

THE SECOND WORST SALE IN HISTORY!

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MISHPAT BACHUR

In the Book of Hebrews, written to both houses of Israel according to chapter 8 and verse 8, we find some tremendous revelation knowledge in Hebrews chapter 12:15-17. We know that Esau, Isaac's firstborn son, sold his birthright for a pot of stew or a pottage of lentil soup, according to Genesis 25:29-34. Notice that in Hebrews 12:17, Esau was in line to inherit the blessing of the firstborn son, (*mishpat bachor*) as well as the renewal of the eternal and unconditional Abrahamic Covenant, whereby Esau was next in line to have his seed fill the globe, with the physical multiplicity that was first promised to Abraham and Isaac. Hebrews 11:9 reminds us that the patriarchs trusted and hoped in one and the same promise of physical multiplicity, that would include a nation and a company of nations, (Genesis 35:10-11) or two houses, along with the Messiah Himself springing forth from that same seed. Esau could have been the vessel of Yahuwah's renewal of that sole promise.

The right of the first-born (statute of the firstborn) is also the heir of a **double portion** of all of the father's inheritance. The Torah calls this double portion of material inheritance, the *mishpat bachor*, or the right of the firstborn male child. This *mishpat bachor* statute, appointed the firstborn sons of those who would later become the nation of Israel, as the

double portion recipients of the family's inheritance, begun with Abraham and Isaac and carried down through the future generations by the firstborn sons of Israel. The son of ***mishpat bachor*** received family leadership, a double portion, preferential status, sanctity, authority, honor, reputation and preeminence. Our Savior Messiah Yahshua was the sinless Lamb in this world and also the first to rise from the dead. He therefore received double honor and a double portion of Yahuwah's inheritance. He was the first and only man to live a sinless life in this world and the first to physically and permanently rise from the dead, for the ***olam habah***, or the world to come! He thus inherits both this age as well as the next age (Hebrews 1: 2) and became the personification of the ultimate firstborn heir of Israel, overcoming both worlds!

Additionally the firstborn heir received the responsibility of family perpetuity, as well as being the chosen heir of family succession, along with the priestly functions to represent the family in the social community of Israel. The right of preeminence rested upon the firstborn, to also dispense justice and equitable ruling. In that culture the ***mishpat bachor***, was the single most important divinely sanctioned blessing that any physical human being could receive here on this planet. The ***mishpat bachor*** was a divinely divested position of power, authority, priestly representation, judgment and sanctity. In the culture and society of the patriarchs, this firstborn recognition was not a side issue or merely a nice religious benediction to possess. Rather it meant everything to the one receiving it. This was no secondary matter. Tribes, nations and societies would often wage war and spill innocent blood to acquire the ***mishpat bachor***.

In Shemot (Exodus 13:2) Yahuwah spoke to Moshe saying: **"Sanctify to me all the firstborn, whatsoever opens the**

womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast. They are mine." Every firstborn cow, horse or donkey belongs to Yahuwah. Every firstborn male child is Yahuwah's. He claimed divine ownership for perpetuity and He and He alone has the power to nullify or change the biological fact of the divine statute of the firstborn ***mishpat bachor***. The firstborn being set apart, was designed to serve the people of Israel as a constant reminder of the fact that it was by killing Egypt's **firstborn** and sparing Israel's **firstborn**, that Israel was redeemed from the house of Egyptian bondage. Every ***mishpat bachor's*** birth was to serve in Israel, as a reminder that their firstborn sons were spared in the great redemption and Exodus from Egypt. In Exodus 13:12-13-15, Yahuwah commands Israel that every firstborn male must be redeemed in a perpetual ceremony known as ***pidyon haben***, that serves to remind us, that the same one who destroyed Egypt's firstborn by death, redeemed Israel's firstborn to life. Also ***pidyon haben*** was to separate Israel as a nation that protected their firstborn as opposed to other Semitic, yet heathen nations, who sacrificed their firstborn to heathen mighty ones.

Do you recall what Yahshua's mother and stepfather did when Messiah Yahshua our Elohim was born? They went to Jerusalem and offered two pigeons because as it is written: "Blessed and set apart is **he that opens the womb** (Exodus 13:12)." Here we glimpse at a clear case of First Covenant grace, as Torah allows the monetarily challenged, to bring two pigeons in place of a more expensive sacrifice, thereby making an allowance for poor yet obedient Israelites. Since Yahuwah owns the firstborn through divine selection, He can at any time through divine election, change, reappoint or transfer the ***mishpat bachor*** any time He so chooses. Only He can make that kind of change.

