1. **Joseph a type of MESSIAH**

Joseph’s life runs in 3 periods. We see him first as the beloved son, supreme in the regard of his father; then as a suffering servant/slave, rejected by his brothers; and, finally, as the exalted savior, lifted high over all in princely splendor and administrative authority. So in this triple way, Joseph becomes the most complete single type of Messiah anywhere in the Bible.

1. The beloved Son
2. Pre-eminent in the love of the father. (Gen.37:3)

So is Messiah the well beloved Son in whom the Divine Father specially delights. (Mat.3:17; Col.1:13)

1. Pre-eminent in family honor (Gen.37:3).

The tunic /coat of distinction and heirship was the outward attestation of the

Father’s regard (Mat.3:16-17, Jn.3:35)

1. Pre-eminent in the Divine purposes

This is clearly revealed in Joseph’s dreams which were prophetic, as Jacob himself perceived (Gen.37:5-11). So it is with Messiah. In Him God “framed the eons” (Heb.1:2, Eph.1:9-10)

1. Pre-eminent as the father’s messenger (Gen.37:13-14)

So is Messiah the pre-eminent Messenger of the Father (Isa.42:1, Lk.4:18, Heb.1:1-2)

1. The rejected Servant/slave
2. Hated (Gen.37:4)

Almost the exact same words are used of both. Compare:

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| **Joseph** | **Messiah** |
| Gen.37:4 | John 15:24 |
| Gen.37:8 | Luke 19:14 |
| Gen.37:18 | Mat.26:3-4 |
| Gen.37:19-20 | Mat.21:38 |
| Gen.37:11 | Mat.37:18 |

1. Sold

Joseph was sold by his brothers for 20 pieces of silver (Gen.37:27-28) to Gentiles. Messiah was sold for 30 pieces of silver (Mat.27:9), and surrendered to Gentiles. Joseph was stripped of his tunic/coat compare with Mat.27:28.

1. Suffering

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| **Joseph** | Messiah |
| Gen.37:23-24; Gen.42:21 | Mat.27:28; Isa.53:3,5,10-11 |
| Gen.39:7-12 | Luke 4:2 |
| Gen.39:20 | Isa.53:8 |

1. Dead (in intent and figure)

About 20 years elapsed between the selling of Joseph and the re-union. He was accounted dead (Gen.37:31-34; Gen.42:13,38; Gen.44:20). So Messiah, in actuality, suffered death for our sakes.

1. The exalted Savior
2. Exalted as the wisdom and power of God to salvation/deliverance

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| **Joseph** | **Messiah** |
| Wisdom and power Gen.41:38-39 | 1 Cor.1:24 |
| New Name Gen.41:45 | From Word (Jn.1:1) to Jesus Mat.1:21 |
| Bread supplier Gen.41:57 | John 6:51 |
| Administrator of Affairs Gen.41:40 | 1 Cor.15:24-25 |

1. Exalted to the right of the throne

Compare Gen.41:39-44 to Eph.1:20-21

1. Exalted among his brothers (Gen.42:6, Gen.43:26 compare Phil.2:9-10)

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| **Joseph** | **Messiah** |
| Revealed to Penitent brothers after sin brought home to them. Genesis chapter 45 | 1 Timothy 1:13-16  Rev.1:7 |
| Becomes a special succourer of Israel Gen.47:11-12 | Hebrews 2:16-18 |
| Consummates wonderful Divine plan Gen.45:5-9 | I Corinthians 15:24-25  Eph.1:9-10 |
| Resurrected Gen.45:28 | Romans 1:4  Romans 6:5 |

1. Exalted to an eonian pre-eminence

Compare Gen.49:26 with Phil.2:5-11

1. **Other common types in Genesis**
2. Persons:

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| **Person** | **Type** |
| Adam | Messiah |
| Cain and Abel | Carnal v. spiritual |
| Flood-survivors | Israelites at end of Daniel’s 70th week |
| Lot | Believer who loves this current eon |
| Melchizedek | Messiah |
| Hagar and Sarah | Law v. Grace |
| Ishmael and Isaac | Flesh v. Spirit |
| Abraham’s servant (Gen.24) | The Spirit |
| Abraham | The Father |
| Isaac | The Son |
| Rebekah | The believing remnant of Israel |
| Joseph | Messiah |
| Asenath | The Bride of Messiah |

1. Objects, Events, etc

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| **Object, Event, Etc.** | **Type** |
| The Sun | A type of Messiah |
| The Moon | A type of Israel |
| The stars | A type of saints |
| He 6 days | Regeneration |
| The sabbath | Spiritual rest |
| Coats (Gen.3:21) | Imputed righteousness |
| Abel’s lamb | Type of Golgotha |
| The Flood | A type of Daniel’s 70th week |
| The flood | Regeneration (1 Peter 3:21) |
| The Ark | A type of Messiah |
| The raven | Being in Adam |
| The Dove | Being in Messiah |
| Sodom Fire | Final Judgment against the earth |
| Ram (Gen.22) | Messiah our sacrifice and offering |
| Egypt | Type of the current eon |