

The Daughters of Zelophehad and The Sons of God

We are going to start in Leviticus chapter 1 regarding the animal sacrifices. But first let me quote Senior Pastor Chuck Smith: Chuck Smith says;

*"This covenant of the sacrifice of the animals could never make anything perfect, but all it could do is to point ahead to that sacrifice that was to be offered, whereby we could be brought into full perfection before the Lord."*¹

So these acts of obedience to God's commandments are pointing to something that will restore mankind back to perfect fellowship with the Lord God.

Let us look at the book of Leviticus Chapter 1 verses 1 through 5.

Concerning the Burnt Offering

¹ The Lord called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting. He said, ² "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When anyone among you brings an offering to the Lord, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock. ³ "If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect. You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to the Lord. ⁴ You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement for you. ⁵ You are to slaughter the young bull before the Lord, and then Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and splash it against the sides of the altar at the entrance to the tent of meeting."²

¹ Pastor Chuck Smith

² NIV

A male without blemish, an offering volunteered, one that is completely consumed by flames (except the hide), and it will make an atonement pleasing to the Lord.

We read; in scripture "*It pleased the Lord to bruise Him*" regarding the Prophecy of the Messiah Jesus in Isaiah 53:10. We read ...

Isaiah 53:10

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ³

Propitiation between God and man – *an appeasement* – peace between God and mankind is produced by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. This satisfied the requirements of the law and brought mankind, those who accept Him, life eternal through the resurrection of the dead.

Through one man Adam, all died. Through one man Yeshuah – that is Jesus, all mankind is saved. ⁴

We see in Leviticus chapter 1 the substitution for a man's sin in the form of burnt offerings of male bulls and sheep. The sin would be transferred from the sinner to the innocent animal, one without blemish, and the animal's life would be taken from it as a "*free will*" offering and this would appease God in the Old Testament Law.

We have our free will. We have the will to accept the work of the Cross or reject it.

The quality of the substitutional animal gives us the prototype of The perfect Lamb of God. Also, it shows the heart in the Old Testament of the one moving by his free will, the sincerity of his actions. To bring the best to God and seek forgiveness.

It is what was required and instructed as such by God Himself as He gave the Law to Moses and showed us what the requirements for the atonement of sin would mean. That would be the loss of an innocent life to atone for a person who was

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⁴ Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

guilty. This is of course pointing to Christ. The only propitiation that God would accept.

Only now in the New Testament can we claim not only atonement but removal of sin as far as the east is from the west. This is the heritage of the saints! Freedom from sin and guilt and to boldly come into the throne room of grace.

We are all very familiar with the types and outright pronouncements of Prophecy concerning Jesus. But how do the Daughters of Zelophehad fit into this picture. Let's look at the statements these daughters of Israel spoke to Moses and God's answer to them.

We know it is through the line of Judah that the Messiah would come.⁵ And as we read further along in the Bible, we find that it is through the Line of David that all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

Because of the exception we find in regards to the Daughters of Zelophehad's request to Moses, that would become law, we have the father-in-law and the son-in-law.

This addition to the law, which God allows and speaks to Moses directly telling him to institute the exception, adds great significance to the prophecy concerning the coming King - Jesus Christ - mentioned in Gen 3:15⁶ where God speaks to satan directly telling him of his demise. (*"Her Seed will bruise your head."*) Eve's seed will be satan's final downfall.

⁵ Genesis 49:8-10

⁶ Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." NIV

Now let us read about Zelophehad's daughters in

Num 27:1-5

1 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 "Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but he died in his own sin, and he had no sons.

4 "Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

Numbers chapter 36 starting in verse 6 we read;

Numbers 36:6-8

6 This is the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

This is very important.

God is setting up the Salvation of every soul that would accept Him.

The Daughters of Zelophehad! Women's rights! Moses allowed the exception. But there is a great heritage that comes about these women claiming justice for themselves. Also being that the Seed of the Women should be giving Satan a blow to his head is also very telling of women stepping up to the plate in their roll here in the Book of Numbers.

