

2.0 Toledot-Zera. Generations & Seed

The second *intractable* problem that emerges in the Torah is the relationship God would have with humanity—as distant subjects or the nearness of sons? Because Elohim exists as a family oneness of *echad*, Elohim the Father appoints Mashiach, as His Firstborn Son to be the First among many brothers, as He says: “I will tell of your name to my brothers, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you” (Ps. 22:22). Fittingly, Tanakh tells our family story by tracing the history of our family, the line of Adam as the “sons of God” (Gen. 6:2). We are the “generations” to inherit the “heavens and the earth” - *elle toledot hashamyim vet Haaretz* (Gen. 2:4), but our fleshly fall to sin stripped us of life with God (Gen. 3:6-7), so we need Mashiach, the Head and Heir of our family as the promised “Seed” of woman, to “crush” the Serpent to regain our lives and inheritance. Of the generations of Noah, Shem is the *eldest*, so his line is appointed to bring the family back home to Elohim (Gen. 9:26-27). Of all the families, God appoints Israel and his generations as His “firstborn son” (Ex. 4:22), who is given the right and responsibility of redemption, to bring all earth’s families back to God. For, it is

in Mashiach, the “Seed” of Abraham, that “all the nations of the earth” are “blessed” (Gen. 22:18). So, of all the “generations” of Israel (Gen 37:2), it is Judah’s “Seed” to be *raised up* (Gen. 38:8) redemptively; of all the “generations” of Perez (Ruth 4:10), it is David’s Seed, zera, whom God promises to “raise up” (2 Sam. 7:12) as Obed and Perez had been similarly “raised up” before him. So that this Seed, *raised up by redemptive right—geullah and duty-yibbum* would be the Son and Heir of two fathers—David (2 Sam. 7:12) and God (2 Sam. 7:14). Fulfilling His promise, God raises up Jesus as David’s Seed, using material from David’s own body (2 Sam. 7:12) by the Holy Spirit, so that by *geullah and yibbum*, Jesus is both the Son and Heir of David (12) and God (14). As the Son of God and the Son of David, Jesus Mashiach now is Heir to all in heaven and on earth, sharing this with his “generations,” those whom he redeems!