INHERITING THE KINGDOM

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PART 8 – THE ANGEL OF YHWH FACILITATES HIS COVENANT FAMILY
2,000-1800 BC ~ Genesis chapters 18 thru 50

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OUR SEQUENTIAL CHAPTER OVERVIEW

In this section of our Inheriting the Kingdom series, Part 8, we are covering the last 33 chapter of Genesis. We spent 7 sessions on the first 17 chapter. Please spend a moment glancing over the chapter overviews below as you will hopefully see that **everything** Moses recorded is connected to **the covenant plan of YHWH**.

BOOK OF GENESIS COVENANT OVERVIEW

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Genesis chapter 15 ~ Two promises & the Smoking Furnace & Burning Lamp walk thru the pieces ***(Part 5)***
Genesis chapter 16 ~ The Angel of YHWH appears for first time, the Burning Lamp ***(Part 6)***
Genesis chapter 17 ~ Abraham sheds his own blood, circumcision, & enters covenant with YHWH ***(Part 7)***

*********PART 8, GENESIS 18 thru 50*********

Genesis chapter 18 & 19 ~ The Smoking Furnace destroys Sodom & Gomorrah
Genesis chapter 20 ~ Abimelech takes Sarah & YHWH intervenes
Genesis chapter 21 ~ Isaac is born & Ishmael is cast out of Abraham's household
Genesis chapter 22 ~ The Angel of YHWH stops Abraham from killing his son as instructed
Genesis chapter 23 ~ Sarah dies, and Abraham purchases a burial place in Canaan to bury her
Genesis chapter 24 ~ Abraham's servant instructed by the Angel of YHWH to pick out a wife for his son Isaac
Genesis chapter 25 ~ Abraham dies, Isaac has twins, & Esau sells his birthright to Jacob
Genesis chapter 26 ~ Isaac encountered Abimelech and YHWH reaffirms His covenant with him
Genesis chapter 27 ~ Jacob receives firstborn blessing from his father Isaac
Genesis chapter 28 ~ YHWH reaffirms His covenant with Jacob with dream of angels ascending & descending
Genesis chapter 29 & 30 ~ Jacob works for Laban household & has 11 boys through 2 wives & 2 maidservants

Genesis chapter 31 & 32 ~ The Angel of YHWH sent Jacob back to his father's land in Canaan
Genesis chapter 32 ~ The Angel of YHWH wrestles with Jacob as a Man and changes his name to Israel
Genesis chapter 33 ~ Jacob meets his brother Esau and ends up back in Canaan
Genesis chapter 34 ~ Jacob's daughter Dinah defiled by prince of the Hivites & Simeon & Levi kill the men
Genesis chapter 35 ~ YHWH reaffirm covenant with Jacob, Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin & Isaac dies
Genesis chapter 36 ~ Genealogy of Esau and his descendants
Genesis chapter 37 ~ Joseph's brother sold Joseph to Midianite traders who sold him into slavery in Egypt
Genesis chapter 38 ~ Judah's daughter in-law hides & prostitutes herself with father in-law Judah
Genesis chapter 39 thru 45 ~ Joseph's details of his rise in Egypt and saving his brothers from a famine
Genesis chapter 46 & 47 ~ Joseph's favor in Egypt moved family in fulfillment of the Genesis 15 covenant
Genesis chapter 48 & 49 ~ Jacob blesses his 12 sons, giving his firstborn to Ephraim, Jacob dies
Genesis chapter 50 ~ Joseph buries Jacob in Canaan & Joseph dies having oath his bones to brought to Land

THE RULES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION; THE SETTING
THE LAST 33 CHAPTERS OF GENESIS
AS YHWH IS ESTABLISHING A COVENANT FAMILY

In every Lesson I am going to continue to remind you of the biblical rules of interpretation in **the setting section** of the time period of our lesson. The rules of biblical interpretation are:

***The rules of biblical interpretation* are simply:**

1) a timeline, ***(you must put yourself into the story on the timeline)***
2) identifying the covenant in the very beginning with Adam and every covenant thereafter between YHWH and man, and
3) allow the Offer, Acceptance, Terms and Conditions of each covenant dictate the storyline.

Please go back and get a refresher regarding more in-depth understanding of these rules of biblical interpretation in **the introduction** of this 22-part chronological covenant teaching series. This is the revelation by which I am laying out this entire series.

