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| **The Father Hath Appointed His Firstbegotten Heir of all Things** | |
|  | **Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?** |
| **Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hebrews 1:2a Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,** |  |
|  | **Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.** **Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?** **Hebrews 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.** |
| **Hebrews 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:** **Hebrews 1:11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;** **Hebrews 1:12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.** **Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?** |  |
| **Hebrews 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;** | |

**The Father Hath Appointed His Firstbegotten**

I often look at Hebrews 1 as the “Second Psalm 2”. It is Messianic like Psalm 2, but Hebrews goes into more detail on Who Jesus Christ is. It starts out by stating that the Father speaks to us by His Son. The Father calls His Son His Firstbegotten: which like begotten in Psalm 2, does not necessarily have anything to do with being born, or being the first male out of the womb. Like begotten, the Firstbegotten has to do with an “exaltation to a high position by the Father”. Christ’s inheritance is eternal, and we can praise God that we are joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). Can you imagine what that means? This is a perfect introduction to the rest of Hebrews, as it instructs us to leave the use of milk and be mature and skillful in the use of “strong meat” “having our senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Since the Father decreed: “Thou art my Son, today I have I begotten Thee.” In another place, the Father decreed: “Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedek.” Now since there is a High Priest over the House of God, He is instructing us to, “Draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”  
**I. The Son is Superior Over the Prophets**

**Hebrews 1:1-2a God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,**

**A. Contrasting the speaking by God to men before the Holy Spirit descended, and speaking in these last days first by Christ in the flesh, Who is God, and then by Christ through Holy Spirit Baptized Apostles**

1. The Old Testament Prophet’s message was revealed by God in fragments and often not in chronological order and came bit-by-bit through various methods as the prophets were able to receive them when the Spirit came upon them. It is through immediate context and the context of the New Testament that these prophesies are to be interpreted.

2. “Last Day’s” revelation comes directly from Christ, Who is God, through Holy Spirit filled servants.

**B. Illustrations of the contrast between God speaking in the OT and now in these “Last Days”**

1. God in the OT revealed by: **1.) Visions** [Ex. Isaiah 6], **2.) Dreams** [Daniel 2], **3.) Poetry** [Psalm 139], **4.) Direct Communication** [Deuteronomy 5:4; 10:4].

2. A great illustration of OT revelation is found in Acts 2:16-21. Peter is explaining the descended Holy Spirit baptism experienced by the 120 in the upper room. The Apostles were praising God by speaking languages they had not learned. Jews from all over the world heard the Gospel in their own languages. This happened, not because these people were drunk as they were accused, but, Peter explained, was as prophesied by the prophet Joel:

**Joel 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

**Joel 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**

**Joel 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**

**Joel 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:**

**Joel 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:**

**Joel 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Joel’s prophecy was partially fulfilled on this day, and will be fulfilled on “Day of the Lord”

**3. Peter again in Acts 3-4, explained that happenings, after the lame man was healed in the name of Jesus, and the people greatly wondering, were spoken before by the mouth of the prophets:**

**Acts 3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?**

**Acts 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.**

**Acts 3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;**

**Acts 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**

**Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

**Acts 3:17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.**

**Acts 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.**

**Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;**

**Acts 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:**

**Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

**And Quoting from Deuteronomy 18:**

**Acts 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.**

**Acts 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.**

**Acts 3:24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.**

**And Quoting from Genesis 12:**

**Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.**

**Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**

**Now Peter and John were held for interrogation, and then told not to speak any more of these things. Peter and John answered that they could only speak of the things which they had seen and heard.**

**Acts 4:23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.**

**Acts 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:**

**Acts 4:25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?**

**Acts 4:26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.**

**Acts 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,**

**Acts 4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.**

**Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

**Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

**Acts 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.**

**Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

**Peter, by the Holy Spirit, was able to see this partial fulfillment of Palm 2:1-3, in his own time, and it will be fulfilled again during the Great Tribulation period of the future. (The context of Psalm 2)**

**4. New Testament Mysteries demonstrate the completeness of Christ’s Speaking in the Last Days**

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| **Revelations Kept Secret in OT, but Made Manifest by the NT Scriptures**  **(Like they were Hiding in Plain Sight)** | |
| **Mystery** | **Reference** |
| **The Gentiles Called Out** | **Colossians 1:24-27** |
| **God’s Established Plan For Israel** | **Matthew 13:11** |
| **Israel Blinded So The Gentiles Brought In** | **Romans 11:25** |
| **The Church, One Body Of Jews And Gentiles** | **Ephesians 3:3-9; Colossians 1:26-27; Ephesians 5:30-32; Romans 16:25-26** |
| **This Salvation Program Of God** | **I Corinthians 2:7** |
| **The Relation Of Christ To Men In Redemption** | **Colossians 2:2-3 ; 4:3** |
| **The Accomplishment Of The Incarnation Itself** | **I Timothy 3:16** |
| **The Development Of Evil The Antichrist** | **II Thessalonians 2:7-8** |
| **The Development Of The Apostate Religions** | **Revelation 17:5-7** |
| **The Dispensation of the Fullness of Time** | **Ephesians 1:9-10** |
| **The Rapture** | **I Corinthians 15:51-55** |
| **Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, Romans 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:** | |

