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## SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 25:19-28:9
- Romans chapters 9 & 11
- I Corinthians 2:16
- Matthew 10:21-38
- Genesis 4:1-26
- Hebrews 12:22-24
- Malachi 1:1-2:9

## BIRTHRIGHTS FOR SALE!

- Cheap Sale: Birthrights
- Firstborn replacements
- Brother will betray brother
- Two Bloodsheds
- Church of the firstborn
- Cheap Sale: Sacrifices
- Cheap Sale: Priests

## THEME: A FIRSTBORN'S SMALL REGARD FOR HIS BIRTHRIGHT

"Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright today." Esau said, "Since I'm going to die anyway, **what good is my birthright** to me?" Jacob said, "Give me your word today." And he did. **He sold his birthright** to Jacob. So Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew. He ate, drank, got up, and left, **showing just how little he thought of [despised] his birthright.**" Genesis 25:31-34 CEB

## OUTCOME: THE BLESSING OF THE SECOND BORN

THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE: **“In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.**

**Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac.** Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad – **in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls – she was told, ‘The older will serve the younger [Genesis 25:23].’ Just as it is written: ‘Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated [Mal. 1:2-3].’”** Excerpts Romans 9:6-13

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THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES: “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**” Romans 11:25 NKJV

RIGHTS: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the **right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name:" John 1:12 NKJV **Church of the Firstborn** (Heb. 12-22-24)

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The Brith of Esau and Jacob
2. Esau sells his birthright for a pot of stew
3. Isaac moves on because of famine and settles in a land where Yahweh prospers him.
4. Isaac lies about Rebekah being his wife
5. Isaac prospers so much in the land that the Philistines become afraid and fill his wells with dirt.
6. Eventually Issac signs a treaty with the Philistines
7. Esau takes wives who make things difficult for Isaac and Rebekah
8. Rebekah schemes for Jacob to acquire the first born blessing instead of Esau (I guess you should not mess with your mother-in-law!)
9. Esau is designated second place and is told he will always be less than his brother. He has lost a 2nd time! Fist his birthright now his blessing.

10. Rebekah sends Jacob away for safety as she hears the Esau wants to kill him once Isaac is dead. **“Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran.”**
11. Plus, she cannot tolerate the idea of Jacob marrying a Canaanite wife from the area like Esau did (more pagan daughter-in-laws). “Then Rebekah said to Isaac, ‘I’m disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living.’” Gen. 27:46
12. Jacob sent off by Isaac with a blessing and told not to marry a Canaanite woman. **“Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother...be fruitful and take possession of the land promised to Abraham.”** Jacob keeps it in the family—goes after his uncle’s (mom’s brother Laban’s Daughter— His First cousin Rachel.).
13. Esau realized that his father Isaac considered Canaanite women unacceptable. So he marries two daughters of Abraham’s son Ishmael (His father’s brother’s [Uncle’s] daughters, so his cousins.)
14. Think about it—This unites Ishmael and Esau as his uncle now becomes his Father-in-law. THIS IS NOT GOOD!

## BIRTHRIGHTS

### 1. Two nations one birthright

A. The firstborn will serve the second born

- (1) "And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; two different peoples will emerge from your body. One people will be stronger than the other; **the older will serve the younger.**" Genesis 25:23 CEB
- (2) "When they hadn't been born yet and when they hadn't yet done anything good or bad, **it was shown that God's purpose** would continue because it was based on his choice. It wasn't because of what was done but because of God's call. **This was said to her: The older child will be a slave to the younger one. As it is written, I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau.**" Romans 9:11-13 CEB
- (3) "I have loved you, says the LORD; but you say, "How have you loved us?" Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother? says the LORD. **I loved Jacob, but I rejected Esau.** I turned Esau's mountains into desolation, his inheritance into a wilderness for jackals." Malachi 1:2-3 CEB
- (4) WORDS OF Y'SHUA: "**Brother will betray brother to death**, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Matthew 10:21

- (5) “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. **I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.** For I have come to turn “ ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— **a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.**” “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:34-39
- (6) “Isaac trembled violently and said, ‘Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him – and indeed he will be blessed!’ When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, ‘Bless me – me too, my father!’ **But he said, ‘Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.’ Esau said, ‘Isn’t he rightly named Jacob? [Supplanter]** This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: **he took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!**’ Then he asked, ‘Haven’t you reserved any blessing for me?’ Isaac answered Esau, ‘I have

made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. **So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"** Gen. 27:33-37 NIVUK

(7) THIS IS WHY JACOB [SUPPLANTER] NEEDS TO BE RENAMED ISRAEL [TO OVERCOME WITH GOD] TO FULFILL HIS DESTINY.

(a) The new name **ישראל** "Israel" is a combination of the verb **ש.ר.ה**, "to strive with," and a designation for God, **אל**. The passage uniquely describes a person successfully battling God or his messenger.