THE SETTING OF PART 8, SPANNING 240 YEARS

As we place ourselves into the storyline here in Part 8, we are just exiting Genesis chapter 17 and heading all the way through Genesis chapter 50 in this one section. There are many subjects we could talk about within these 33 chapters from Genesis chapters 18 to 50, but we are going to focus on the primary reason these chapters are written: **THE MESSENGER OF YHWH IS FACILITATING A COVENANT FAMILY FOR ABRAHAM.**

In Genesis chapter 17, covered in the last section Part 7, in which was given **the mandatory blood covenant entry** for any male to shed his blood in circumcision if they choose to enjoin the Creator's covenant He made with Abraham. Once a soul joins by method of shedding their own blood, they are considered Abraham's descendant & in covenant with YHWH, regardless of their physical bloodline.

Let's use our *rules of biblical interpretation* to establish the setting here in Genesis chapter 18 by using the contractual elements *(Offer, Acceptance, Terms, & Conditions)* of the covenant that was just made:

CONTRACTUAL TERMS ESTABLISHED IN GENESIS CHAPTER 17: *(see Part 7)*

TERMS OF THE COVENANT *(GENESIS CHAPTER 17)*:

1) Walk before Me and be blameless *(Genesis 17:1)*
2) I will cut my covenant and multiply you exceedingly *(Genesis 17:2)*
3) Abraham will be a father of many nations *(Genesis 17:4)*
4) Name changed from Abram to Abraham *(Genesis 17:5)*
5) Will make Abraham exceeding fruitful, nations and kings will come from him *(Genesis 17:6)*
6) A future wedding is announced, see below *(Genesis 17:7)*
7) Abraham to receive a Kingdom, Land of Canaan, Will & Testament see Part 5 *(Genesis 17:8)*
8) Name changed from Sarai to Sarah (Genesis 17:15)
9) Abraham will have a son by Sarah and she will be a mother of nations and kings will come from her (*Genesis 17:16)*
10) YHWH will establish His covenant with Isaac & descendants after him *(Genesis 17:19)*
11) Ishmael is blessed and will be made fruitful and will be multiply him exceedingly. He will begot twelve princes and will be made into a great nation. *(Genesis 17:20)*
12) Isaac will be born in exactly one year *(Genesis 17:21)*

These are the terms of the new binding covenant that took place in Genesis chapter 17. Notice the highlighted terms above we will be building from within these 33 chapters of Genesis 18 thru 50. We see the following take place:

- Isaac is born one year later and receives the same promise given his father. YHWH promises Isaac and Jacob the same promises guaranteed to Abraham to multiply his descendants exceedingly *(see the next section titled **THE ANGEL OF YHWH FACILITATES THE COVENANT FAMILY**)*
- You must ask yourself, how will Abraham be made *"a father of many nations"* through his one SEED *(singular, Isaac). (See the section below titled **THE FIRSTBORN BLESSING AND FORFEITURE OF INHERITANCE OF ESAU**)*

We now begin the countdown to the Will & Testament discussed in **Part 5** scheduled to take place at Mt Sinai.

THE ANGEL OF YHWH FACILITATES HIS COVENANT FAMILY

Just like we see the Burning Lamp, the second party of the Will & Testament *(Part 5),* first appear to Hagar in Genesis chapter 16 as the Messenger of YHWH, we will see Him appear ***over*** and ***over*** and ***over*** to facilitate **His covenant** with Abraham.

THE MESSENGER OF YHWH'S SEQUENTIAL FACILITATION OF HIS COVENANT:

Genesis 18 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appears to his tent door, as one of three Men ***(Genesis 18:1-2)***
- Abraham bowed himself to the ground to Him as he did in the Genesis 17 covenant ***(Genesis 18:2)***
- He states that Sarah will have a son in one year, repeating covenant of Genesis 17:21 ***(Genesis 18:9-15)***
- He states why he will become a mighty nation and earth will be blessed though him ***(Genesis 18:18-19)***
- He discusses the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah and going down there ***(Genesis 18:20-22)***

Genesis 19 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He took Lot's hand, wife's hand, and hand of Lot's two daughters & brought them out of the city before the Smoking Furnace rained brimstone and fire ***(Genesis 19:17, 24)*** ******NOTE****** *The Messenger aka The Son always protects the covenant people from judgment of the Smoking Furnace (Father)*

Genesis 20 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He reached King Abimelech in a dream of not touching Sarah and the fear of Abraham's covenant God as word of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction was widely known ***(Genesis 20:2-11)***

