

6.4.A (45a). **Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House/ Firstborn Son.

Mark 12:1-10

When you consider the idea of the “Heir” of the House, you are essentially asking the question, “For whom” or “For whose sake” is this House? To which the natural and immediate answer from the people of Israel and its leaders would be, “For Us, for our Sake, of course!”

For, there are many in Israel who would see Israel as the Supreme center of God’s plan for the future world—that Israel might reign supreme over the nations.

However, remind your people that God’s law of inheritance always *assigns a Firstborn Son* who then distributes the family inheritance to the rest of the sons and their households. And, this “Firstborn” is a positional rather than a historical designation. For, Ishmael was born first, but Isaac

was Abraham's "Firstborn" Son to receive the right of inheritance. Esau came out of the womb first, but Jacob was designated the "Firstborn" to receive Isaac's blessing. So, as the Seed *raised up by God for David*, Jesus is God's "Firstborn Son" and the House of God's rightful Heir. So, the family inherits God's *blessings and inheritance* only through "the Son of God" who alone builds for God a "House" of sons (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

But, what happens when Israel seeks to seize the inheritance for itself, *bypassing* the Mashiach as God's rightful Heir and assigned Redeemer of His House?

Seizing the *assigned portion* of Jesus Mashiach, has Israel succeed in inheriting God's blessing? Consider Israel's two thousand year history following its choice to reject Jesus, who was crucified and raised from the dead before its very eyes? How has Israel fared these two "days" since

the year 33 CE when Mashiach made “atonement” for iniquity (Daniel 9:24)”

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Hosea 6:2.

Israel recognizes that for two “days”—that is, for two thousand years, its experience has not be “blessing” and “lavish and abundant favor” from God but being *separated* from the Lord, needing to “return;” being “torn” and needing “healing;” “struck down” by the Lord and broken. In fact, Israel is *dead* and needs to be “revived” (Hosea 6:2).

Listen to the words of Israel in the Last Days:
“Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up,
and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’”
(Ezekiel 37:11).

Dried up, hopeless, and “cut off” (v.11).
Does this sound like a people enjoying the
lavish blessing of God?

Rather, this is a people *desolated and deprived of God’s blessing*, even though they have through their *brechas*, their *festivals*, their *celebrations and gatherings*, created for themselves an appearance of God’s blessing. But, as Ezekiel prophesies, underneath lies a *hopelessness*, a feeling of being “cut off” from God.

Israel has discovered that there is no blessing apart from their *anointed Firstborn*,

the Heir who alone distributes God's blessings.

Read Mark 12:1-10.

⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will **respect my son.**' ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the **heir**. Come, let **us kill him**, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸ And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and **destroy** the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture: Mark 12:6-10

Background:

There is no starker difference between the House of Israel's current view of its own state of Self-entitled "blessedness" and the Biblical Truth of God's plan for blessing. Currently, Israel envisions that God's promise of Israel's *blessed future* is entirely due to its own *worthiness* as "God's chosen people." However, God's promises make no promises apart from Mashiach. Israel is *blessed because* it is the people of Mashiach. **Jerusalem** is exalted forever **because** it is the throne of the Mashiach. Yet, Israel's myopia not only excises Mashiach from its hope of blessing, but it diminishes the stature of Mashiach to that of a mere human. But, the Biblical reality which unfolds before Israel's eyes is clear. Certainly and imminently, Israel's *blood-thirsty* enemies of Russia, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Turkey will surround it, seeking its destruction. And, Israel

will be defenseless (Ezekiel 38). On that day, at that the moment before Israel's extinction, its people will realize that their myth of Self-entitled blessedness was but a fantasy to be discarded with the vain hope of Self-Redemption, and they will abandon their *fantasy* of an emasculated and bespectacled Shneerson-Mashiach and hope for the true Biblical promise of Mashiach who is a "wall of fire" to come as "the Lord of Hosts" and the "King of Glory." The question is, will he answer them in their need, forgiving their insultingly low view of him?

Self-Entitled Heirs or the Firstborn Son and his House.

If you are Household Shepherd, learn the cautionary tale of Israel and be sure that your Household understands that God's plan of *blessing* is not to exalt you, for God is not a humanist, believing in the exaltation and the supremacy of humanity or even a group of humans, such as

Israel as the Supreme Race. Rather, the Lord God is singularly intent on exalting and honoring the only One deserving of the Father's bountiful blessing, the Firstborn Son of God, Jesus Mashiach.

