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“Behold The Lamb of God”

When John the Baptist saw Jesus Christ he prophetically proclaimed, **“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”** (John 1:29). The Old Testament is filled with types, symbols, promises, and prophecies all pointing to the fact that **Jesus would be the Lamb of God.** This major truth is taught from the Bible's first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation, in which **the Lamb of God** is mentioned **29 times alone!** There in Revelation 13:8, Christ is spoken of as **“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”** meaning that even before God created this world, He made provision for the sins of a fallen race.

In Genesis 22 God instructed Abraham to take Isaac, his son of promise, to the mountain of Moriah to sacrifice him for a burnt offering. Abraham made the three-day journey with his son. As they neared the location, Isaac noted they had fire and wood, but he asked, **“Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”** Abraham answered **“My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.”** At the site, Abraham built the altar, arranged the wood, and tied up **his only son** on the altar. As he took the knife to slay his son, the Lord stopped him, and provided a ram as the **substitute sacrifice.** Interestingly, Mount Moriah is Calvary where Jesus was crucified on the cross. We see a double type of Christ here. First, Abraham is a type of God the Father Who gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, pictured by Isaac, to be sacrificed for our sins on Calvary. In the second type, we see God providing the substitute sacrifice of His Son, Jesus **the Lamb of God,** pictured by the ram (male lamb). Isaac pictures each member of the human race who must die for his sins because **“the wages of sin is death”** (Romans 6:23).

Next week I will continue this subject under the title of **“The Passover Lamb.”**