Genesis 21 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appeared to Hagar and was with Ishmael as Sarah kicked Ishmael and his mother out of Abraham's household after Ishmael mocked Isaac ***(Genesis 21:17-20)***

Genesis 22 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He stops Abraham from sacrificing His son Isaac ***(Genesis 22:11:12) **SEE BELOW FOR MORE COMMENTARY ON THIS HUGE EVENT******

Genesis 24 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He instructs Abraham's servant on whom to choose a wife for Isaac ***(Genesis 24:7, 40)***

Genesis 25 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He spoke to Rebekah in labor regarding the younger twin serving the older ***(Genesis 25:23)***

Genesis 26 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appears to Isaac telling him to stay in the land of Canaan and reaffirms His covenant made with Abraham to Isaac because Abraham obeyed His voice **(*Genesis 26:2-5)***

Genesis 27 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- Rebekah follows His instructions by giving Jacob her instructions to trick his father Isaac *(Rebekah's husband)* in giving him the firstborn covenant blessing ***(Genesis 27:8, 13, 28-29)***

Genesis 28 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appears to Jacob in a dream of angels ascending and descending on it and reaffirms His covenant with Jacob as He did with Isaac and will bring him back to the LAND ***(Genesis 28:12-15)***

Genesis 31 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appears to Jacob in a dream telling him to return to the LAND of his family, the covenant family inheritance, the future Kingdom of YHWH ***(Genesis 31:11-13)***

Genesis 32 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appears as a Man and wrestles with Jacob, changing his name to Israel ***(Genesis 32:24-30)***

Genesis 35 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appears to Jacob reaffirming His covenant and changing his name to Israel ***(Genesis 25:9-13)***

Genesis 46 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- He appeared to Israel *(Jacob)* telling him to go down into Egypt **(Genesis 46:2-4)**

Genesis 48 ~ THE MESSENGER OF YHWH

- Israel *(Jacob)* blesses Ephraim and Manasseh with his firstborn blessing with authority **<u>from the Messenger of YHWH</u>** ***(Genesis 48:16)***

The covenant family began in Genesis chapter 17 by circumcision entry. As we pick up the building of a covenant family in Genesis chapter 18, do you see how the Messenger of YHWH is the covenant mediator of the first covenant? This is ONLY THE BEGINNING!!! Just wait until the next several parts of the storyline. We are going to see the following activity regarding the Messenger of YHWH:

Short summary of the Messenger of YHWH's appearance covered in PARTS 9 thru 18:

- He appears to Moses in the burning bush telling Moses that "I AM" *(meaning YHWH)* sent you to *"let my people go"*
- He *"passes over"* as the Angel of death killing the firstborn in Egypt who does not have the blood of the lamb on their doorposts
- He leads the covenant people through the Red Sea
- He brings the people to the Smoking Furnace for marriage *(doesn't go as planned!!!)*
- After the original marriage fails the Messenger is in control to lead them
- A coffin for the Messenger *(the Ark of the Covenant)* was given to carry His presence with them
- He appears as the commander of the army to Joshua
- He rebukes the people in the Land for not driving out the inhabitants of the Land

A CLOSER LOOKS AT TWO SPECIFIC THINGS THE MESSENGER OF YHWH DID

1) **GENESIS CHAPTER 22 ~ HE SWORE BY HIMSELF**

The Messenger of YHWH tested Abraham's belief level in obeying His voice to the point of sacrificing His son Isaac on the altar. Just as the Messenger could tell Abraham was going to thrust the dagger into Isaac He stopped him:

*10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But **the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham**!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And **He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him**; for **now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only [son], from Me."** **GENESIS 22:10-12***

This may seem like a cruel joke played on Abraham and especially Isaac. However, this is an incredible moment of the baton being officially passed to Abraham as the Messenger will decide to be the sacrifice Himself, regarding the blood covenant promise and death penalty for breaking it, of Genesis chapter 15 *(See Part 5)* at the same location 2,000 years later of the covenant that He made. Please listen to what the Messenger is saying here:

*13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, **and there behind [him was] a ram caught** in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and **offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son**. [Gen 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-LORD-Will-Provide**; as it is said [to] this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." **GENESIS 22:13***

*15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: **"By Myself I have sworn**, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only [son]-- **GENESIS 22:15-16***

In the old days when a witness took the stand in a Court hearing in America the person would place a hand on the Bible and swear to God he would tell the truth. This is the incident by which the writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 6:13-14 says that He took the witness stand and swore by Himself as there was no greater to swear by:

*13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, **because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself**, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." **HEBREWS 6:13-14***

2) **GENESIS CHAPTER 46 ~ HE SENDS JACOB DOWN TO EGYPT TO FULFULL HIS WILL**

In Genesis 17:7 YHWH stated:

7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, ***to be God to you and your descendants after you.***

(Scheduled to take place in Exodus chapter 19, see Part 10)

This future marriage (*to be God to Abraham's descendants*) would be to Abraham's descendants when **the Will & Testament of YHWH** would be completed in 400 years.

