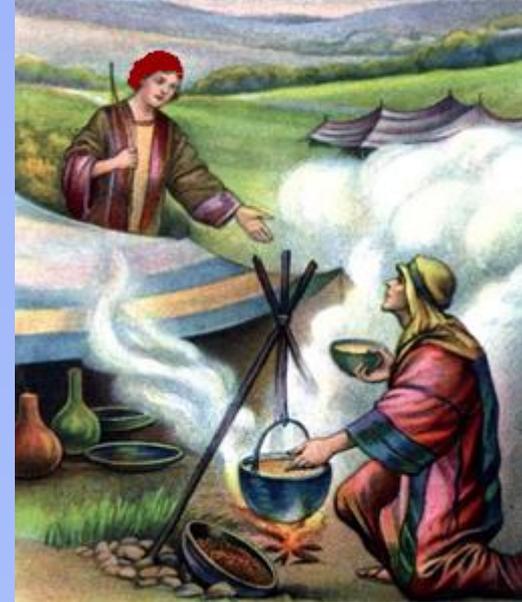
... they pierced my hands and my feet (Ps 22:16).

He was wounded for our transgressions (Isaiah 53:5).

And when they had crucified him ... (Mark 15:24)



Esau and Jacob



Genesis 25:

29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, **Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage;** for I am faint: **therefore was his name called Edom.**

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, **I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?**

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: **and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.**

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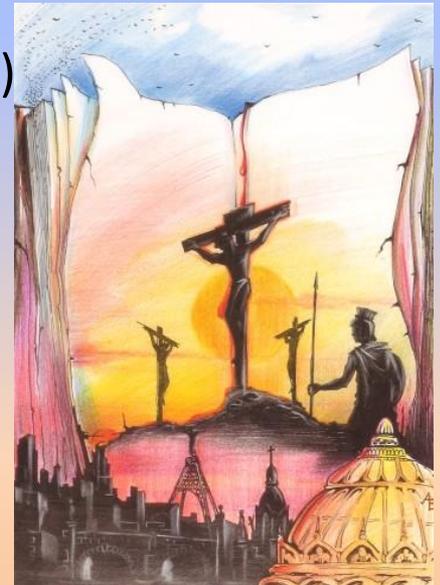
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And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die

Typological fulfilment :

The Messiah would die at his 1st coming:

*and with the rich **in his death**; because he had done no violence (Isaiah 53:9).*

*And after 62 weeks shall **Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself (Daniel 9:26).*

***Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures (1 Corinth 15:3).*



Esau and Jacob

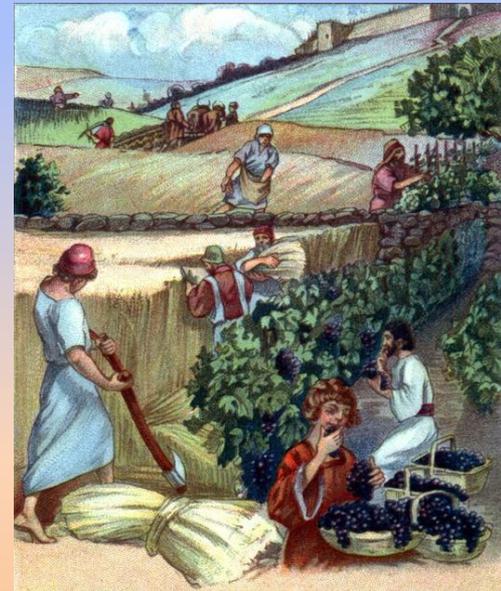


And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

Typological fulfilment:

The Messiah would die at his 1st coming and lose his birthright (Mark 12:6-9):

Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, **This is the heir; come, let us kill him**, and the inheritance shall be ours. And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.





Esau and Jacob



and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

Typological fulfilment :

Christ got back his birthright after his resurrection (Psalm 2:7-8):

Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Christ has been appointed heir of all things (Hebrews 1:2)

Christ is the firstborn from among the dead (Col 1:18, Rev 1:5)

Christ is the firstborn among many brethren (Rom 8:29)

Christ is the firstborn of every creature (Col 1:15)

they shall look upon me whom they have pierced ... shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn (Zech 12:10).

Esau and Jacob



In the Tanakh (OT) there is a special statement over these twins:

Yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness (Malachi 1:3).

This is cited in the NT:

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated (Romans 9:13).

Esau and Jacob

Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated

God loves Christ:

then I was by him his nursling (Proverbs 8:30)

*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased
(Matthew 3:17)*

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you (John 15:9)

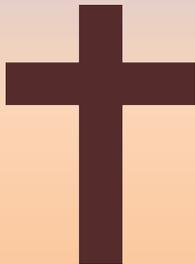
*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us
accepted in the beloved (Ephesians 1:6)*

But Christ had been made sin for us at the cross (2 Cor 5:21)

And God hates sin:

I hate robbery (Isaiah 61:8)

I hate putting away (Malachi 2:16)



Generation of Jesus Christ



the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat [Jacob](#); and [Jacob](#) begat Judas and his brethren;

3 And Judas begat [Phares](#) and [Zara](#) of Tamar; and [Phares](#) begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;

4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;

5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

...