**II. The Son is Superior because He is “Appointed” by the Father**

**Hebrews 1:2b whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;**  
**Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

A. The Father Appointed Christ Heir of all Things

B. The Father Created the worlds by His appointed Heir

C. Christ is the Brightness of the Father’s Glory

D. Christ is the Express Image of the Father’s Person

E. Christ Upholds all things by the Word of His Power

F. Christ by Himself Purged our sins

G. Christ sits down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on high

**III. The Son Is Superior over the Angels by Inheritance From The Father’s Decree**

**Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**

**Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?**

**Psalm 2:7 is quoted three times in the New Testament, and each time it is quoted, we find out the definition of “This Day”, the Day the Father made this decree. We find that “This Day” is not a 24 hour day, but an indefinite period, like the “Day of the Lord” is an indefinite period of time.**

**A.** Hebrews 1:5a is a quote from Psalm 2:7: (Christ’s inheritance is brought about by the Father’s Decree)

**Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee**.

Verses 3-4 give us the “when” of the Father’s Decree. It was at His exaltation:

**Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

**Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**

**B.** Acts 13:33 gives us another “when” of the Father’s decree. It was at His Resurrection:

**Acts 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

**Acts 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.**

**C.** Hebrews 5:5 gives us the third “when” of the Father’s Decree. It was at His transition from Prophet to High Priest at Gethsemane and Calvary as explained in Hebrews 5:7:

**Hebrews 5:5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.**

**Hebrews 5:6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

**Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;**

**Hebrews 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;**

**Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;**

**Hebrews 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**

**IV. The Son is Superior over the Angels because of the Davidic Covenant**

**Hebrews 1:5b And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?**

A. This is a quote from II Samuel 7:14 also known as the Covenant God made with David. After David had been victorious over the enemies of Israel, he set up his capitol on Mount Moriah at Jerusalem and brought the Ark of the Covenant into the city. Then David wanted to build a house for the Lord, because the Lord had resided in a tabernacle since it was constructed by Moses. But God had other plans, and did not want the warrior David to build the temple, but made a covenant with David:

**II Samuel 7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.**

**II Samuel 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.**

**II Samuel 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.**

**II Samuel 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:**

**II Samuel 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.**

**II Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.**

**B. In this Samuel became a “type of Christ” as we see in the book of Zechariah. The antitype, Christ, will build the house of God during the Millennial Kingdom:**

**Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:**

**Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**

**C.** **How Did Christ get the name of “The Branch”?** As we read in the Chronicles of Israel, after Solomon, there was a civil war, and Israel was split into two nations, the North and the South. The Southern kingdom had its capital of Jerusalem and consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. The Northern Kingdom had its capitol at Samaria and consisted of the 10 remaining tribes with Ephraim becoming dominant. The line of kings in Judah consisted of a few good kings such as Hezekiah and Josiah, but many did not follow God. The northern line of kings was all bad. The prophet Isaiah prophesied when the northern tribes were captured and deported to Assyria. Later, Judah was also deported and spent 70 years in the Babylonian Captivity. The last three kings of Judah were evil. God had to “cut off” that line of kings. The Lord said:

**Jeremiah 22:24 As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;**

**Jeremiah 22:25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.**

**Jeremiah 22:26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.**

**Jeremiah 22:27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.**

**Jeremiah 22:28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?**

**Jeremiah 22:29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.**

**Jeremiah 22:30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.**

But God had prophesied David’s seed would be on the throne forever! Isaiah, long before had prophesied:

**Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:**

**Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;**

**Isaiah 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:**

**Isaiah 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.**

**Isaiah 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.**

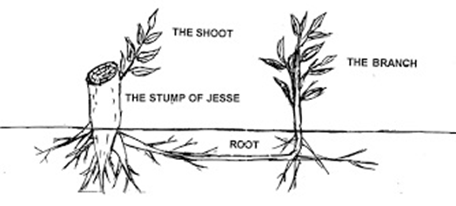
**Isaiah 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.**

**Isaiah 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

**Isaiah 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den.**

**Isaiah 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.**

**Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.**



**Zerubbabel stood in the place of Christ transitioning from High Priest to King of Kings**

**Haggai, a prophet after the 70 year Babylonian Captivity, prophesied concerning the line of Kings that had lost its signet:**