Terms: ***(see Part 5)***

a. Abram's descendants **will be strangers in a land that is not theirs,** and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years *(Genesis 15:13)*
b. The nation whom they serve I will judge *(Genesis 15:14)*
c. They will come out with great possessions *(Genesis 15:14)*
d. In the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete *(Genesis 15:16)*

To accomplish His will, the Messenger of YHWH sends Jacob's family to Egypt and goes along with him for the 400 years:

*4 "****I will go down with you to Egypt****,* ***and I will also surely bring you up [again];*** *and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."* ***GENESIS 46:4***

SUMMARY OF THE MESSANGER OF YHWH

When you connect the dots of **WHO** the Messenger of YHWH is, as covenant maker, and as the One who had took on flesh to die for the remission of sins committed under the first covenant *(Hebrews 9:15)* your revelation of him will explode with powerful meaning!!! In some cases, a salvation meaning!!!

CANAANITE WOMEN FORBIDDEN TO BE IN THE GENEOLOGY TO MESSIAH

The storyline of scripture is that the Nephilim were contaminating the seed line of Adam. He preserved a genetic pure seed through Noah, resulting in a flood in an attempt to eradicate the contaminated seed line. The contaminated seed line made it through the flood however, most likely through Ham's wife resulting in their son Canaan, who's descendants ironically made up of the majority of inhabitants in the covenant promise land to Abraham. ***(see Part 4)***

By marrying a Canaanite woman, the covenant genetic seed to the Messiah would be contaminated. For this extremely important reason did Abraham sent his servant out of the Land of Canaan to find a wife for his son Isaac:

*2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth****, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites****, among whom I dwell;* ***GENESIS 24: 2-3***

Jacob went to **find a non-Canaanite woman to marry** but Esau **intentionally found one to marry**:

*6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, [and that] as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "**You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,**" 7 and that **Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother** and had gone to Padan Aram. 8 Also **Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac**. 9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.* ***GENESIS 28:6-9***

Judah, Jacob's 4th born boy, whom of all 12 boys of Jacob the Messiah would descend from, set himself up for a disastrous failure of the covenant plan by marrying a Canaanite woman that mixed the gene pool of his sons disqualifying his lineage:

*2 And **Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite** whose name [was] Shua, and **he married her and went in to her.** **GENESIS 38:2***

In Genesis 38 Tamar was an eligible non-Canaanite wife given to Judah's firstborn who was a half-breed Canaanite son born to a Canaanite woman. Tamar tricked her father in-law in prostituting herself to continue the purebred bloodline… one that Judah himself upon pronouncing the discovery of her deceit proclaimed *"she is more righteous than I" (Genesis 38:26)* because she knew of the covenant problem raising Canaanite covenant children. **As a result:** she had twins with her father in-law Judah *(Genesis 38:27)* and the pure genetic line continued. It is just amazing how YHWH's will always prevail!

THE CONCEPT OF SIN
BETWEEN GENESIS 17 AND MT SINAI

For 1692 years there was **no covenant** between Adam's descendants and YHWH up until the flood. Since **there was no covenant** given to man in this time period, there was no instructions regarding *"sin"* which by definition means *"the instructions of the covenant"*. Even though there were no instructions given to disobey and be held accountable to, they were all under the law of death *(the penalty given Adam for breaking his covenant, see Parts 1 & 2)* in that they all would die. The three factors that propelled violence on earth leading to the destruction of all life except those on the ark were:

1) **No covenant instructions** *(laws)* given man to obey
2) **No penalty** holding people accountable for disobeying covenant instructions
3) **No hope** in that in the end they die anyways. For **this hopelessness** the people resorted to *"eating, drinking and marrying and being given in marriage*" called *"the days of Noah"* with no fear of YHWH.

A new covenant through Noah was made with new limitations *(see Part 3)*. The new covenant terms provided new guidelines for the entire earth of which are still valid today. YHWH's covenant through Noah did not provide a remedy for **the law of death** given Adam, nor did it provide a way for anybody to be in a covenant relationship with the Creator. It therefore also lacked instructions for sin and consequences for binding man to keep. For this reason, you will find that there is no recording of consequences of sin between Noah and Abraham in Genesis 9 to Genesis 15. Even YHWH's solution in dealing with the building of the tower of Babyl with Nimrod was to confound their language. Nobody died in the incident.

367 years after the flood the Creator picked a descendant of Shem to give two promises to, a nation of people and a land, and these promises carry out to the end to be the future Kingdom of the Son of YHWH. When Abram's heart belief level in the promise elevated to the point of acceptable *(Genesis 15:6)* YHWH then chose to guarantee His promises by blood covenant Himself, as the Smoking Furnace *(Father)* and Burning Lamp *(Son)* walked between the split bloodied animal pieces *(see Parts 5 & 6)*. During the 367 time period since the

flood there was no covenant relationship formed and covenant given binding man to keep instructions *(laws)* and no consequence for breaking them.

SIN FROM GENESIS TO MT SINAI <u>WAS NOT</u> THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

It was only until YHWH offered a mandate to Abraham, his household, and anybody else choosing to enter into relationship with Him, through means of males shedding their own blood via circumcision, did the concept of *"sin"* begin. To *"sin"* against the Creator is to violate YHHW's covenant with Abraham and that *"sin"* was to be found not being circumcised or circumcising your boy @ 8 days old which encompassed a penalty to be *"cut off"*.

<u>So far in our storyline</u> YHWH's covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob beginning in Genesis chapter 17 **<u>was NOT the Ten Commandments or related issues</u>** that come into play at Mt Sinai.

(Speaking of the Ten Commandments given @ Mt Sinai, ***written 40 years after the giving of the Ten Commandments in Exodus chapter 20****) "The LORD* ***<u>did not make this covenant with our fathers</u>****, but with us, those here today, all of us who are alive* ***DEUTERONOMY 5:3***

The Ten Commandments, and related issues such as the annual anniversary celebrations *(the Feasts of YHWH),* **<u>was the covenant marriage</u>** *(the Ten Commandments)* reserved for the timing of the execution of the Last Will & Testament *(see Part 5)* 400 years from the persecution of Isaac *(Genesis 21:9),* the original wedding of Abraham's enslaved descendants @ Mt Sinai. *(Parts 10 thru 15 to come)*

It is important to recognize, beginning with circumcision in Genesis 17 and throughout the timing of the 400 years to Mt Sinai, is a multiplying of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's descendants in order to enter a special covenant with a Nation of people. For the first time in human history the events at Mt Sinai were designed to be an entire Nation entering covenant at once with the Creator.

Let's look at what constituted as *"sin"* **<u>in this covenant time period</u>** *(after the Genesis 17 covenant*).

SIN BETWEEN GENESIS 17 & MT SINAI IS SPECIFIC COVENANT SEXUAL SIN:

The only *"sin"* you will find from Genesis 18 to Genesis 50 is sexual sin as it is directly related to covenant.

> **<u>Genesis 18-19, the great sexual perversion in Sodom and Gomorrah:</u>**
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> Lot, as a covenant relative of Abraham had two daughters who had not known a man *(Genesis 19:8)* and all the men of Sodom only were after other men.
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> *20 And the LORD said, "****<u>Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great</u>****, and* ***<u>because their sin is very grave</u>****, 21 "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."* ***GENESIS 18:20-21***
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> *4 Now before they lay down,* ***<u>the men of the city</u>****, the men of Sodom, both old and young,* ***<u>all the people from every quarter</u>****, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot and said to him, "****<u>Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them [carnally</u>****]." GENESIS 19:4-5***
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> **<u>Genesis 20, Abimelech in taking Abraham's covenant wife Sarah, even though Abraham lied to him, but YHWH prevented him from also sexually *"sinning"* against Him</u>**

Abimelech knew YHWH was with Abraham and it was well-known what had just happened to Sodom and Gomorrah.