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born [Jesus](#), who is called [Christ](#) (Matthew 1).



Zara and Phares

Genesis 38:

27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.



Zara and Phares

that had the scarlet thread upon his hand

Typological fulfilment:

(זרַח [zerach] = scarlet, brightness)

Scarlet is an image of **sin** (Isaiah 1:18) :
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...





Zara and Phares

that had the scarlet thread upon his hand

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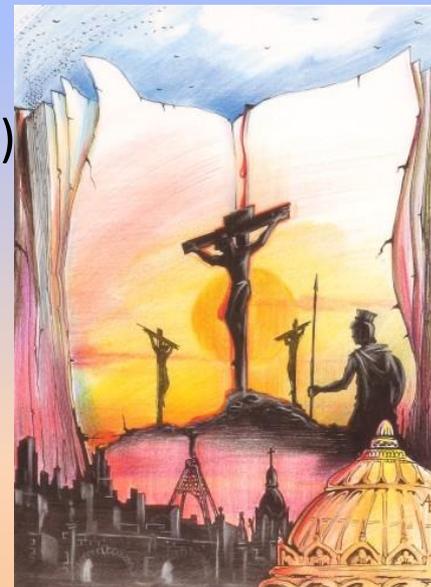
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How hast thou broken forth?

Typological fulfilment:

(פֶּרֶץ [perets] = breaker, פָּרַץ [parats] = to break)

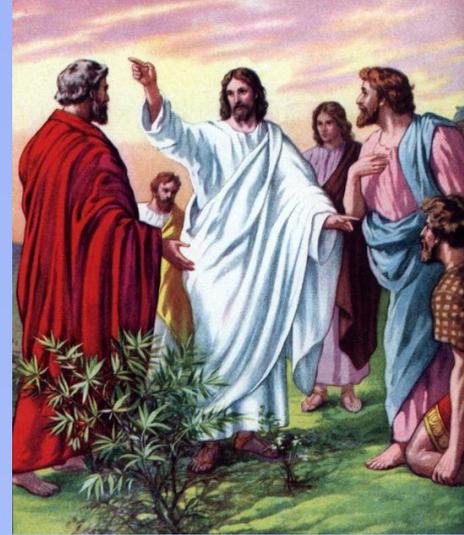
Perets is a title of Christ when He returns (Micah 2):

12 ¶ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The **breaker** is come up before them: they have **broken up**, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.



Thomas



The 12 apostles (Matthew 10):

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; **Thomas**, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Thomas

Didymus (Greek) = Twin



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14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

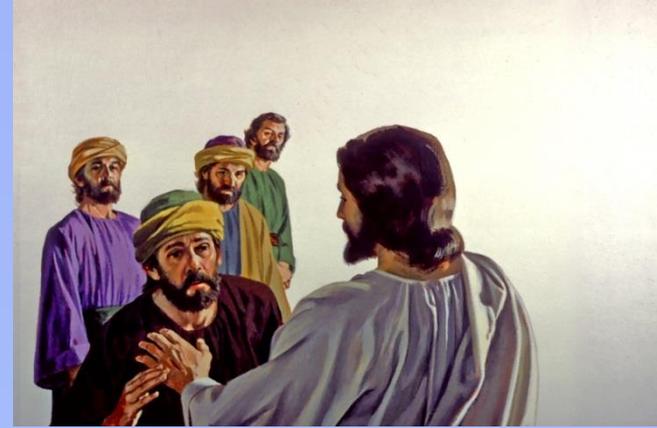
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

*16 Then said **Thomas**, which is called **Didymus**, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.*

17 ¶ Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

Thomas

Didymus (Greek) = Twin



Here is the 2nd time that his name is translated (John 20):

*24 But **Thomas**, one of the twelve, called **Didymus**, was not with them when Jesus came.*

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

*28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God**.*

Castor and Pollux



Castor and Pollux is the sign of the ship that transported Paul to Rome (Acts 28):

11 ¶ And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, **whose sign was Castor and Pollux.**

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

Castor and Pollux



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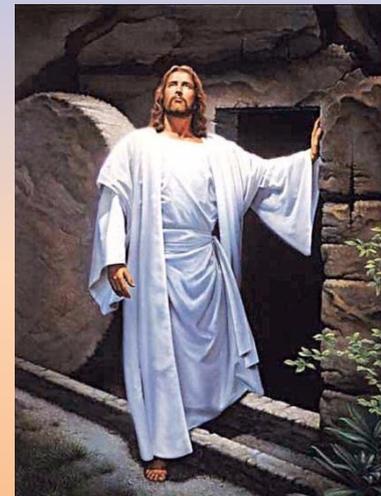
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*I am he that liveth, and **was dead**;
and, behold, I **am alive for evermore** (Revelation 1:18)*



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The 2nd coming of Christ (his return) will surely happen too.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war ... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (Revelation 19:11-14)

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Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
(Matthew 24:42).

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the (Matthew 25:13).

Are you ready for his return?