FASCINATING REVERSALS

What becomes most fascinating is that every time we look at our patriarchal lineage, from Abraham to Ephraim, the true ***bachor pehter***, (***pehter*** means **open** and thus Messiah Yahshua re-named Simon Bar Jonah as Pehter, since Peter was the **opener** of the kingdom, having the authority keys of the firstborn) or biological firstborn, did not receive the inheritance. Rather in **every case** from Abraham to Ephraim, we see the ***mishpat bachor*** being endowed through divine election and not according to the biological facts of firstborn status. Throughout Torah, Yahuwah reiterates that the firstborn's inheritance will only and exclusively be by birth. Yet not one time in the history of Israel's patriarchs, did that actually come to pass according to the very Torah that Yahuwah Himself gave! Think about that startling, yet undeniable irony! It appears that in every patriarchal instance, Yahuwah violated his own Torah! Not in the literal sense of breaking His own scriptures but in the sense that His sovereignty and His preeminence, rules and reigns in the affairs of men and as the giver of Torah, He can adjust Torah to bring to pass His determined foreknowledge and predetermined counsel.

DIVINE SELECTION

We remember Isaac receiving (Gen. 17:16) the ***mishpat bachor*** from Ishmael by divine election. We see the same situation with Jacob receiving it from Esau and with Ephraim receiving it from Reuben, Joseph, and Manasseh, as Yahuwah performs a triple bypass for diverse reasons, giving the ***mishpat bachor*** to Ephraim, Jacob-Israel's grandson. Therefore all those who come from Ephraim-Israel, (later a collective term for the northern kingdom after 921 BCE) are all Israelites and are as chosen an Israelite, as any Jewish

person may be.

In Genesis 25:33-34 Jacob said: "Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drank and rose up and went his way; **thus Esau despised his birthright.**" Every time the firstborn was ready to receive the firstborn inheritance, Yahuwah did not allow things to play out the natural way. Yahuwah had a grand plan to build Israel as a nation of set apart individuals and He would build Israel His way, without any counselors, social workers or any kind of human guidance. He was determined to build the house of Israel, (12 tribes) His way or no way! Baruch HaShem Yahuwah!

YAHUWAH THE CREATOR OF CIRCUMSTANCES

In Romans 9:10-16, you will find that the reason that Yahuwah adjusted His own principal of the firstborn, was to build the nation of Israel and to give both His choice for King, (Savior Yahshua) and the kingdom to Israel. All this was done to fulfill His very own desire and will. Verse 11 of Romans 9, tells us that all of Israel's patriarchs were chosen ***without the mishpat bachor***, "in order that the purpose of Elohim according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth (Romans 9:11 C and D)." Why this continual pattern of neglecting and bypassing the biological firstborn? To demonstrate that a kingdom was planned before the dawn of time and that all things on earth must be done according to the heavenly pattern that Yahuwah was using to build the kingdom that would be given to His national Son Israel. Then through the Brit Chadashah, Messiah Yahshua, Yahuwah's only begotten Son, restores that very same kingdom to the children of the kingdom! History is His-Story and that is what election, selection and divine calling is all

about.

Yahuwah then created the very circumstances that brought Jacob to encounter a hungry Esau, who was at the point of starvation and willing to sell and transfer all his authority to his hated brother. Esau reasoned that as a starving dying man, the birthright would be worthless. What good would the birthright be, if he left this world? Thus Esau agreed to the exchange of his birthright, for a pot of lentil soup and thus Esau despised his birthright. It's a terrible thing to despise your birthright! It is because Esau did despise his gifted birthright; that he in actuality was despising Yahuwah, who had bestowed the honor upon him, therefore leading to Yahuwah's declaration of "I hate Esau" (Romans 9:13). Did Yahuwah really hate Esau the individual, or Esau the man? No! What He hated was the behavior and the spirit of Esau. Now what is that spirit? What exactly is the spirit of Esau? Is that spirit still prevalent today **among born again believers?** Yes it is. It is a spirit of refusing to walk, enjoy, embrace and flourish in the declaration of being a firstborn child of Israel. Israel was to be a chosen nation, strictly set-apart by divine selection and election alone. Why is Israel so separate and different from every other nation on this earth? Because Israel was conceived, nurtured and perpetuated by Yahuwah Himself, (Exodus 19:5-6) whereas every other nation on earth was perpetuated by the initial desires of a man and a woman. Only B'nai Yisrael were elected and chosen by Yahuwah our Heavenly Father. He birthed Israel by reshuffling the cards of biology, to create an entire nation of kings and priests (Isaiah 43:1, Deut 7:6) and then sent His only begotten Son Yahshua to reclaim, regather and regenerate **that selfsame** people, (not a new and separate entity birthed in 325 CE, called the church) as is written in 1st Peter 2:9-10 and Acts 15:14-17. We see that Yahuwah never sent His Son to start a "church in an upper room",

since the Ruach HaKodesh fell upon the House of Yahuwah (Zerubabel-Herod's temple) on Mt. Moriah in circa 33 CE, where Israelites normally gathered in biblical times and 3,000 were saved and baptized. You cannot fit 3,000 persons into a small upper room which did not have a baptismal and neither would Israelites from every nation be anywhere on Shavuot, (Pentecost) other than the House of Yahuwah, lest they be found in direct violation of Torah. Once seen clearly that there never was an upper room "Pentecost experience", or a "birthing of the church"! That being the case, then we see Messiah Yahshua's mission strictly as one of correcting and restoring those destined by prior divine election and calling to become an entire nation of priests and ruling kings. Baruch Hashem Yahuwah. *(See our critical article on the myth of the church being born separate from the historic people of Israel in our **Shavuot; A Time for Renewal** teaching found in the Articles Department on our site: www.yourarmstoisrael.org or order our audiotape entitled: **Help! I Can't Find the Church In My Bible!**)*