*3 But **God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you [are] a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she [is] a man's wife**." 4 But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said**, "Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?** 5 "Did he not say to me, 'She [is] my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He [is] my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this." 6 **And God said to him in a dream**, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. **For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.** **GENESIS 20:3-6***

Genesis 26, Abimelech once again his nation almost judged by one of his men taking Isaac's wife this time as Isaac also lied about his wife being his sister

*7 And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She [is] my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "[She is] my wife," [because he thought], "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she [is] beautiful to behold." 8 Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife. 9 Then **Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Quite obviously she [is] your wife; so how could you say, 'She [is] my sister'?**" Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.' " 10 And Abimelech said, **"What [is] this you have done to us? One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us."** 11 **So Abimelech charged all [his] people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death**." GENESIS 26:7*

Judah's second son Onan not raising up an heir for his older brother

*9 But Onan knew that the heir would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should give an heir to his brother. 10 **And the thing which he did displeased the LORD; therefore He killed him also**. **GENESIS 38:9-10***

Genesis 39, Joseph refusing to sleep with Potiphar's wife, refraining from sinning against YHWH

*7 And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what [is] with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. 9 "[There is] no one greater in this house than I**, nor has he kept back anything from me but you**, **because you [are] his wife**. **How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?**" **GENESIS 39:7-9***

OTHER SINS THAT ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF MOSES DEATH WOULD BE THE PENALTY

In the next section below titled *THE FIRSTBORN BLESSING AND FORFEITURE OF INHERITANCE LIKE ESAU* we will see that **the first three boys of Jacob** committed *"sins"* **worthy of death** under the covenant at Mt Sinai, called the Law of Moses. While the firstborn blessing did pass by them, **the death penalty did as well as they were not bound by covenant to their sinful actions**:

- **The firstborn of Jacob/Israel, Reuben** slept with his father's concubine *(Genesis 35:22, 1 Chronicles 5:1)*. Reuben not only did not die but was given a covenant people group and even a gate named after him in the future in New Jerusalem. Here is the penalty given later under the Law of Moses:

  The death penalty SEX WITH FATHER'S WIFE under the Law of Moses: *11 'The **man who lies with his father's wife** has uncovered his father's nakedness; **both of them shall surely be put to death**. Their blood [shall be] upon them.* ***LEVITICUS 20:11***

- **The second born and third born of Jacob/Israel, Simeon and Levi**, slaughtered/murdered an entire village of people to avenge the rape of their sister Dinah. *(Genesis 34:25-26)* Just like their older brother Reuben, Simeon and Levi not only did not die but there were also given a covenant people group of their father Israel and a gate named after them as well to come in New Jerusalem. Here is the penalty given later under the Law of Moses:

  The death penalty FOR MURDER under the Law of Moses: 12 "*He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death*. ... 14 "But *if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery*, you shall take him from My altar, *that he may die*. *EXODUS 21:12. 14 // 17 'Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death*. *LEVITICUS 24:17*

- While we are on the subject, there is no better point to make on this subject that there existed no penalty for *"sin"* binding man to covenant until the events at Mt Sinai than Moses himself. **Moses**, before he was called to lead the people out of Egypt, **murdered an Egyptian**. *(Exodus 2:11-14)*

THE GENESIS 26:5 VERSE, ABRAHAM OBEYED MY LAWS: *DOCTRINE OF "TORAH"*

There is a doctrine built around this one verse. The word *"Torah"* has inconveniently been passed down from the religion of Judaism to somehow take root to mean *"1st five books of Moses"* or *"all the laws Moses gave"*, but you will not find this to be the definition of *"law"* to mean this in any verse in scripture from beginning to end. Since this is the only time in the book of Genesis the word *"law"* is mentioned, it is inferred that Abraham must have *"kept"* all the *"1st five books of Moses"* to uphold this nonsensical belief. Let's look at the verse, as in context, the verse is given after Abraham died to his son Isaac in explaining to Isaac why YHWH chose him to make good on His promises:

(Speaking to Isaac) *3 "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and **I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father**. 4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 "**because Abraham obeyed My voice** and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, **and My laws**." GENESIS 26:4-5*

We have spoken of several times in the series that the word *"law"* simply means *"instructions"*. Notice in context of Abraham obeying YHWH's *"instructions/laws"* that **he obeyed YHWH's voice**. This **obeying YHWH's voice** was the specific instructions given directly to him, and not the notion that he obeyed *"laws"* that were not given via a different covenant hundreds of years later. From the age of 75 years old is when YHWH called Abraham out of the land he had lived in. He lived another 100 years **obeying His voice** and this is a short list below of the specific things that Abraham was told and obeyed… in other words, Abraham obeyed the *"instructions"* given him specifically, which is the precise meaning of the word *"law"*.