**Haggai 2:20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,**

**Haggai 2:21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;**

**Haggai 2:22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.**

**Haggai 2:23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.**

**The Book of Hebrews speaks of this same time when God will shake the Kingdoms of this earth:**

**Hebrews 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:**

**Hebrews 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.**

**Hebrews 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.**

**Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.**

**V. The Son is Superior over the Angels because the Angels Worship Him**

**Hebrews 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.**

**A. Like the term “Begotten”, “Firstbegotten” has a forgotten meaning from the time when kings would choose their successors to the throne. Sometimes the first male child out of the womb was chosen, but not always. It was the father-king who made the choice. The Bible is full of examples where God choose someone other than the first born male out of the womb. (Look at Abel and then Seth over Cain, or Jacob over Esau). But the best illustration for this context is how God choose King David. Was David the first born? No, but David was “elevated” to the position of firstborn.**

**B. David was Jesse’s youngest son, but God choose David to be King. It is the Father’s decision.**

**Psalm 89:20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:**

**Psalm 89:21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.**

**Psalm 89:22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.**

**Psalm 89:23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.**

**Psalm 89:24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.**

**Psalm 89:25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.**

**Psalm 89:26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.**

**Psalm 89:27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.**

**Psalm 89:28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.**

**Psalm 89:29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.**

**Psalm 89:30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;**

**Psalm 89:31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;**

**Psalm 89:32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.**

**Psalm 89:33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.**

**Psalm 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.**

**Psalm 89:35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.**

**Psalm 89:36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.**

**C. In Scripture, Christ is not the first to be called son of God:**

**1. Angels were called “sons of God” - Genesis 6 and Job chapters 1 and 6**

**2. Adam was called “a son of God” in Luke 3**

**3. Israel is called the “firstborn son of God” in Exodus 4:22**

**4. Actually, “Firstborn” is more of a concept of “First in rank” not only “first out of the womb” – In the law, the firstborn that received the inheritance, if he couldn’t, the next son would get that status. Deuteronomy chapters 21-25.**

**Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

**(Meaning 1st in rank for inheritance above every creature)**

**5. But in Hebrews 1:6, refers to the Father calling Christ “The Firstbegotten” - and when The Father brings the “Firstbegotten” into the world, the angels worship Him.**

**6. I can find nowhere in the Bible, where the angels worshiped Christ at the incarnation. Let’s look close at the account in Luke: Angels worshipped God at Christ’s birth:**

**Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

**Luke 2:12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

**Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,**

**Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**D. But Angels do worship Christ because He is the Lamb slain – the only One found Worthy: . (1st in rank)**

**Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.**

**Revelation 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?**

**Revelation 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.**

**Revelation 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.**

**Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.**

**Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**

**Revelation 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.**

**Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.**

**Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

**Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

**Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**

**Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.**

**Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.**

**VI. The Son is Superior over the Angels because Righteousness is the Scepter of His Kingdom**

**Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.**  
**Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.  
Hebrews 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

**A. Verse 7 is a quote from Psalm 104:**

**Psalm 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:**

**B. Verse 8-9 is a quote from Psalm 45:**

**Psalm 45:** **6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.**

**Psalm 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

**Hebrews 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:  
Hebrews 1:11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;  
Hebrews 1:12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.**

**C. Verses 10-12 are quotes from Psalm 102:**

**Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.**

**Psalm 102:26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

**Psalm 102:27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.**

**Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?**

**Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?**

**D. Verse 13 is a quote from Psalm 110:**

**Psalm 110:1The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**Daniel Saw the Lord’s Throne**

**Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.**

**Daniel 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**

**Daniel 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.**

**Daniel 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.**

**Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

**Daniel 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.**

**VII. Take Heed and Do Not Let These Things Which We Have Heard Slip.**

**Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip. (Literally drift away, like a boat without an anchor)**

1. **Angels had a “steadfast” part in the giving of the Law as they will in the setting up of the Kingdom**

**Hebrews 2:2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;**

1. **When we “Drift Away” we are Neglecting Our Great Salvation – We Will Not Escape Judgment**

**Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;**

**Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?**

1. **These Saving Words Were:**
2. **First were Spoken by the Lord**
3. **Confirmed Unto Us by them that Heard Him (Disciples)**
4. **God bear them Witness with as He Pleased:**
5. **Signs**
6. **Wonders**
7. **Divers Miracles**
8. **Gifts of the Holy Ghost**