NATIONAL SELECTION

The nation of Israel is the only nation whose steps are fully ordered by Yahuwah. Due to this election, Yahuwah would always find a way to straighten out Israel's backsliding, waywardness, stiff necks or uncircumcised hearts. His commitment to us is total. Any other nation that exhibited Israel's oft-repeated wayward ways, would have long ago disappeared from the pages of the human drama, as did the inhabitants of Canaan before Israel settled the land. It is with this understanding that Yahuwah Himself as Israel's Omnipotent King uses divine election to build, rebuild and preserve **the same nation** that went out of Egypt, so that we can begin to comprehend His proclivity to bend His own statutes! The spirit of Esau is a contrary, independent spirit

that is not interested in eternal nation building but rather in unscriptural church or traditional Jewish synagogue building. According to the principle of divine election, Israel as a corporate sum of all its citizens, (including the *melo hagoyim* the full blossoming of Ephraim/Israel's seed) are all firstborn sons and daughters as it is written in Exodus 4:22. That is why Yahshua came. To restore all born again believers into a commonwealth of firstborn Israel status, from the former Lo-Ami and Lo-Ruchamah status of rejected outcast Israel. Yahuwah's election of us as firstborn Israelite believers in Yahshua will stand the test of time and false Greco-Roman theology! (Zechariah 9:13-14).

MESSIAH'S CHILDREN AND NATIONAL AMNESIA

Lets take a close look at Genesis 48:19. Most of us already know that we are the elected and selected children of Israel, with most of us coming from Ephraim's seed and some from Judah. The Father, personally selected Ephraim like He did the patriarchs. Those who have responded to the *besarot*, (gospel) have come back to the gates of Israel, *shaaray Yisrael*, because you are the seed of the elect and thus the elect of Yahuwah. In order to be elected by HaAdon Messiah Yahshua, you must first in most cases already belong to the children of Israel's elected patriarchs (Matthews 15:24). Like your fathers, you are elected and that election stays in the family. That election was unknown to you because of a wandering from Torah (James 1:25). You and I became forgetful hearers, who heard about Torah but due to lack of practice of Torah, were not doers and thus **became forgetful of our heritage** and Israelite identity. **James teaches us in James 1:25, that only Torah doers will remember what kind of man or woman they USED TO BE!** Instead we as believers have succumbed to a 2700-year-old case of national amnesia, vise-a-vie our roots in Israel. Because you

are Israel's returning seed, you have responded favorably to the gospel, for if you were not, you would not have responded the way you have! For that mercy we glory in the execution stake and the blood of Calvary! According to Isaiah 53:10, the Messiah's regathered seed, formerly exclusively Abraham's seed, will make Yahuwah elated. This scripture is most fascinating in the light of the fact that Messiah did not have a physical wife and was not married. As such He had no physical children. Yet He is said to have birthed many children. Rather than straining to spiritualize this simple text as referring to Yahshua's children being "spiritual Israel" or "spiritual Jews", when taken at face value, the seed of inheritance are the non-Jewish Israelite nations that the Son of Yahuwah is prophesied to inherit in Psalm 2:verse 8. The latter day nations have through assimilation, intermarriage and interracial crossbreeding, become the "fullness of the gentiles", the *melo hagoyim* or the multitude of latter-day nations. Messiah's inherited physical seed are these very Ephraimite nations who via the Messiah's suffering described in Isaiah 53, are returning to David's Fallen Tabernacle! The suffering servant in verse 8 of Isaiah 53 is said to be dying **for His own people Israel**. Since Jewish-Israel in large part abides in unbelief, the inherited latter-day nations are returning Israel, since Isaiah clearly states that Messiah's death would be to die primarily for Israel. Well, what part of Israel did He die for, if the majority of Jewish Israel chooses not to respond to the Good News and become His regathered children? It must be the other house of Israel, who returns from the nations-goyim, which they have filled with their seed and their paganism! In Isaiah 53:10 we see the fulfillment of the *mishphat bachor* originally placed upon Ephraim in Genesis 48:19, through Jacob under the guidance of Yahuwah's Ruach HaKodesh. Truly born again believers are the firstborn of Israel, since they are the

children of Israel who were blessed under the First Covenant and now by HaAdon Messiah Yahshua they are **brought back** in order to receive the blessing of the Second Covenant. This makes them the heirs of both covenants and the double portion belonging to the children of Israel (Jeremiah 31:31)!

