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Friends, for 2000 years God foretold exactly where His "only Son" was going to be slain for the salvation of men! It is no coincidence that Abraham called the place of the sacrifice a special name: "*And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen*" (Gen. 22:14). Today we look back and see it!

This is just the tip of the iceberg regarding Messianic prophecies that reveal in great detail the events surrounding the Christ (cf. Psa. 22:16-18; Isa. 2:1-4; 53; Dan. 2; Mic. 5:2; Zech. 12:10; 13:1, 7, etc.). Abraham's son Isaac was a "type" or "foreshadowing" of Christ, and the following are some similarities between them:

- Both were sons of promise (Gen. 3:15; 17:16-ff; Isa. 7:14).
- Both births were by divine intervention (Gen. 18:9-15; Mt. 1:18-25).
- Both were named by God before birth (Gen. 17:19; Mt. 1:21).
- Both had their times of birth set by God (Gen. 21:2; Gal. 4:4).
- Both were surrendered by their loving fathers (Gen. 22:1-12; Jn. 3:16).
- Both fathers knew their sons would return (Gen. 22:5; Psa. 16:10).
- Both bore the lumber for their own sacrifices (Gen. 22:6; Jn. 19:17; Lk. 23:26).
- Both were bound before being sacrificed (Gen. 22:9; Jn. 18:12).
- Both willingly submitted to death (Gen. 22:9; Mt. 26:53, 54; Jn. 10:17, 18).
- A ram was offered instead of Isaac (Gen. 22:13); God's Lamb was offered instead of man (Lev. 16:8-10; Mt. 26:28; Jn. 1:29; Heb. 2:9; Rev. 13:8).
- Both were to be sacrificed in Moriah (Gen. 22:2, 14; 2 Chr. 3:1; 2 Sam. 24:18-ff; Mt. 20:18).
- Isaac was figuratively resurrected (Gen. 22:5; Heb. 11:17-19); Jesus was literally resurrected! (Lk. 24:1-9; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4).

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