

3.0 Hakimoti Zera. Raise Up Seed

Through the ages, Jewish sages have debated the person of the Mashiach. Clearly, the Mashiach is the Son of David. As the flesh and blood Seed of David, the Mashiach is fully human. Yet, for Israel's sake the Mashiach must be more than a man. How can a mere man be a saving "wall of fire" around Israel in her greatest need? (Zech. 2:4). And, how can a mere human rule forever on the Kingdom's eternal throne? (Is. 9:7). Jesus claimed to be both the "Son of God" and also the "Son of David"—yet how could this be if was indeed conceived directly by the Spirit of God? And, would there be any legal basis for the claim of dual paternity? For these reasons, it is important to hear the Lord's promise to David in 2 Sam. 7:12: "I will **raise up your offspring...**from your body." *Va' hakimoti et zeracha mim me eka*. Most critically, God's promise to "raise up Seed" for David is a *redemptive act* seen only in the line of Judah to salvage the chosen line when threatened. The Law *prescribes this act to "raise up Seed"* as a duty- *yibbum*, when a line is threatened by death (Deut. 25:7). In the case of Judah, *Er's*

death saw Judah “raising up Seed” himself by Tamar (Gen. 38:8). Importantly, when the *One who raises up seed—the Redeemer—is a non-brother, the offspring will be the son of two fathers. So, Perez is the son of Judah and Er; Obed, the son of Boaz and Mahlon* (Ruth 4:10). So, Mashiach, to be *raised up by God* as David’s Redeemer, is the Son of David (2 Sam. 7:12) and the Son of God (2 Sam. 7:14). Thus, in fulfillment of the Law, God by the Holy Spirit used David’s own bodily material to “raise up” Jesus as the Seed of David to be the direct “Son of David” and the “Son of God” (Matt. 1:18). If Jesus Mashiach is the “Firstborn” of the “generations of the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 2:4), then He can “multiply (brothes)... as the stars of the heavens” (Gen. 22:17). So, the “Sons of the Most High” might share in the life of *Elohim* and not “die like men” (Ps. 82:6), for they are now redeemed and reborn as the “sons of God” and sharing in the *eternal and holy life* of “Elohim”—a life unavailable to them in the fles