NEW COVENANT RECONCILIATION REFERS TO PIDYON HABEN

It is because all of Israel's returning firstborn children from both houses are bought back (*pidyon haben*) with the price of redemption, (Messiah's blood) that it can be said that we as returning Israel **are bought (*pidyon haben*)** with a price, the precious blood of Messiah Yahshua (1st Corinthians 6:20). The one who bought us calls the shots. The firstborn of Israel were chosen to serve only in the things of Yahuwah. Later the sons of Levi replaced the firstborn in the service of the sanctuary. Through Messiah Yahshua, all firstborn Israelites become priests in the *Melchisedek* order and thus are **RESTORED** to their pre- Levitical services!

Pidyon haben is called ownership by divine redemption and election. You and I as believers have been chosen in like precious manner as have our Israelite forefathers. We have been restored to their very place and office of service to Yahuwah Almighty. By setting us free from the law of sin and death (not the Torah), Messiah our Savior, enacted another principle of Second Covenant *halachah*, known as *pidyon shevuyim*, meaning the rescue of Israelite captives. We see that rescue of Jewish-Israel's sons taking place in John chapter 8 verses 32-36, as HaAdon Yahshua announces His mission and intention to free Jewish-Israel from their perpetual **captivity** to the human sin condition! **Those who bear the name of Israel are His chosen people, having**

undergone the holy trifecta, the *bachor mishpat*, the *pidyon haben* and the *pidyon shevuyim*! Blood bought believers, in their primary identification, are no longer Jews, Gentiles or anything else (Galatians 3:28-29). We are Israelites within the body of the redeemed remnant seed of the Israel of Yahuwah, all called to be firstborn priests, with full ***mishpat bachor*** authority by divine selection and election.

In Genesis 48:17-20 Jacob did to Joseph the same thing he had done to Isaac and to Esau. He was stubborn and refused human pressure to change the firstborn blessing to man's choice. Rather he was the vessel of Yahuwah, sent to insure Yahuwah's own calling of Israel's patriarchs. Yahuwah alone is sovereign!

DOUBLY FRUITFUL FIRSTBORN EPHRAIM

In Genesis 48:19 Ephraim receives the ***mishpat bachor***. This fact remains crucial throughout the Brit Chadashah. In Hebrew Ephraim means **doubly fruitful** (Strong's H#669). He is the immediate fulfillment of the promise of physical multiplicity and the inheritor of the double firstborn inheritance, a fact further substantiated in Jeremiah 31:9. The seed of Israel, like Ephraim himself, are all Israelites. As stated earlier, three children are bypassed in order to bestow the ***mishpat bachor*** upon Ephraim, son of Joseph, son of Jacob. The blessing of the double portion firstborn birthright does not need an individual's perfection, only his selection by Yahuwah. Human perfection is not part of the selection process, as witnessed by the selections of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Ephraim. All fell short of His perfect glory! He who choreographs history is its author. We as Israelites are the only nation that cannot and must not have sovereignty over itself.

We don't want to be like Esau who was involved in **the second worst sale in history**. (The betrayal and sale of the Savior Messiah Yahshua to the Sanhedrin by Judah Ishcariot was the undisputed worst).

The chosen and elected "fullness of the Gentiles", would come through doubly fruitful firstborn Ephraim. He was elected so that his seed would become a congregation of Gentiles or **a *Kehelat Goyim***. Yet despite the fact that Ephraim received the ***mishpat bachor***, Judah as outlined in Genesis 49:8-10, received the preeminence or the power and ability to rule Jacob's entire house. When Isaac and Jacob received the ***mishpat bachor*** they ruled the family clan with preeminence. Logically when Ephraim received the same firstborn blessing, he would and should rule Jacob's entire clan. Yet such was not the case. Ephraim never became the powerful ruler in Israel that, his birthright blessing entitled him to. He became as if he were a puppet ruler, with the real authority resting in Judah, Israel's other bold son, who was prophesied to rule over all his brethren as they bowed down to his preeminent kingly authority and power. The power, The Lawgiver, (Moses a Levite which later joined with Judah) as well as Shiloh the Messiah, would all come from either the tribe of Judah or later the House of Judah! This divided birthright is Israel's national problem in a nutshell!

Ephraim's children have the birthright, all the while lacking the preeminence, while Judah or Jewish-Israel have the kingly and priestly authority, minus the numerical multitude blessing carried by those of Ephraim-Israel. Jacob consciously divided the birthright between these two sons (Luke 15)! One would get the numerical blessing, while the other would inherit the preeminent roles of king and priest. It is evident that our Master Yahshua sprang forth from Judah, (Hebrews 7:14) as did the first lawgiver Moses a Levite, the

tribe that later merged with Judah in the southern kingdom of Jewish/Israel. Jacob in essence left Ephraim with a paper title. The Lion of the tribe of Judah would receive the worship and would also gather scattered intermingled and assimilated Ephraim/Israel's scattered seed, in the last days (Gen. 49:1)

TO YOUR ELOHIM O EPHRAIM!