As we have seen early on, the very nature of God as *Elohim* is a Family Oneness, an *echad*—by which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit existed in a perfect love for an eternity. This Oneness of God is seen in Mashiach's very name: "Everlasting Father, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). And, from this Oneness, Elohim creates Man to one day share in God's image as a family resemblance, saying: "Let **us** make man in **our** image, in our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). For, the Son of God shares in God's nature as Elohim, for when Elohim (as Father) commanded, "Let there be an expanse" (Genesis 1:6), it was Elohim (the Son) who obeyed the Father: "So God (Elohim) made

the expanse” (Genesis 1:7) as the Father commanded. Thus, the Lord God made the heavens and earth *by* the Son of God that he might be his Heir, as it is written:

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation. ¹⁶ For by^[f] him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were **created through him and for him**. Colossians 1:15

So, the Son of God is the “Firstborn” of all creation as God’s appointed Heir, for all things are “for him” as God’s appointed Heir.

So, far far far be it from reality that Israel thinks that it is prior, that it is pre-eminent, and that it deserves any “blessing” apart from

Mashiach. Israel is *for* Mashiach. Mashiach is not *made for Israel*.

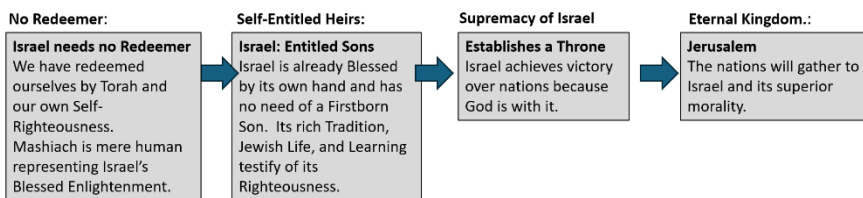
In fact, it is not just Israel but ALL of Humanity is made for the sake of Mashiach, this Son of God. Often, Israel forgets that its House is still of the Sons of Noah, of the Sons of Adam. And, God-Elohim agreed to share the “image” of Elohim with man because Mashiach was to be the Firstborn, the first among many brothers. As he says prophetically in Psalm 22:22, “I will declare your name to my brothers.”

So, all of creation is for the sake of Creation’s Heir, Mashiach, the Son of God and the Son of Man, so that this Firstborn Son might multiply sons as the “generations” to inherit the “heavens and the earth” (Genesis 2:4). We are heirs only because the Firstborn Son is the Heir of “all creation.”

So, shepherds, it is important that you lay this foundational understanding in your Household,

lest they go astray as did the House of Israel, thinking that it is Self-entitled to God's blessing apart from Mashiach.

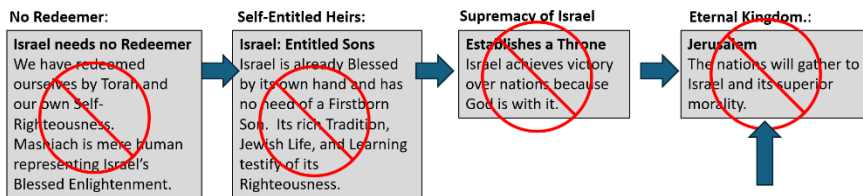
Consider Israel's folly below:



If you are a *household shepherd* sent to proclaim Jesus Mashiach to the House of Israel, you are well aware that Israel is trapped in its delusion. It is convinced of its own “entitlement” to God's blessing simply because it was “chosen” by God. However, as has been the case throughout its history, Israel's self-delusion is only disabused by the harsh reality of God's judgment.

In this way, you who preach to Israel in the last days, especially in the period of what Jesus calls the time of the “birth pains,” the increasing pain

which Israel will experience to eventually lead to its eventual repentance and spiritual birth, know that judgment awaits Israel to effect its final repentance:



Reality: Israel faces catastrophe: Zechariah 12:2-3

²“Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.” ³On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

Reality: Only Lord Mashiach Saves Israel: Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

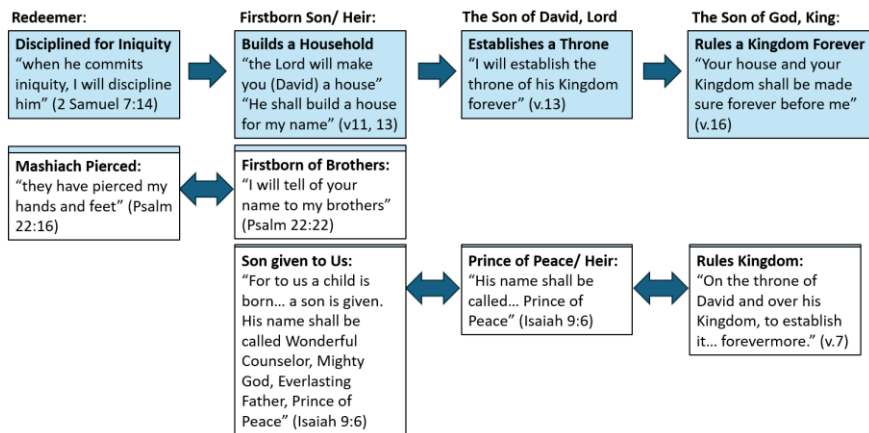
When Israel faces complete annihilation, it will know that its convenient lies about Mashiach, his stolen inheritance and debased glory to puff up Israel in its own eyes will worthless figments.