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to leave the Country he was in:

  *1 Now the LORD **had said to Abram**: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you…4 **So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him**, and Lot went with him. And Abram [was] seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.* ***GENESIS 12:1, 4***

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to cut the animals in two, in the making of the eternal covenant:

  *9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." **10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two**,*

down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ***GENESIS 15:9-10***

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to become circumcised:

  *10 "**This [is] My covenant which you shall keep**, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ... 26 **That very same day Abraham was circumcised**, and his son Ishmael; 27 and all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.* ***GENESIS 17:10, 26-27***

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to circumcise his son Isaac at 8 days old:

  *4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, **as God had commanded him**.* ***GENESIS 21:4***

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to cast out Hagar and Ishmael from his household:

  12 But God said to Abraham**, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, **listen to her voice**; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.* ***GENESIS 21:12

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to sacrifice his son Isaac:

  *2 Then He said, "**Take now your son, your only [son] Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you**." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, **and arose and went to the place of which God had told him**.* ***GENESIS 22:2-3***

- Abraham **obeyed His voice** to not getting a wife for his son Isaac from the Canaanites:

  *2 So **Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house**, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 "and **I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;** 4 "but **you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac**."* ***GENESIS 24:2-4***

THE FIRSTBORN BLESSING AND FORFEITURE OF INHERITANCE OF ESAU

Esau is used as a New Testament example regarding those in the new covenant: who will **LOSE THEIR BIRTHRIGHT** also know as **BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THEIR INHERITANCE**.

14 Pursue peace with all [people], and holiness**, without **which no one will see the Lord**: 15 looking carefully lest anyone **fall short of the grace of God**; lest **any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble**, and **by this many become defiled**; 16 lest **there [be] any fornicator or profane person like Esau**, who for one morsel of food **sold his birthright**. 17 For you know that afterward, when **he wanted to inherit the blessing**, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.* ***HEBREWS 12:14-17

This teaching series is entitled "***INHERITING THE KINGDOM, do not be disqualified, do not be blotted out of His book".*** The *"being blotted out of His book"* moment will come up in Exodus 32:33 while we are in Part 13 of this series as we highlight the events surrounding the worship of the golden calf event on Moses' 5th trip up Mt Sinai and what it means to us.

The concept of *"selling or losing your birthright"* has a direct comparison to us in the new covenant with Esau selling his inheritance for a bowl of soup in Genesis 25:29-34. We have already seen that Esau married a Canaanite woman intentionally, violating the covenant and displeasing his father. There are many other traits that disqualified Esau but the main thing to know is that Esau **did not value his birthright**. You may not have known that you have been given a birthright by coming into the new covenant, let alone what it means to lose it. For this reason, is this section of Part 8 of the series in laying the birthright foundation for the rest of the series.

In summarizing the writer of Hebrews comparison to us not valuing our inheritance he lists the following:

- Not pursuing peace with all people
- Not pursuing holiness *(being set apart from the world)*
- Being defiled by allowing a root of bitterness to spring up in our hearts
- Being a fornicator or profane person

When most believers read these sections of scripture, they think these verses are for people going to *"hell"* and since the Holy Spirit has a seal on you, if you've entered blood covenant with the Son, the Holy Spirit tells you this is a lie and you know you are never going to *"hell",* that is, unless you are actively committed gross covenant violations now. That is why, when you are finished with this teaching series, I believe you will have a new fear and respect for the covenant you have been bought and paid by with the precious blood of the Son, because only those found faithful and keeping their covenant receive their inheritance.

WHAT IS THE FIRSTBORN INHERITANCE?

Abraham lived a life of trusting YHWH and obeying His voice *(Genesis 26:5)* as we have already covered. The Messenger of YHWH said that He will perform what He promised Him *(Genesis 22:15-16).* In Part 10, in seeing the foundation of the new covenant @ Mt Sinai, we will see that our offer of the new covenant is the same as that of Abraham, to obey His voice. So, if the phrase *"firstborn"* inheritance only goes to the firstborn how did that occur? Please follow along.

The way those in the Bible passed YHWH's blessing down to their children was through their choosing of favor. Abraham has two sons of note, Ishmael and Isaac. Isaac was the second born but received the blessing and was also YHWH's choice established by covenant *(Genesis 17:21)* ***and retained it***. Ishmael married a Canaanite woman and of other things covered in Part 7 disqualified himself even though he was the natural firstborn.

Isaac then had two twin boys, Esau and Jacob, and from birth YHWH's covenant choice was Jacob *(Genesis 25:23)*. Rachel was told by YHWH from birth of the birthright choice and through events organized by her, including Esau not valuing and selling his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup, Jacob was passed the covenant birthright ***and retained it***.

