

**Eucharist; David's Heir: Introduction: The Three Original Races: Semitic, Hamitic, & Japhetic; the Abrahamic Covenant; Abraham & Sarah Made Sexually Fertile; the Messianic Line: From Judah to David; Judah Designated as the Leadership Tribe, Gen 49:8-10**

**DAVID'S HEIR**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

There are several well-known personalities whose accomplishments as well as foibles are chronicled in the books of the Old Testament. Those recorded in the chart pedigree of our Lord Jesus Christ vary in importance with regard to their personal exploits—some more detailed than others, some obviously more impactful than others.

Included among those with significant historical impact are Adam, Seth, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David. Adam is the origin of the genetic line of all Homo sapiens beginning with Seth and continuing to the birth of Shem.

Noah, the father of Shem, had two other sons, Ham and Japheth. These three formed the three branches of Gentile humanity: Semitic, Hamitic, and Japhetic. It is Shem's line—the Semitic—that continues the chart pedigree of our Lord.

The Semitic line began with Shem's son Arphaxad and it continued to Abram. Abram was the recipient of the first two of the four unconditional covenants granted to him, David and the Jewish people.

**Lineage:** The Abrahamic Covenant, given to Abram in Genesis 12:1-4; 13:14-17; 15:1-7, 18-21; and 17:1-8.

**Land:** The Palestinian, or Real Estate, Covenant, given to Abram in Genesis 13:14-15; 15:18-21.

**Leader:** The Davidic Covenant, given to David in 2 Samuel 7:8-17; Psalm 89:20-37.

**Legacy:** The New Covenant to Israel, given to Jeremiah, in Jeremiah 31:31-34 and confirmed in Isaiah 61:2-11.

In Genesis 17:5, Abram's name is changed by the Lord from Abram, "exalted father," to Abraham, "the father of a multitude."

This occurred when Abraham was 99-years old (v. 1) and Sarah, his wife, was age 90. Both were sexually dead (Romans 4:19). However, God performed a miracle for them both, making them not only sexually fertile but, in the process, their gametes<sup>1</sup> produced the fourth race of Homo sapiens called the Jew which "embraces all the descendants of Abraham."<sup>2</sup>

Under divine mandate, Abraham ratified the covenant by performing the act of circumcision

**Genesis 17:10 -** "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.

<sup>1</sup> "A mature male or female germ cell ... capable of initiating formation of a new diploid individual (human zygote) by fusion with a gamete of the opposite sex" (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., s.v. "gamete.")

<sup>2</sup> James Orr, "Jew," in *The International Standard Encyclopaedia of the Bible*, gen. ed. James Orr (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1956), 3:1675.

**v. 11** - "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you."

As spiritual purity was demanded of the chosen people of God, circumcision became the external token of the covenant between God and his people. It secured to the one subjected to it all the rights of the covenant, participation in all its material and spiritual benefits; while on the other hand, he was bound to fulfill all the covenant obligations. It ... was imply a token of the recognition of the covenant relation existing between Israel and God.<sup>3</sup>

Renewed sexual vitality allowed Abraham and Sarah to successfully procreate producing Isaac. He was history's first natural born Jew whose line continued through his son Jacob, the father of the twelve patriarchs including Judah.

Prophecy reveals that the Messiah will enter history as a Jew, from the tribe of Judah, line of David. Ultimately, the Messiah will be sacrificed as a substitute for the entire human race, be resurrected from the dead, ascend into heaven, and return on a future but unknown date to restore Israel.

This Messiah is David's heir who will fulfill the covenants given to Abraham and David. He will rule not only Israel but the entire world. This Man—David's greater Son—is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### THE MESSIANIC LINE: FROM JUDAH TO DAVID:

God told Abraham in Genesis 17:6, "Kings will come forth from you." This indicates that Abraham will be the source of kings, but the impact of this statement is amplified later on when Jacob assembled his sons to give to them his dying blessings.

He indicates in Genesis 49:1 that what he tells them is prophetic by using the phrase, "in days to come." The blessing given to each of his sons follows in verses 3–27. Jacob gave the rites and inheritance of the firstborn to Joseph, but the son who received the blessing of royalty was Judah:

**Genesis 49:8** - "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies [ **victorious in battle** ]; Your father's sons shall bow down to you [ Reuben was the firstborn, but his right to rule was passed on to Judah ].

**v. 9** - "Judah is a lion's whelp [ **great power and ability; a title of Christ in Revelation 5:5, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah."** ]; from the prey, my son, you have gone up [ **always victorious** ]. He couches, he lies down as a lion [ **since the Babylonian captivity** ], and as a lion, who dares rouse him up [ **Jesus Christ at the Second Advent** ]?

**v. 10** - "The scepter [ a staff held by a sovereign indicating royal authority: Jesus Christ "shall rule with a rod of iron," (Revelation 19:15) ] shall not depart from Judah [ the Judaic line ], nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [ שִׁלּוֹה (*Shiloh*: "to Whom it belongs) ] comes [ **Jesus Christ at the Second Advent** ], and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples [ the regathering of Israel ]." (NASB)

This is a prophetic statement by Jacob which is ultimately fulfilled by David. From the Exodus through the period of the Judges the Israelites were governed by God under a theocracy. However, the Jews were prone to consort with heathen gods so the period of the Judges was a time of constant defeat.

<sup>3</sup> Merrill F. Unger, *Unger's Bible Dictionary* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1966). 207.

The Israelite pattern of national existence followed a cycle that has become common among client nations. When the Jews sinned God allowed a predator nation to subdue them and place them in servitude to a foreign king.

When the people got the message and repented of their sinful ways, they went into Operation O God Help. God would respond with deliverance by means of a judge who would defeat the enemy. This would be followed by a period of peace, but the people would later return to heathen practices and the cycle would start again.

This behavior was allowed to continue repeatedly, each episode driving home the point that deviation from divine standards results in national discipline while orientation and adjustment to divine standards results in peace and tranquility. The Israelites repeatedly did the same thing over and over with the same dreadful result. This cycle has continued to define all client nations since.

The problem got even worse. When Samuel was along in age, the elders of Israel came to him and demanded a king:

**1 Samuel 8:5** - and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations." (NASB)