

# Christ As Typified By The Bull As The Son

## Observations

In the KJV it speaks about the “Bullock” but neither then or now could it have been a bullock for at least two reasons:

- a) A bullock is a castrated animal and for an animal to be offered in sacrifice it had to be without blemish (Lev. 1:3) therefore, it could not have been a bullock, but a “bull”.
- b) The words “par”, “baqar”, or “ben”, all of which are used of the offerings, when used of them they should always be translated “bull”.

## Readings

- a) Lev. 1:5
- b) Lev. 4:3

## The Significance Of The Bull

- 1) The different Hebrew words translated “bullock”:
  - a) In Lev. 1:5 the word translated “bullock” is the word “ben” and is constantly translated “Son”.
    - i) It come from a root word which means to build or establish.
  - b) In Lev. 4:3 the word translated “bullock” means to break, to make ineffective, to defeat, or to break in pieces.
    - i) The word “young” also being used means to seek.
- 2) Observations:
  - a) It is often said that the “bull is strong to labour” (Psa. 144:14). There are several reasons why this is not a true significance. It is because the word is not “bull” but “oxen”. Furthermore, the Hebrew word translated “oxen” is “alluwph” and has no connection with the word translated “bullock”, which is “ben”. “Alluwph” is never used of the Levitical offerings. Another word translated “oxen” or “herd” is “baqar”, and is used in the Levitical offerings. Both “ben” and “baqar” are used together (Lev. 1:5) in the Hebrew, and likewise for “baqar” and “par” are together (Lev. 4:3).
  - b) For the consecration of the Priests (Ex. 29:12)
  - c) For the acknowledging and worship of the true God (Jud. 6:25)
  - d) Glory (Deut. 33:17)
- 3) When we put all this together we have a foreshadowing of Christ and His:
  - a) Sonship and Building
  - b) Young and overcoming
  - c) Consecration of the priest
  - d) Acknowledging and worshipping of God
  - e) Patient endurance in mundane life
  - f) Strength to labour
  - g) Glory

## Christ The Son

### 1) Who is He?

- a) King Solomon gave a deeply thought provoking series of questions. (Prov. 30:4)
  - i) “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended?”
  - ii) “Who hath gathered the wind in his fists?”
  - iii) “Who hath bound the waters in a garment?”
  - iv) “Who hath established all the ends of the earth?”
  - v) “What is His name, and what is His son’s name?”

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- b) Centuries passed and our Lord asked the Pharisees: “What think ye of Christ? whose son is He?” (Matt. 22:42). As we consider the scriptures we discover that His sonship is mentioned in different contexts and levels.

Christ the Son	Reference
The son of David	Matt. 1:1
The son of Abraham	Matt. 1:1
The Son of man	Matt. 8:20
The Son of God	Matt. 4:3
The beloved Son	Matt. 3:17
The carpenters son	Matt. 13:55
The Son of the Living God	Matt. 16:16
His dear Son	Col. 1:13
The Son of the highest	Lk. 1:32
The Son of the most high God	Mk. 5:7
The Son of the Blessed	Mk. 14:61
The only begotten Son	Jn. 1:18

### 2) When was Christ the Son?

- a) Christ was the Son before His incarnation.
- i) The Lord’s parable teaches this.
    1. “Last of all He sent unto them His Son, saying, They will reverence my Son . . . When the husbandmen saw the son.” (Matt. 21:37-38)
  - ii) Plain scripture teaches this truth.
    1. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (1 Jn. 4:10)
    2. “When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son.” (Gal. 4:4)
    3. “God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.” (Rom. 8:3)
- b) Christ was the Son at the incarnation.
- i) Prophecy proclaims this: “Unto us a child is born . . . a Son is given” (Isa. 9:6)
  - ii) “That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Lk. 1:35)
- c) Christ was the Son when here on earth.
- i) In His childhood: “Out of Egypt have I called my Son” (Matt. 2:15)
  - ii) At His Baptism: “Thou art my beloved Son” (Mk. 1:11)
  - iii) At His transfiguration: “This is my Beloved Son” (Mk. 9:7)
- d) Christ was the Son when on the Cross.
- i) In the first and last cries of the Lord when on the cross there was the recognition of God as His Father. He said: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Lk. 23:34); “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit” (Lk. 23:46).

- ii) Paul in Romans wrote: “He that spared not His Son” (Rom. 8:32)
- e) Christ was the Son in resurrection.
  - i) “Declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection.” (Rom. 1:4)
  - ii) “Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee.” (Heb. 1:5)
- f) Christ is the Son in future glory.
  - i) “I have set my King . . . Thou art my Son” (Psa. 2:6-7)

### 3) Aspects of Christ as the Son

- a) The Son in prophetic pictures:
  - i) Abel, the shepherd son (Gen. 4:2)
  - ii) Isaac, the submissive and sacrificed son (Gen. 22:9)
  - iii) Joseph, the sent son (Gen. 37:13)
  - iv) David, the sanctified son (1 Sam. 16:13)
- b) His sonship is associated with:
  - i) Prediction
    - 1. “I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee” (Psa. 2:7)
    - 2. “When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt” (Hos. 11:1)
    - 3. “And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son” (Matt. 2:15)
    - 4. “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David” (Lk. 1:32)
  - ii) Incarnation (Isa. 9:6)
    - 1. “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Lk. 1:35)
  - ii) Identification
    - 1. “And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased”. (Lk. 3:22)
  - iv) In Temptation
    - 1. “And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread” (Matt. 4:3)
    - 2. “And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone” (Matt. 4:6)
  - v) Manifestation
    - 1. “And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water” (Jn. 1:31)
    - 2. “And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God” (Jn. 1:34)
  - vi) Recognition
    - 1. “Nathaniel answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel” (Jn. 1:49)
    - 2. “And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God” (Mk. 15:39)

vii) Self designation

1. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live” (Jn. 5:25)
2. “Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?” (Jn. 10:36)

viii) Adoration

1. “Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God” (Matt. 14:33)

ix) Revelation

1. “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16)

x) Transfiguration

1. “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him” (Matt. 17:5)
2. “And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him” (Lk. 9:35)

xi) Glorification

1. “When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby” (Jn. 11:4)
2. “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee” (Jn. 17:1)

xii) Crucifixion

1. “And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross” (Matt. 27:40)
2. “He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God” (Matt. 27:43)

xiii) Substitution

1. “The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20)

xiv) Resurrection

1. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matt. 28:19)
2. “And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Rom. 1:4)

xv) Expectation

1. “To wait for His son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead” (1 Thess. 1:10)

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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