All Ephraim's babies would fill the earth but he would not receive any honor for that most noble fathering task, with the entire honor going to Judah. Ephraim's honor is so negligible that most folks will not even recognize Ephraim's seed, though more numerous, as legitimate and equal heirs in Israel. Ephraim's seed today is considered legally and halachically for all practical purposes, as goyim-Gentiles! Ephraim has had no honor. He feels as if the patriarch Jacob has done him wrong and is thus fueled by jealousy and often rage towards Judah, throughout the generations. We see this played out as far back as 1st Kings 12:16-19, where Ephraim-Israel felt that Judah did not give them their due process of being heard and respected in Israel. The ten tribes cried "neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your **Elohim** all Israel. Most translations mistakenly mistranslate the Hebrew word **Elohim** as **ohalim**, meaning tents, instead of **Elohim** meaning false gods. These mistranslations using the word tents, is the result of sloppy scribal work where two letters were erroneously transposed on the word **Elohim** and thus made the word appear to read **ohalim**, which is tents. In fact what the ten tribes were stating was that since we cannot be equal heirs in Israel under King David's Tabernacle, let's separate from His people (Judah) into a separate entity, (sound familiar?) and from Yahuwah-Elohim, to adopt other false Elohim!

Judah does not like Ephraim's claims to being the larger part of returning physical Israel and thus operates through a spirit of fear and vexation towards returning firstborn Ephraim, by withholding the honor and recognition due any member of Jacob's house. We see a perfect example of this vexation in 2nd Samuel 19:41-43, where an argument breaks out between the two houses over why King David was being moved from Gilgal to Jerusalem, without the ten tribes of Ephraim being advised of the relocation. Judah's answer was that the King was Jewish and hence their relative. The House of Israel countered that they owned ten parts in Jacob's house, which was the greater share and not two small shares like Judah and thus should be in control of kingly moves and decisions. Ephraim-Israel further accused Judah of 'STEALING AWAY THEIR KING", (2nd Samuel 19:41) a clear reference to the Genesis 48:19 loss of kingly preeminence, from Ephraim to Judah. At the end of 2nd Samuel 19:43, **Yahuwah weighs in with His judgment, by stating that: "the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel."** Why? Because Judah was vexing Ephraim, teasing them over the fact that they had no say in preeminent issues over kingly authority, even though they were the larger part of Israel! We see the result of the divided birthright in 2nd Samuel 20:1, where Israel (ten tribes) is encouraged to leave the House of David over the issue of preeminence, with the sound of a shofar, ironically given by a Benjamite, who apparently sided with the House of Ephraim! Herein lies the core, the very root, of the Jacobean family feud, being played out on the latter-day world stage in the historic jealousy and vexation filled battle between the two houses, known today as Judaism and Christianity.

We can readily and compassionately identify with Ephraim's

feeling of inferiority, since what happened to him was unprecedented in Yahuwah's election process, Yahuwah having never stripped Abraham, Isaac and Jacob of the preeminence that accompanies the ***mishpat bachor***. Ephraim had to bear this unprecedented burden and became a laughing stock as an outcast from David's Tabernacle and eventually the Father's House. Fortunately according to Messiah Yahshua in His Father's House at this time at the end of this age, there are once again many rooms or abiding places. There must by definition be many dwellings to accommodate the sheer numbers of saved returning Ephraim-Israel! And it is in this condition that Yahshua finds Ephraim and invites them home, as so beautifully outlined in Luke 15 and Matthew 21:28-31.

Due to this neglect and lack of the most basic of honors, Ephraim's descendents tend to carry the inbred characteristic of despising their birthright, even when they occasionally come face to face with the reality of it. They grieve over the loss of preeminence and power that accompanies the ***mishpat bachor***, not wanting to be reminded of their lost Israelite heritage and excess paganism, due to its painful past. They tend to see the firstborn title as more of a hindrance than a blessing, or often as something that is strictly "a Jewish thing." Not only was their father Ephraim dishonored but also Ephraim's children carried the ignoble label of being the lost ten tribes of Israel. From loss of power to loss of identity as legitimate Israelites, was the lot that befell those of Ephraim/Israel. No wonder many Ephraimites today do not want to reconnect with their past, choosing instead to make a foolish run from it's painful memories. By not returning to Torah, they choose instead their ongoing condition of amnesia. Ephraim's jealousy of Judah acts out either in passivity or in hatred. In the case of most modern Christians, the jealousy plays out in more

docile conduct, whereas in times past it often played out in hatred and uncontrolled rage against those of Jewish-Israel. Thank Yahuwah that this division between the two houses is being gradually lifted and healed by this two-house revelation, as Messiah Yahshua Himself opens blind eyes in both houses. Messiah Yahshua's ministry as outlined and prophesied in Isaiah 11:13-14, is to heal this breach between the two houses! Ephraim like Esau and like Ishmael, is still jealous, simply because they were not selected by the selection of election. In Ephraim's unique case, his jealousy is magnified due to the outright removal of preeminence from his birthright, despite his selection by Yahuwah, which did not befall Ishmael and Esau, who simply lost all of it!

