

MESSIANIC FIRSTBORN

Hebrew word for firstborn is bekor (Deut.21:17; 1 Chron.5:1-2).

(Gen.25:32) “Esau said, ‘Behold, I am about to die; so, of what use then is the **birthright** (bekorah) to me?’”

(Gen.25:34) “Thus Esau despised his birthright.”

- **The Israelites** sat at meals based the firstborn order.
 - (Gen.43:33) “Now they were seated before him (Joseph of Egypt), the **firstborn** according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at one another in astonishment.”
- **The Ishmaelites** also practiced the firstborn order.
 - (Gen.25:13) “These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth.”
- **Messianic Title:**

(Ps.87:27) “I shall make **My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**”

(Rev.1:5) “And from **Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.** To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.”

This lesson will study <u>three aspects</u> of Messianic Firstborn.
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1. Firstborn is taken from Divine Institution of family to make a doctrinal point about the spiritual family of God. We will mention five points.

1st -Extension of a specific genealogy of human race (family tree). Adam and Eve were the origin of human race to Jesus Christ (Luke 3:23-38).

2nd - Abraham was a Shemite (Gen.11:10-27) who became the father of a new race, the Hebrews (Gen.12:1-3; 14:13; Ex.3:18).

3rd - Jacob was Hebrew whose first three sons failed to maintain firstborn status (1 Chron.5:1-2) [Reuben, Simeon, Levi to Judah] (Gen.49).

4th - Firstborn among human race in Egypt: “And smote the **firstborn in Egypt**, the first issue of their virility in the tents of Ham.” (Ps.78:51; 105:23, 27; Gen.10:6) [Mizraim] (Ex.11-12; 12:12-13, 23, 29; 13:13-16)

5th - Hebrews in Egypt: “By faith he (Moses) kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, **so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.**” (Heb.11:28)

2. **First Messianic firstborn lineage began with Adam and covered the Antediluvian civilization (Gen.5:1-32) [10 genealogies] (Adam to Noah).**

Adam and Eve had three children (Cain, Abel, and **Seth**). However, the messianic firstborn lineage goes from Adam to Seth. (Luke 3:23-38).

Immediately we have an attack upon messianic firstborn (Angelic conflict) (Gen.4).

(1 John 3:12) “Not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brothers were righteous.”

(Heb.11:4) “By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and though faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.” [Shadow Christology] (Heb.10:1)

Succession of the firstborn begins with Seth, the third born.

(Ex.12:22) “And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to **the sprinkled blood** which speaks better than the blood of Abel.” (Heb.12:24)

(1 Cor.5:7b) “For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.”

3. **The Second Messianic firstborn lineage began with Abraham and covered the Postdiluvian Civilization (Matt.1:1-17) [Abraham to David to Jesus Christ].**

- **With Abraham**, we have the seed of Christ (Gal.3:16; Matt.2:16-18; Jer.31:15/ AC).
- **With David**, we have the throne of Christ (Luke 1:32; Heb.1:8). The **curse of Jeconiah** (Coniah) Angelic Conflict (Jer.22:24-30) teaches that no one will sit on throne of David until Jesus Christ does in His Second Coming (Gen.49:10) [Shiloh of Judah] (Rev.5:5; 2 Sam.7:13, 16) [Millennium].

(Ps.89:27) “I shall make Him **My firstborn**, the highest of the kings of the earth.” (Rev.19:16; Heb.1:5)

All the Messianic Firstborns lead us to Jesus Christ (Matt.1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38).

(Col.1:15) “He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn of all creation**.” (Col.1:15-18)

(Heb.12:23) “To the general assembly and church of **the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven**, and to **God**, the Judge of all, and to **the spirits of the righteous made perfect**.”

(Rom.8:29) “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that **He would be the firstborn among many brethren**.”