Instead, Israel will look to Mashiach with “pleas for mercy” knowing that the myth of its Self-Redemption was a cruel hoax.

Until that reckoning happens, you who shepherd Israel must re-lay the foundation of Mashiach as the only Heir to God's blessings.

In this way, the parable Jesus tells hits perfectly. The King creates the "vineyard," Israel, to bear fruit for his own pleasure and purposes. Yet, the House of Israel has taken the fruit for its own self-indulgence and pleasure. At the moment, Israel conceives of all of God's grace as lavished upon it due to its own worthiness and glory. In fact, God himself is made a mere *fawning deity* at the service of the Eternal Israel. God, his Son, and all creation are meant for Israel's honor.

Such blasphemy has only one inevitability: judgment. So, Israel in its *fleshly* Self-Entitlement covets and even resists Mashiach to steal his inheritance. But, this Israeli Supremacy will soon be judged. So, lay the foundation of the true worthiness of the Son of God's rightful inheritance:



Help your household understand the Father's commitment to *honor* the Son of God, and give them the hope of a *blessed inheritance* as members of the House of Mashiach. For, only the Household of the Firstborn Son of God and of David has the right to claim as his inheritance, given by God, all of "heaven and earth" along with his generations and fellow heirs, the sons of God (Genesis 2:4).

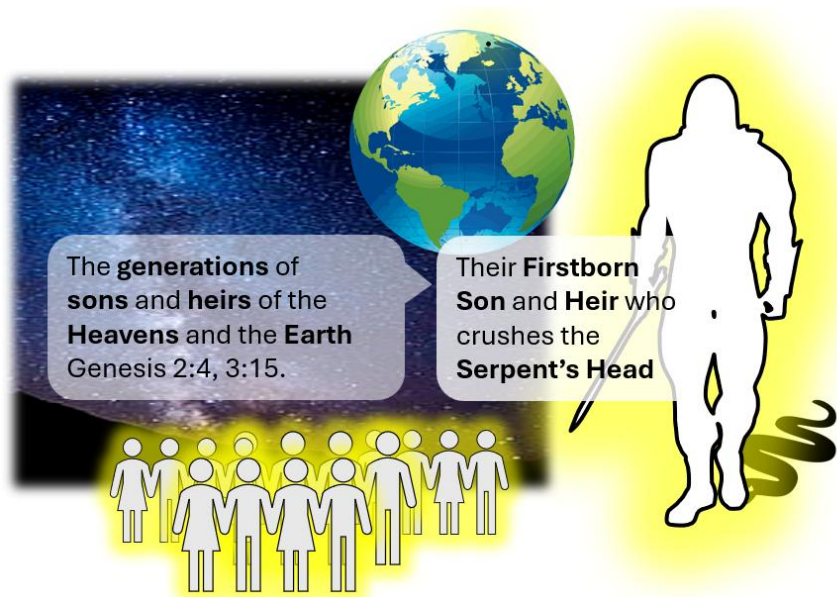
(Note: to read more of Israel's sense of Self-Entitlement and how God sanctifies, read also the Twelve Tests of Job and Israel in this website).

Israel's fleshly view prevents it from seeing the great mercy that the Lord God plans for its people and their future, for this goodness is not scaled to frail, flesh-and-blood creatures but to the eternal worth and glory of his one true Heir, the Son of God, Mashiach. As God's Firstborn Son, Jesus Mashiach has been the intended recipient of all God's favor and riches, as his designated Heir. Imagine all that the Lord God has planned to bless his Son—it far exceeds anything bequeathed to mere creatures of flesh, limited and small who have done little of eternal or spiritual note. Rather, the inheritance of the glorious One who created with Elohim as Elohim the entire heavens and earth, his inheritance is boundless, and we his very undeserving brethren share in this inheritance in mind-boggling grace!

We who are mere dust are given the nature of the man of heaven, that we might share with him the inheritance of the “heavens” and the

“earth”—purely by God’s abundant desire to bless His Son!

So, train your household in gratitude, that they may receive freely this eternal inheritance as members of the Son of God’s House. Not dishonoring him or seeking to steal his inheritance, but realizing that God’s blessing is through the son to his people!



The **generations** of **sons** and **heirs** of the **Heavens** and the **Earth**
Genesis 2:4, 3:15.

Their **Firstborn Son** and **Heir** who crushes the **Serpent's Head**

Focus:

4. **Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House only Inheritance.

1. **Rightful Owner:** House as a Vineyard.

12:1-2

2. **Stolen Ownership.** Usurping Rights over House. 12:3-5.

3. **Replacing Heir:** Claiming inheritance.

12:6-

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Question:

Further Discovery: