

The Messiah to be Born Through Isaac Jacob & Judah

The many promises that were made in the Old Testament of a coming "seed" (child) were referring to Christ. The word "seed" comes from the Greek word "sporos", a singular seed, child or descendant. The Old Testament Hebrew word is "zehra", which means a singular seed, or child, or descendant. Note: Most of all modern translations totally mis-translate this word as "descendants" instead of "descendant" through out the Old Testament passages ignoring the plain meaning of the word and the inspired Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:16. This word is first used in the Garden of Eden when Adam & Eve are expelled:

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 9:8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, Gen 9:9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Regarding Ishmael God said:

Genesis 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Abraham's son Isaac: Hebrew laughter.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, Heb 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Heb 11:19 Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

As we saw last week after Abraham's final exam God said cf:

Genesis 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy

son, thine only *son*: Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Isaac & Rebekah have twin Children: Genesis 25:19-34 cf:

Genesis 25:19 And these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: Gen 25:20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. Gen 25:21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. Gen 25:22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. Gen 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Esau Hebrew ay-sawv rough & hairy.

Jacob Hebrew yah-ak-obe heel catcher or supplanter.

Esau was Isaac's firstborn and natural heir, but God, knowing before they were born, the qualities of the two men, chose Jacob for the Messiah to come through his family line, which He hinted to their mother in v:23. Esau cared nothing for his birthright and sold it to his brother Jacob cf:

Genesis 25:29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint: Gen 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom. Gen 25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. Gen 25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? Gen 25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Gen 25:34

Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

Thus the qualities and character of Esau are explained by the Hebrew writer as:

Hebrews 12:15-17 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled; 12:16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Romans 9:9-13 For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. Rom 9:10 And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac; Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Our Baptist friends confuse these verses to be teaching the Calvinistic predestination of Jacob as if God said this in 1,800BC before the children were born as a matter of choice rather than, foreknowledge as to how the children would turn out. It is simple to understand when you realize *when* God said what Paul is quoting. God said what Paul is quoting in Romans 9:12 about 1,800BC as foreknowledge of how they would turn out and God said Romans 9:13 about 400BC in Malachi about 1,400 years after Jacob and Esau lived, God could say, "Jacob have I loved but Esau have I hated" God did not say that He love one and hated the other before they were born as the Baptists would have you believe.

Malachi 1:2-3 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith

the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, 1:3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

God renews the Abrahamic covenant to Isaac cf:

Genesis 26:3-4 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; Gen 26:4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

God's Word existed before Moses wrote the first five books of the OT because God mentions His: Commandments, Statutes, and Laws cf:

Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Genesis 27:1ff Jacob had already bought the birthright from Esau. It was now necessary to get his father to validate the transfer. This he accomplished by deception. But, remember his mother put him up to it, he earnestly desired the birthright, and Esau cared nothing about the birthright until the time for the blessing.

Genesis 27:27ff

The transfer of the birthright had been validated by Isaac and now is validated by God in Heaven Himself, giving assurance to Jacob that henceforth he is to be recognized as the heir of the promises. Jacob has a dream of a ladder. The ladder was a hint that the promises would accumulate in something that would bridge Heaven and Earth.

Genesis 28:10-12 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. Gen 28:11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. Gen 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached

to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Jesus said that He Himself was the ladder

John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

God renews the Abrahamic covenant through Jacob

Genesis 28:13-22 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 28:15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of. 28:16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not. 28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven. 28:18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 28:19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first. 28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 28:21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: 28:22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Genesis 29-30

Haran is 400 miles NE of Canaan and is where Jacob's grandfather Abraham migrated from and his mother Rebekah had

been raised. Laban was Jacob's uncle. Jacob was there 20 years, and they were years of hardship and suffering. Just as he had gotten his father's blessing by deceit, a wife whom he did not want was forced on him by deceit. He had begun to reap what he had sown. Jacob had 2 wives and 2 concubines, and he only really wanted one wife, Rachel. This polygamous family lived thru many shameful things. This shows that God sometimes uses people as they are to serve His purposes. It also shows the truthfulness of a bible writer. No other book narrates with such candor the weaknesses of it's heroes.

Genesis 31

Jacob had left Canaan 20 years before, alone and empty-handed. Now he was returning a travelled prince, rich in flocks, herds, and servants. Jacob's parting with Laban originated the beautiful Mizpah benediction used by Jews today.

Genesis 31:49 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

Jacob wrestles with the angel at Peniel and is renamed Israel,

Genesis 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. Cf:

Hosea 12:3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: Hos 12:4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Bethel, and there he spake with us; Hos 12:5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD *is* his memorial.

Thus we learn that the wrestling of Jacob mentioned in this place was not merely a physical exercise but also a spiritual one for: "he wept, and made supplication unto him".