(b) "So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "**Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.**"" Genesis 32:27-28 NKJV

(c) "And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, **but Israel shall be your name.**" So He called his name Israel." Genesis 35:10 NKJV

B. Yahweh's Plan to Bring the Gentiles to faith was through the birthright switch!

(1) THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE: “It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, ‘It is through **Isaac [2nd born]** that your offspring will be reckoned.’ **In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.** For this was how the promise was stated: ‘At the appointed time I will return, and **Sarah will have a son.**’ Not only that, but **Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac.** Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad – **in order that God’s purpose in election might stand:** not by works but by him who calls – **she was told, ‘The older will serve the younger [Genesis 25:23].’ Just as it is written: ‘Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated [Mal. 1:2-3].’”** Romans 9:6-13 NIVUK

(2) THOSE WHO ARE NOT MY PEOPLE BECOME MY PEOPLE: “As he says in **Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,”** and, “In the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’



there they will be called '**children of the living God.**' ""

Romans 9:25-26 NIV **[FROM HOSEA 1:10]**

- (3) **BLINDNESS UNTIL:** "For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**" Romans 11:25 NKJV **[Please read the entire narrative of Romans 9-11 to unpack Yahweh's ultimate plan for replacing firstborns with second borns]**

- (4) **[SEE ROMANS 9-11]**

- (a) Firstborn out—Second born in
- (b) Don't be fooled—it has all happened for a reason
- (c) If the firstborn had not abdicated, there would have been no inheritance for the second born (That's you!)
- (d) Don't be aloof about it; remember a firstborn was set aside for your benefit
- (e) PLUS—There is still a promise for the firstborn

C. **AFTER THE STATEMENT ABOUT BLINDNESS:** Romans 11 continues with this thought; who could fathom the reason for such a mysterious plan—passing over the firstborn? **DO NOT BE IGNORANT OF THIS MYSTERY!**

- (1) **WHO COULD KNOW?** "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable

are His judgments and His ways past finding out! **“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”**” Romans 11:33-34 NKJV [v. 34 is **From Isaiah 40:13**]

(2) THE SECRET IS FOUND IN ANOTHER OF PAUL’S LETTERS in which Isaiah 40:13 **is also quoted**. In 1 Corinthians 2:16 Paul ANSWERS THE QUESTION...WHO HAS KNOWN?! **“For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.**” I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

(3) It is those with the MIND OF CHIRST who can understand the mystery of this pervasive pattern in Scripture in which the firstborn is supplanted by the second born!

#### D. **And what is it that you can now understand?**

(1) THE BLOOD OF ABLE VS. THE BLOOD OF Y’SHUA:  
“Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and **to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel’s blood.**”  
Hebrews 12:24

(2) HEBREWS 12: FOLLOWERS OF MESSIAH TAKE OVER THE FIRSTBORN SPOT: “But you have drawn near to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, to countless angels in a festival gathering, to the **assembly [church] of God’s firstborn** children who are

registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and **to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood.**" Hebrews 12:22-24  
CEB

- (3) The spilling of Abel's blood shifted the seed of promise from Cain (firstborn) to Seth (the new second born).  
**[Seth.....Noah.....Eight souls on the Ark.]** The spilling of Messiah blood shifted the promise from firstborn Natural Israel (eternal citizens) to Second born Spiritual Israel (eternal rulers). It speaks so much better! **[blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.]** Romans 11:25]

#### E. ABEL'S (SECOND BORN) BLOOD SPILLED BY HIS BROTHER CAIN (THE FIRSTBORN)

- (1) ABEL'S BLOOD: "Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that **Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD**

**respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering.** And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.**” Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” And He said, “What have you done? **The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.** So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.”

Genesis 4:1-11 NKJV

- (2) Interesting—Even though Cain (firstborn) killed the Abel (second born), the seed of promise STILL PASSED to who then became the “second born” (Seth). And this is the line through which Noah came, so in reality Cain’s entire line died in the FLOOD!
- (3) SETH BECOMES THE SEED OF PROMISE: “And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him

**Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."** And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Ēʾnosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD." Genesis 4:25-26

- (4) THE MURDER OF ABEL MADE SETH THE SEED OF PROMISE . THE SHEDDING OF MESSIAH'S BLOOD MADE YOU THE SEED OF PROMISE!