Israel as seen earlier, is a firstborn title of nobility and greatness for the collective overcoming people of Israel. Israel is the assembled collection off **overcoming firstborn individuals**, bought and set apart by Yahuwah. Hebrews 12:22-23 more clearly elaborates upon the sin of Esau. In Renewed Covenant Israel, (Hebrews 8:8) the two houses are being combined to at long last give out one united sound. Yahuwah takes the throne of the royal house of David or Judah's preeminence and Ephraim's vastness and reattaches both functions to the people of Renewed Covenant Israel today, who are the **firstborn assembly**, having in their very midst both the preeminence of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, along with the vast numbers from every tribe, nation, kindred and tongue, coming from Ephraim's returning seed. Both houses amalgamate and melt into the One Israel, the restored title of nobility.

MILLIONS STILL REJECT ONE FIRSTBORN ASSEMBLY OF ISRAEL

Why do millions still reject the title of Israel, mistakenly

thinking it to be a Jewish title of a past covenant and a past glorious, yet now defunct relationship with Yahuwah? Why do millions of Israelites, who are the overwhelming majority of today's non-Jewish believers, still prefer to identify with the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics and other manmade organizations of little nations, (denominations) rather than with the title of Israel? Esau sold his birthright for a pot of stew. Many of Ephraim's seed today still sell that same birthright as firstborn citizens of national Israel, in exchange for a membership card, a Sun Day service or a membership letter into a substitute little nation or denomination. Hebrews 12:23 boldly calls true believers **"the assembly of the firstborn."** In Exodus 4: 22 Yahuwah calls Israel His eternal firstborn. If national Israel's is Yahuwah's eternal firstborn nation, and believers in the Brit Chadasha are called the "assembly or congregation or synagogue of the firstborn, then we as believers in Messiah Yahshua are Israel reborn, restored and regathered. This is due to the fact that rather than being a dispensationalist, as most of these little nations claim Him to be, scripture is clear that He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17). **Therefore Yahshua's chosen people must be the same ones His Father Yahuwah owns, since in them there is no variableness or shadow of turning and since they are in one perfect accord (John 10:31).** According to Hebrews 12:23 all believers are part of the general or worldwide assembly of firstborn ones, (Israel) by the blood of the Messiah Yahshua, who has performed the ***mishpat bachor, pinyat haben and pinyat shevuyim*** upon us and destined us by election and selection, to arrive and dwell in the Heavenly Jerusalem, along with the myriads of angels, where our names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

So who are regenerated bible believers? Just the assembly of redeemed remnant and faithful Israel, since many of our physical Ephraimite and Jewish-Israelite brethren are not found to be faithful, in their current state of unbelief.

According to Yahuwah Himself, these unbelievers in His Son are the large part of "Israel that is not all (or really) Israel", due to their blatant unbelief (Romans 9:6-8). When the word of Yahuwah does not find a permanent place in an Israelite heart, then that Israelite while being a physical Israelite or merely a child of Israel in the flesh, does not become a child of promise like Isaac, (Galatians 4:28) who was both physically and spiritually a Hebrew in the loins of Abraham his father. **Therefore like Isaac, the Israel of today is both physical and spiritual, as the redeemed remnant that gives place to Yahuwah's word in their hearts and their to heritage in their psyche!**

PRACTICING THE SHAMEFUL SIN OF ESAU

There are those in Renewed Covenant Israel, who have come into this covenant according to Hebrews 12:24 by the blood of HaAdon Messiah Yahshua, which is far better than even the blood of righteous Abel, but they either willingly or unwillingly engage in and practice the sin of profane Esau! Why is it crucial for non-Jewish believers in Messiah to understand that they are as much a part of physical Israel as are the Jewish believers? To insure that much of Renewed Covenant Israel does not follow the profane footsteps and behaviors of Esau. In Hebrews 12:15 we see the result of believers in the New Covenant assembly of first born Israel, who sadly deny the importance of their place in physical Israel. These are those who render asunder that sacred truth of a double portion Israelite inheritance, simultaneously being both spiritual and physical Israel, by turning it into a "so what" (see part 14 of this series) attitude, after being

personally warned and admonished by Yahuwah informing them not to forget their status as Israelites. These folks who do not take the message of Israel's two-house, One Firstborn Israel restoration to heart, are selling their birthright bestowed upon them by Yahuwah's Son Himself and selling it for bowls of cheap lentils in a lukewarm stew called denominationalism, or church dispensationalism.

These members of the firstborn Israel assembly, who practice the sin of Esau, are those who are fully cognizant of the One-Israel truths, which nonetheless are immersed either in the "church is the new Israel" fallacy or in other forms of one-house heresy. They either refuse to or for some other inexplicable reason, cannot enter into their firstborn Israelite status, thus despising their birthright and become guilty of the profane sin of rejected Esau, selling their birthright as a citizen of the nation of Israel, (Ephesians 2:11-19) for a pot of religious soup. Other doctrinal fornications come from the two-brides or Dual Covenant teaching, (that the so-called church and the unsaved Jews are both Yahuwah's bride) that non-believing Jewish people are automatically saved through faith in the Elohim of Abraham and Moses and non-Jews through faith in Yahshua. These are the profane individuals being addressed in Hebrews 12:15-16.