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| **The Man Whose Name Is The Branch** | |
| **The Davidic Covenant: II Samuel 7:11...The LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.**  **II Samuel 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.**  **II Samuel 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.**  **II Samuel 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:**  **II Samuel 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.**  **II Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.** | |
| **After Solomon there was civil war, the kingdom split in two (North and South), and Pagan practices among the people. There were a few good kings in the southern kingdom (Judah), but absolutely no good kings in the northern kingdom (Israel). Israel was captured and deported to Assyria. Judah would be captured and deported to Babylon, and when they returned there was no king or kingdom. It got so bad during the end of the kingdom that God had to make a decree concerning one of the last kings of Judah, named Jechoniah (or Coniah) in the Book of Jeremiah:** | |
| **Jeremiah 22: 24 *As* I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;….**  **Jeremiah 22: 30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.** | |
| **It appears that the family tree of David has been cut down and used for firewood** | |
| **Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:** |  |
| **The Branch will have full measure of the Holy Ghost** | **Isaiah 11:2** |
| **The Branch will be a righteous Judge** | **Isaiah 11:3-5; Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15** |
| **The Branch will be an ensign for His People and will be sought out by the Gentiles who will have a glorious rest** | **Isaiah 11:10** |
| **The Branch will smite the earth with the rod of His mouth** | **Isaiah 11:4** |
| **The Branch will regather Jews from their over 2000 year scattering – Both Israel and Judah** | **Isaiah 11:11-13** |
| **The Branch will be the ruler raised unto David and He shall reign and prosper and execute judgement on the earth.** | **Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15** |
| **The Branch will grow up out of His place and build the temple during the Millennium.** | **Zechariah 3:8; 6:12** |

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| **Firstbegotten Definition** |
| **In the first sense, “Firstborn” means, “The 1st of the mother’s offspring”. (Genesis 10:15; 19:31, etc.)**  **There were special advantages, privileges, and rites that belonged to the first-born. In the Law of Israel, the firstborn was given a double portion of the inheritance. (Deuteronomy 21:17). After the death angel had slain the firstborn of the Egyptians, God ordained that all the Jewish firstborn, both of men and of beasts for service, should be consecrated to him; but the male children only were subject to this law. If a man had several wives, he was obliged to offer the firstborn son by each one of them to the Lord. The firstborn were offered at the temple, and redeemed for five shekels. The firstling of a clean beast was offered at the temple, not to be redeemed, but to be killed; an unclean beast, a horse, an ass, or a camel, was either redeemed or exchanged; an ass was redeemed by a lamb or five shekels; if not redeemed, it was killed, Exodus13:2,11, etc. The firstborn son, in Israel and all other nations, enjoyed particular privileges or birthrights.** |
| **In the second sense, “firstborn” is taken figuratively for that which is most excellent, (In today’s language, the *Biggest and the Baddest*), and the rights of firstborn were transferable.**  **For instance Romans 8:29, Christ was not the actual “firstborn son of God”. In fact in Genesis 6 and Job 1 and 6, angels are called “sons of God”, In Luke 2, Adam is called a son of God; In Exodus 4, Israel is called God’s firstborn son. In the New Testament we are given power to become sons of God, Yet Christ is called the “firstborn among many brethren” Romans 8:29, not because he was God’s actual “firstborn”, but because he is the only one worthy to receive firstborn status. The term is also applied to Christ as the pre-eminent one and the first one raised from the dead. Colossians 1:15, 18 It does not mean first created as Jehovah’s Witnesses believe. In fact, the firstborn rites were transferable. (Compare Jeremiah 31:9 with. Genesis 41:50-52)** |
| **So, even if the father’s choice was not the first out of the mother’s womb, then the one the father does exalt to this position receives all the privileges of the actual firstborn. Look at Genesis 27:1-29 - 48:13-14. In Hebrews 1:6, Christ is called “Firstbegotten” because he was “begotten” by the Father (Psalm 2:7), Appointed to be “Heir of all things” by the Father (Hebrews 1:2), and is the recipient of the Davidic Covenant (II Samuel 7; Psalm 89; Hebrews 1:5)** |
| **To Recap the Birthright of the “Firstborn”** |
| **1. There were special privileges and advantages belonging to the first-born son among the Jews. He became the priest of the family. Thus Reuben was the first-born of the patriarchs, and so the priesthood of the tribes belonged to him. That honour was, however, transferred by God from Reuben to Levi Numbers 3:12,13 8:18**  **2. The first-born son had allotted to him also a double portion of the paternal inheritance Deuteronomy 21:15-17 Reuben was, because of his undutiful conduct, deprived of his birth-right Genesis 49:4 and 1Chronicles 5:1. Esau transferred his birth-right to Jacob Genesis 25:33**  **3. The first-born inherited the judicial authority of his father, whatever it might be II Chronicles 21:3. It was by divine appointment; however, David excluded Adonijah in favor of Solomon.**  **4. The Jews attached a sacred importance to the rank of "first-born" and "first-begotten" as applied to the Messiah (Romans 8:29; Colossians1:18) Hebrews 1:4-6 As first-born he has an inheritance, and is the only true High Priest because he was appointed and King begotten by the Father. (Psalm 2)**  **5. Firstborn rights were transferable to the one who was the father’s choice. Compare Jeremiah31:9 & Genesis 41:50-52)** |