FIRSTBORNS ALWAYS SEEM TO BE REMOVED

### **1. Second borns take over**

- A. So common for 2nd born to have birthright (first born is supplanted)
- (1) Cain Killed Able (and Cain had Enoch who...and then Adam and Eve had a third son Seth who had birthright over Cain and through whom Noah came)
  - (2) Isaac (over Ishmael)
  - (3) Jacob (over Esau) and his wife Rachel number 2 the second born supplants Leah number 1 the firstborn!
  - (4) Joseph (over Rueben and the other 10) But Joseph is the firstborn of Rachel (Jacobs wife of choice, who is the second born). Joseph seems so be the reset as he is the firstborn of the second born. But then it is his second born (Ephraim) who becomes the seed of promise. (Like with

Joseph, Messiah's 2nd born 'Christians' become the seed of promise [new firstborn) over firstborn 'Israel' [See Romans 9-11]

(5) Ephraim (over Manasseh)

(6) First Adam (over to 2nd Adam) 1 Corinthians 15:22-58

## FROM THE MESSIAH, THE FIRSTBORN OF CREATION, TO OUR INHERITANCE AS FIRSTBORN

### 1. FIRSTBORNS

A. Second Adam gets firstborn status and we have the same inheritance.

(1) "it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. **The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.** The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man." 1 Corinthians 15:44-49 NIVUK

B. Messiah as Firstborn

- (1) "Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth." Psalms 89:27 NKJV
- (2) "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15 NKJV
- (3) "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." Colossians 1:18 NKJV
- (4) "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood," Revelation 1:5 NKJV

### C. The Church as Firstborn

- (1) "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29 NKJV
- (2) OUTCOME: "to the assembly [church] **of God's firstborn** children who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood." Hebrews 12:23-24 CEB

## SECOND BORN'S CHEAP SACRIFICES CHEAP PRIESTS

### 1. EVEN AFTER CHOOSING YOU?

A. Dear Jacob (seed of promise), No matter what you do or where you go, if you rebel your inheritance will be wasted!

(1) "I have loved you," says the LORD. 'But you ask, "How have you loved us?" 'Was not Esau Jacob's brother?' declares the LORD. **'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated,** and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.' **Edom may say, 'Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.'** But this is what the LORD Almighty says: **'They may build, but I will demolish.** They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. You will see it with your own eyes and say, "Great is the LORD – even beyond the borders of Israel!"'"  
Mal. 1:2-5 NIVUK

(2) Also see Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32. The 2nd born DOES NOT APPRECIATE what he has at first, but does come back and is CELEBRATED.

(3) SEE PAUL'S WHY AND THE WARNING TO THE SECOND BORN. "Again I ask: did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression,



salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if **their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles**, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, **do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches**. If you do, consider this: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, 'Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.' Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. **Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either**. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness

to you, provided that you continue in his kindness.

**Otherwise, you also will be cut off.** And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!" Romans 11:11-24 NIVUK

## 2. CHEAP PREIST

### A. Contempt for Yahweh's Name

(1) "A son honours his father, and a slave his master. **If I am a father**, where is the honour due to me? If I am a **master**, where is the respect due to me?" says the LORD Almighty. **'It is you priests who show contempt for my name.** 'But you ask, "How have we shown contempt for your name?"'" Mal. 1:6 NIVUK

(2) "But now, **this command is for you, priests:** If you don't listen, or don't intend to glorify my name, says the LORD of heavenly forces, then I will send a curse among you. I will curse your blessings, and I mean really curse them, because none of you intend to do it. I am about to denounce your offspring; I will scatter feces on your faces, the feces of your festivals. Then I will lift you up to me, and

you will know that **I have sent this command to you so that my covenant with Levi can continue to exist, says the LORD of heavenly forces. My covenant with him involved life and peace, which I gave him, and also fear so that he honored me.** He was in awe of my name. True Instruction was in his mouth; injustice wasn't found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and did the right thing; he made many turn from iniquity. The lips of the priest should guard knowledge; everyone should seek Instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger from the LORD of heavenly forces. **But you have turned from the path. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of heavenly forces.** Moreover, I have made you despised and humiliated in the view of all the people, since none of you keep my ways or show respect for Instruction." Mal. 2:1-9

### 3. Cheap Sacrifices

- A. Dishonoring Yahweh by bringing imperfect sacrifices to His altar EVEN when you have available what would please Him.
  - (1) **"When you offer blind animals for sacrifice,** is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would

he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?' says the LORD Almighty." Mal. 1:8 NIVUK

- (2) "And you say, "What a burden!" and you sniff at it contemptuously,' says the LORD Almighty. **'When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?' [Like Cain]** says the LORD. **'Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord.** For I am a great king,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and my name is to be feared among the nations." Mal. 1:13-14 NIVUK
- (3) Abel brought the firstborn of his animals. Cain brought some inferior grain!

## Questions & Discussion

1. As a believer, what does the firstborn birthright mean to you?
  - A. How have you appreciated that in your life?
  - B. In what areas are you ignoring the duties of the firstborn?
2. What do you think it means to despise or give little regard for your birthright?
3. Discuss Y'shua as firstborn and how that relates to you.
  - A. Do you think Adam surrendered his firstborn position?
  - B. If so, did Y'shua step in and take it?
  - C. How does Y'shua's birthright affect you?
4. Food for thought. Think of the original Passover Narrative and the Exodus. And ponder these questions.
  - A. Who did the blood of the lamb save from death?
  - B. Who died when the Angel of Death passed over?
  - C. Who was not at risk in the first place?
  - D. Who came out of Egypt in the Exodus?
  - E. How many groups of people are clearly distinguished?