These and other prevalent modern heresies like "Jew and Gentile one in Messiah" myth, come against the truth of the one firstborn Israel assembly. There is no such thing as a saved heathen. The Greek word ***ethnos*** or nations, does not carry with it the infamous "non-Israelite person" implication that the English word Gentiles does. On the other side of the One Firstborn Israel assembly coin, Jewish believers for the sake of body unity are to be known simply as Israel (Galatians 3:29).

BE DILIGENT AND TAKE HEED!

Hebrews 12:15 calls all believers from Judah and Ephraim, to be diligent or to take heed and see to it, that no believer falls short of this truth, that is full of grace and divine favor, to restore equality and equity to Messiah's people.

According to Hebrews 12:15 Renewed Covenant grace can be found not just in the obvious nature of personal salvation but in the corporate identity of national Israel restored. This warning is also followed by the outlined consequences, of not accepting the One Firstborn Israel assembly status. This manifestation of Esau's profane spirit leaves unchecked deep-rooted bitterness, aimed at Jewish believers by non-Jewish believers, who have been theologically misled to believe that they have no connection to physical Israel. They thus through their own false belief systems are relegated to perpetual adopted Gentile status! Since Christendom does not see their connection to physical Israel, she allows deep roots of anti-Semitic bitterness to blossom in her midst, with the end result being the defilement of huge segments of Messiah's universal sacred body, bringing heartache and trouble to many well meaning believers. It is safe to say from this warning by Rav Shaul that it remains extremely dangerous for anyone not to accept the One Firstborn Israel concept brought about by two-house truth. The willing rejection of the One-Firstborn-Israel assembly, two-house teaching, is in and of itself a formula for spiritual disaster of the highest and most nefarious order, bringing injury to others in Messiah's body. Many in Messiah's body have been or are well on their way to becoming defiled because Ephraim in many cases, absolutely refuses to re-enter into their birthright as both physical and spiritually redeemed Israel, thus often turning against Jews in and out of the body, with the end result being that their behavior brings and

grooms defilement to others. Yahuwah's desire is that none fall short of this special grace, that of being acknowledged by Yahuwah and by others, as heirs in the spirit filled physical nation of One Firstborn Israel, the Israel of Yahuwah. We as the redeemed remnant from both houses, must see to it that we stop falling short of this grace of Israelite inheritance, lest our disease spread and sicken others through our defiled doctrine and understanding of just who Israel really is. Those who walk in the "adopted Gentile" mode, will cause problems and troubles for others, regardless of which congregation they may attend, trying in vain and futility to acquire that which Yahuwah the Father has already ordained to give to them at the moment of their salvation!

ONE FIRSTBORN ISRAEL

We must treasure and cherish Yahuwah's declaration that all believers are firstborn physical Israel, lest we commit spiritual harlotry by giving away the title of Israel that Yahuwah has decided in His total election and sovereignty to bequeath to us. The bible calls the forsaking of Israelite heritage in Messiah as profane spiritual fornication. How many spiritual fornicators do we have today in the so called church system, who believe anything and everything anybody tells them, except what Yahuwah says about their connection to the physical chosen people of Israel. Yes it is most certainly possible for a born again believer to play the harlot by not entering into a promise already revealed in scripture. This refusal is not only the defiling profaning spirit of Esau but is at the very core a spirit of ungratefulness as well. Like Esau, many believers for the past 2,000 years, have sold their birthright as citizens of physical Israel, real, real cheap. Their return has usually been a bowl of assorted unclean lentils, full of false feasts, false Sabbaths, false allegiances and

false self-identities. Don't be like Esau who did not count himself worthy of the promise. Be like Yahshua Himself, who deemed two-house restoration-"One New Man In Israel Truth" so important, that He reminded us that He was in fact dying for His two equal Israelite folds (John 10:16).

The **one morsel** spoken of in Hebrews 12:16, is a symbolic type of the **one major obstacle**, (acceptance of two house doctrine) that keeps most Ephraimites and even some Judahites away from the full blessing of Israelite brotherhood and camaraderie. That one morsel forbidding the believer his or her entry into firstborn national identity causes a metamorphosis into the one deep root of bitterness. This root of bitterness left unguarded and uncorrected by truth, springs up to cause divisions and schisms in the body of Renewed Covenant Israel, between those who know they are Israel, (Judah) and those who are but are still ignorant of it (Ephraim). We see then that divisions along such worn out incorrect terms as Jew and Gentile perpetuates the root of bitterness, defiling many! It remains the one-house, "Jews are all Israel" speculative hypotheses, that according to Hebrews 12:15-16, is the root of defilement and bitterness between Jewish and non-Jewish believers. To pretend this schism does not exist, is to bury our heads in the proverbial quicksand. Until we are willing to pull out this root by ridding ourselves of the problematic semantic words, phrases and titles of division, we remain a house divided **AGAINST ITSELF! By default, you and I, will either become part of the 3,700-year-old problem or we will be the very solution in this final hour.**

