

# THE FIRSTBORN OF ISRAEL

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**ESV Exodus 13:1** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>  
"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is  
the first to open the womb among the people of  
Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." . . . <sup>11</sup>  
"When the LORD brings you into the land of the  
Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers,  
and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup> you shall set apart to  
the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the  
firstborn of your animals that are males shall be  
the LORD's. <sup>13</sup> Every firstborn of a donkey you  
shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not  
redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn  
of man among your sons you shall redeem.

<sup>14</sup> And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup> For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' <sup>16</sup> It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

- Firstborn of all the animals and people of Israel are God's
- Firstborn of clean animals are sacrificed
  - Firstborn of unclean animals are redeemed or killed (Deut. 15:19)
- God made a difference between the males and the females (Exodus 11:5)
- Firstborn male children are to be redeemed



**ESV Numbers 8:17** For all the firstborn among the people of Israel are mine, both of man and of beast. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated them for myself . . .

**ESV 1 Samuel 20:27-29** <sup>27</sup> But on the second day, the day after the new moon, David's place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has not the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?" <sup>28</sup> Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem. <sup>29</sup> He said, 'Let me go, for our clan holds a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to be there. So now, if I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away and see my brothers.' For this reason he has not come to the king's table."

**NKJ Genesis 14:18** Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

**ESV Exodus 19:1** On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. . . . There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.



<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

**ESV Exodus 32:26** then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.



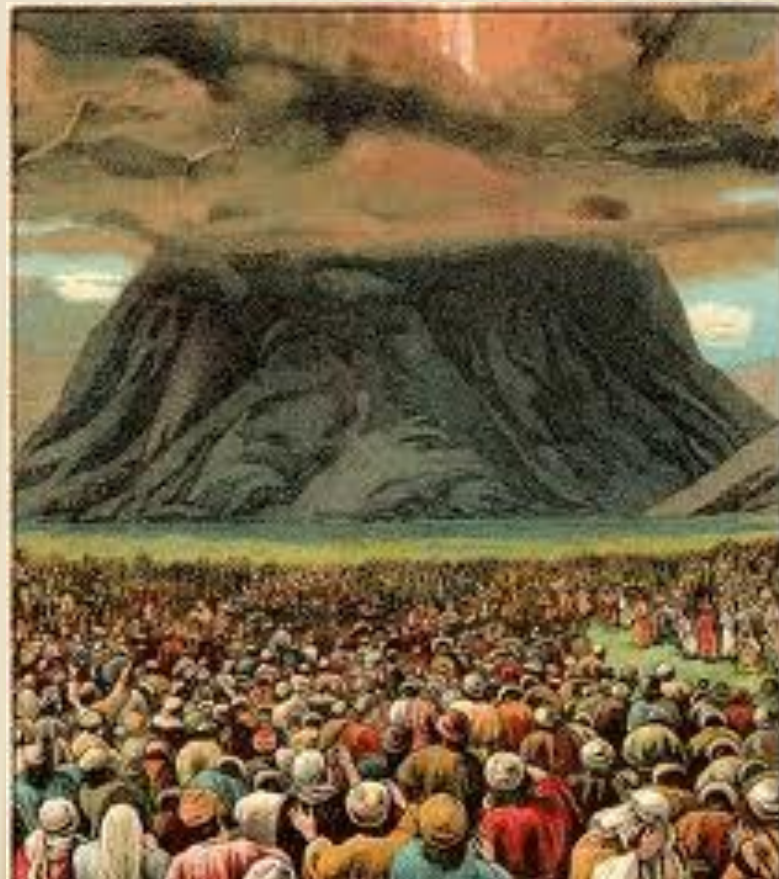
**ESV Numbers 3:11-13** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the people of Israel. The Levites shall be mine, <sup>13</sup> for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own all the firstborn in Israel, both of man and of beast. They shall be mine: I am the LORD."

**ESV Numbers 3:40-48** And the LORD said to Moses, "List all the firstborn males of the people of Israel, from a month old and upward, taking the number of their names. <sup>41</sup> And you shall take the Levites for me- I am the LORD- instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the people of Israel." <sup>42</sup> So Moses listed all the firstborn among the people of Israel, as the LORD commanded him. <sup>43</sup> And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names, from a month old and upward as listed were 22,273.

<sup>44</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>45</sup>  
"Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn  
among the people of Israel, and the cattle of the  
Levites instead of their cattle. The Levites shall be  
mine: I am the LORD. <sup>46</sup> And as the redemption  
price for the 273 of the firstborn of the people of  
Israel, over and above the number of the male  
Levites, <sup>47</sup> you shall take five shekels per head;  
you shall take them according to the shekel of the  
sanctuary (the shekel of twenty gerahs), <sup>48</sup> and  
give the money to Aaron and his sons as the  
redemption price for those who are over."

**ESV Hebrews 12:22-24** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**NKJ 1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light . . .



**NKJ 1 Peter 1:18-19** <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

**YLT 1 Peter 1:18-19** having known that, not with corruptible things -- silver or gold -- were ye redeemed from your foolish behavior delivered by fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and unspotted -- Christ's --



**ESV Matthew 27:50-51** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.  
<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.



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**Shalom Alechim**

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