Genesis 32:24-30 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 32:25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

What this implies is difficult to understand. It may mean no more than he received a stroke on the groin. The Hebrew word "naga"

often signifies smite with violence. Such a stroke, even if it were slight would disable him for a while.

32:26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 32:27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob. 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Yis-ra-el from Hebrew “sar” a prince or “sar-ah” he ruled as a prince and “el” God.

32:29 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

It is likely that Jacob wished to know the name of the angel so he might invoke him for things he needed which might have caused him to fall into idolatry thinking he could conjure up God by name as the heathen practiced. The Angel gave him no name. Thus the Hebrew with the aleph being dropped in the sentence: You have Hebrew “ish” a man & “raah” he saw & “el” God and this corresponds with the name Jacob imposed on the place calling it Peniel the faces of God or of Elohim, which faces being manifested to him caused him to say verse 30.

32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Hebrew: “ra-it-hi Elohim pan-im el pan-im” I have seen the Elohim faces to faces. “Vatt-inn-at-sel nap-shi” and my soul is redeemed.

We learn that this redemption of the soul will be the blessed consequence of wrestling in prayer and supplication with God. Notice it was not until after a severe struggle that he got his name, his heart and his character changed. After this he was no longer Jacob the supplanter but Israel a man who prevails with God and sees him face to face.

Genesis 35 Bethel was the place 20 years before, in his flight from Canaan, Jacob had seen the Heavenly ladder and God had made him heir to the Abrahamic promises. Now God reassures him those promises will be fulfilled.

Gen 35:9-12 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Pa-dan-aram, and blessed him. 35:10 And God said unto

him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 35:11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 35:12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

Jacob who is now called Israel has 12 sons, who will become the 12 tribes of Israel. His favorite son is Joseph.

Gen 37 Joseph is sold as a slave into Egypt. The coat of many colors was a badge of favoritism, possibly indicating Jacob's intention to make Joseph the heir to the birthright. Joseph's dream of his own ascendancy aggravated the situation further.

Genesis 37:5-10 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 37:6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 37:7 For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 37:8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. 37:10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

Joseph is sold by his brothers into Egypt.

Genesis 37:28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Today liberal modernists late-date the Bible and claim that it was not written until after the Babylonian Captivity. This verse is internal evidence of an early date for the scriptures.

Through archeology we now know, that the price of slaves was constantly changing in the ancient world. The law code of Hamurabi 18th - 19th Century BC, which is contemporary to Joseph's time, states that the price of slaves was 20 pieces of silver, the very same price we see in the Bible story of Joseph.

By the 14th century BC, the Nuzi tablets and tablets from Ugarit show inflation had increased the price of slaves to 30 shekels of silver. This is the same time of the giving of the Law of Moses at Mount Sinai 1447BC. Although the Law of Moses does not authorize slavery, it does give the price of a slave who is accidentally killed by a neighbors ox at 30 shekels of silver.

Exodus 21:32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Later, inflation drives up the price of slaves in the Assyrian slave market in the 7th - 8th Century BC to 50 to 60 shekels of silver. At that time we see see Menahem exact 50 shekels of silver from all the men of wealth to give to the king of Assyria as a ransom.

II Kings 15:20 And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

If the bible was not written until the 3rd or 4th Century as the non-believing professors tell us, where did the author of the Bible go to find the information about the changing price of slaves in the ancient world? Do you think he went to the internet or the library and looked it up? How do you think the Bible writers knew the price of slaves in the ancient world changed?

Genesis 39 Joseph was handsome and of unblemished character. At 17 he was sold into slavery in Egypt. He spent 13 years a

slave in Potyphers house and in prison. At 30 he became ruler in Egypt.

Genesis 42-45 This has been called one of the most beautiful stories in all of literature. The most touching incident is the story where Judah, who years before had been the leader in selling Joseph into slavery, now offers to become the hostage for Benjamin. Cf: Gen 44:18-24

The Messiah will come thru the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:10-11 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*. Gen 49:11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

A sceptre is what a king holds in his hand. Therefore Judah will be the Kingly tribe. Lawgiver means the ability to carry out capital punishment. Therefore, the Kings of Judah will always have the ability to carry out capital punishment *until* Shiloh come. Shiloh means to Him whom it belongs. What belongs? The sceptre. Until the real King comes is the ultimate lawgiver with the *power of Life or Death of our souls*.

Notice, the scripture says: "and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*." The people who are to be saved are going to be gathered or bound to this Christ to be saved.

cf: Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Matthew 21:1-17 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, 21:2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a

colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me. 21:3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. 21:4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. 21:6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, 21:7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon. 21:8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way. 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. 21:10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? 21:11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. 21:14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. 21:15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? 21:17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

Revelation 19:13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

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