In heaven we do not need to own the title of an overcoming prince known as Israel. Only in this earth does that firstborn title benefit us. It is while on this earth, that the Father in heaven makes sure that all of the general assembly of the

firstborn are known as Israelites, since here in this world we continue in our most noble struggle, over the world, the flesh and the devil! Don't let them lie to you anymore! Its not just being in Messiah for personal redemption that remains important but it is an ongoing daily healthy awareness of your physical connection to Israel that will keep the sprit of profane Esau in complete checkmate! Be like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who all held onto and treasured their birthright (***mishpat bachor***) and thus were declared great by Almighty Yahuwah, due to their tenacious spirit of coveting and guarding their birthright, as opposed to Esau, who counted it as an unholy non-beneficial side issue! Esau then becomes a foreshadowing, of the massive whoring of the House of Ephraim, some 1,100 years later. What was initially just a case of blatant Ephraimite idolatry has now become a severe case of "**outright physical birthright denial syndrome**", by those non-Jewish believers in Messiah Yahshua.

This spirit of Esau has brought a false sense of contentment to returning non-Jewish believers, whereby they tragically settle for something less than the birthright privilege and then consider that which they have settled for, to be Yahuwah's best. Rav Shaul because he understood Israel's two-house regathering and the One-Israel truth, called the assembly of firstborn believers, the Israel of Yahuwah, (Galatians 6:16) by reminding us that the only final rule that determines Israelite citizenship and pedigree is the rule of the new creation experience, as referenced in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Since all believers are firstborn Israel, then a failure to act upon that knowledge in one's daily lifestyle and living habits, will result in ugly unwanted manifestations of profanity and doctrinal fornication to others who are trying to understand and walk in two house revelation. This issue was deemed by the Creator to be of such a serious nature, that

He spent large amounts of scriptural space warning us to take heed.

ESAU BELIEVED IN THE "EASY ESCAPE RAPTURE!"

Is it not ironic that those in the so-called church system, (papists and daughters alike) that originated in Rome, all look for a secret "third coming" rapture, apart from His second coming to raise the dead and all share the same logic and theology as profane Esau. The prevailing attitude often is "since I will be leaving this old world through pre-tribulation rapture, what good is the knowledge of the One Firstborn Israel truth as found in Ephraim and Judah coming together as one? Shouldn't I be more concerned with being **"left behind"**? Now that was Esau's exact attitude! I am going to die and leave this world anyway, so who needs the physical *mishpat bachor*. Now you can see how that same spirit of easy and imminent escapism is found in the House of Ephraim, as it was in the House of Esau! Eventually Almighty Yahuwah not only removed the birthright blessing and inheritance from the House of Esau but also allowed him to become a non-Israelite "Gentile" if you will! Ephraim made that exact same mistake 2,700 years ago and must take careful heed not give in to that biological predisposition, only to find themselves repeating a most damaging and irreversible error of the past! Be careful child of Yahuwah, oh do be most careful, that you do not despise that promise of Yahuwah to you and your seed. Raise up the ancient waste places in your own home and families, as you grab on to and take hold of you own Israelite heritage!

A SIN FROM WHICH TEARS WILL FLOW!

Esau sought the precious *mishpat bachor* only after he realized the gravity and eternality of his error but even when

combined with repentance and tears, Yahuwah would not allow him to retrieve it since he was contented in being something less than the Father declared him to be. Hebrews 12:17 challenges us to remind ourselves that once we give up the truth of being part of national Israel restored, though we may later seek it carefully, Yahuwah will not restore to us the joy that should have come by the immediate obedience to walk with Israel, as Israel, through the grand inheritance of the *mishpat bachor*. Now is the time to enter into two-house revelation, which enables its adherents to live and thrive as part of the assembly of firstborn Israel. Those who refuse to enter firstborn Israel status now according to Hebrew 12:17, may not be allowed to reenter this truth at a later date, though tears and repentance may be eventually forthcoming.

According to Hebrews 12:28, we are to receive His kingdom and His kingdom only. Only His kingdom cannot be moved. His kingdom is called the kingdom of Heaven/Elohim/ and Israel (Acts 1:6). The spirit of Esau is profane because it is contented in his comfort zone in any manmade kingdom that is not only moveable but is destined to be shaken. Only the consolation of Israel and the rebuilt Tabernacle of David cannot be moved or shaken, due to its eternal throne and eternal and unconditional promises. Oh returning Israel! This day enter ye into that kingdom of the firstborn assembly of Israel, your people and the eternal kingdom of Israel, that can never be shaken because it bears the eternal title of Israel! It is my prayer that you will receive this kingdom grace, so you can serve Elohim with great awe and reverence as an heir of Israel's kingdom. The brotherly love we all talk about but seldom experience, will only be fully manifested, (Hebrews 13:1) when and if we are ready to forsake the spiritually profane, fornicating ungrateful spirit of Esau.