AN ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLES BIRTHRIGHT THROUGH JACOB/ISRAEL

Continuing the succession in tracking the birthright, Jacob's covenant favor of YHWH was different. Jacob had twelve boys and all twelve boys were brought in by his father's Isaac blessing upon him to be a covenant assembly of people:

3 "May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you, That ***you may be an assembly of peoples****; 4 And give you the blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land In which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham."* ***GENESIS 28:3-4***

THE *"CHURCH"* BEGINS RIGHT HERE

The Hebrew word here for **"assembly"** is Strong's # 6951 **QAHAL** meaning: **congregation**

The Greek work used for **"church"** in the New Testament is Strong's # 1577 **ECCLESIA** meaning: **assembly or congregation**

It's very easy to think *"church"* and believe it's a new covenant and New Testament concept, but that's only because there hasn't been a connection to the foundation of the covenant plan. Right before Jacob dies, as we follow the progression, he brings his 12 boys forward for a blessing in Genesis chapter 49. However, before each boy gets a blessing as part of this *"assembly"* of people who will eventually come forward at Mt Sinai as a multiplied *"assembly",* Jacob gives his firstborn blessing to and through Joseph in Genesis chapter 48. There are two reasons why Joseph received the firstborn blessing as 11th born son sequentially:

1) Reuben, Jacob's firstborn son, eliminated himself, as the pattern, by sleeping his father's concubine
2) Joseph was the firstborn of his chosen wife Rachel whom he loved *(Jacob had children through 4 woman)*

Now, the story of Joseph is that he was sold by his brothers out of jealousy that their father favored him. He went down to Egypt and his righteousness earned him second in command of all of Egypt. He marries an Egyptian wife. So, in Genesis chapter 48, as Jacob **for certain knew of the covenant promise** of his father Abraham that he would be *"a father of many nations"* according to the covenant in Genesis chapter 17 that changed his name from Abram to Abraham, Jacob sees the son he loved Joseph had two boys that were literally *"born in the nations"* in Egypt with partial Egyptian blood from their mother.

Pay specific attention to the second born Ephraim, as is the pattern, receiving of the firstborn blessing of all 12 boys as Jacob passes right through a generation, passed his son Joseph, to his grandchild Ephraim in fulfillment of the covenant promise making Abraham *"a father of many nations"*:

17 Now when Joseph saw that ***his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim****, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. 18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this [one is] the firstborn; put your right hand on his head." 19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great****; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and*** ***his descendants shall become a multitude of nations****."* ***GENESIS 48:17-19***

This phrase regarding what became of Ephraim of being *"a multitude of nations"* is exactly what Paul quotes in Romans chapter 9:

25 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 9:25***

The word *"gentiles"* means *"nations"* and Paul is literally quoting the nations will be coming into covenant with YWHH by the multitudes. We will expand on this later in the series when we identify the House of Ephraim, also known as the northern kingdom.

For now, please know that the new covenant believers coming to the Son are indeed the House of Ephraim. In Jeremiah 31:31-34 is the new covenant prophecy which we will look at more closely in Part 10 @ Mt Sinai. Look at a proceeding verse, verse 9:

*9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; **For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim [is] My firstborn.** 10 "**Hear the word of the LORD, O nations**, And declare [it] in the isles afar off, and say, **'He who scattered Israel will gather him**, And keep him as a shepherd [does] his flock.' 11 For **the LORD has redeemed Jacob,** And ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he.* ***JEREMIAH 31:9-11***

We will make much more sense out of this verse here later in our series as the covenant puzzle pieces come together. Just know, in the same way that the Messenger of YHWH, the pre-incarnate Son and covenant mediator, changed Jacob's name to Israel so has ***"Israel"* always been the name of YHWH's covenant people** even in the Son… and more specifically even, you and I in the new covenant receive our Firstborn blessing as Ephraim!!! Take it, it's your firstborn birthright in the Son ***to retain*** and qualify for!!!

If you didn't know this was your identity, guess what? That's why **you were LOST**, as lost sheep, and now you are FOUND!!!

*24 But He answered and said, "**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel**."* ***MATTHEW 15:24***

If you are NOT a lost sheep from the House of Israel aka the House of *Ephraim (much more to come on this topic in the series)* then that's a problem! Because that's THE ONLY REASON He came… to gather HIS LOST SHEEP!!! YOU!

Just one more Part, Part 9, until the new covenant foundation @ Mt Sinai!!!