This important role is that God decided to use fallen humanity to strike at the head of the serpent. So the thing that satan proposed to destroy, the pinnacle of God's creation and that which He loved so much, that is humanity, would turn and give the enemy a death blow. But it would be through the Seed of the Women.

God would become a man through the virgin birth. The Son of Man has delivered a blow to Satan that he cannot recover from. It is finished claimed our Lord and Savior and so it is truly as He claimed!



The Lord put this on my heart while putting together this study. Here is an obscure verse that is controversial.

In Daniel chapter 37 verse 11 speaking of the antichrist we read.

Daniel 11:37

37 Neither shall he (*that is the antichrist*) regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Now I agree with the scholars who tell us the "*desire of women*" will be to bear the Messiah. There are some who disagree with the idea but the exposition I have read recently is at fault. Now what the lord gave me is that the desire of women would be the request of the Daughters of Zelophehad.

Although the Daughters of Zelophehad asked, they did so not conscientiously. When they asked for justice, it was much a greater thing God would do for us. Jesus tells us in Matthew chapter 5 verse 28 ...

Mat 5:28

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.⁷

Jesus Himself is telling us that the Bible is so important a document that all we can perceive with our sciences and five senses will be gone – the universe and all in it – yet God's word, the Bible to the smallest of ink spots within it will stand true and still be counted as significant.

So this is very important as Jesus Himself exclaims to us. This is not heard of in main stream Christianity. We are familiar with the prominent words of Prophecy such as Isaiah 53, Isaiah 9, Gen 3:15 and so on.

Just as the prophets wrote and desired to know the thing they wrote about as we are told in 1 Peter 1:10 - 12.⁸ I believe there is more for us to discover after thousands of years of Bible study: things hidden from the casual observer. What the Daughters of Zelophehad are asking ties into the Birth of our Messiah! The Daughters of Zelophehad had a desire for justice and rightly so. Their exclamation to Moses and God agreeing and telling Moses to make the exception is all part of God's sovereign plan to save mankind. This is one of the greatest secrets and keys to the Messiahship of Jesus.

"Give us our inheritance!" Exclaimed the Daughters of Zelophehad! And of course in doing so; they are asking for the Messiah to come – The Seed of the Women whom would crush the head of satan. The Desire of Women.

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⁸ [1 Peter 1: 10-12](#) ¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: ¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. ¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

I have never read this explanation of Dan 11:37 (*The Desire of Women*) and..I believe this is precisely what this portion of the verse means... The desire of the Daughters of Zelophehad is an important social justice and spiritual law. ⁹



Now after making these statements concerning Zelophehad's Daughters, Let us bring this together so we can see the connection.

As we read in the time of the kings of Judah, the Sothern Kingdom, king Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) would be so wicked that God Himself places a curse upon the king sitting on David's throne. Not just any curse but a blood curse. His generations will never sit upon the throne. In Jeremiah chapter 22 verse 30 we read ...

Jeremiah 22:30

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.

This man Jehoiachin(Jeconiah) is in the line of David – the line of Judah

Well, the Messiah is supposed to come from this line that Jehoiachin is parent too!

What solution can there be in Scripture which will suffice the cursing of the bloodline on Judah's lineage?

- **"WRITE THIS MAN CHILDLESS" GOD SAYS HIMSELF** –

while still keeping the Messiah – Jesus Christ – in this line as prophesized by our Bible? The Messiah must come from the line of David – Period!

For the answer we look to the Gospels and see how Luke records the father of Mary in the genealogy. Mary is a descendant of David but through Bath Sheba's second surviving son Nathan. So Mary is in the Line of David. And Joseph's 'father-in-law'

⁹ Prophecy Today Ministries <http://Jesus-abc.com>

(that is Mary's father) is as well. We may say this is obvious. But we can very easily overlook what that really means. It is of the utmost importance. It is the Word of God and His only begotten Son. Due to the blood curse pronounced on Joseph's fathers, Joseph's lineage could be challenged. Also, due to the law, Joseph is considered to have this father-in-law / son-in-law relationship with the a lineage from King David whom is not cursed. Also Marry inherits the heritage of her fathers due to her marrying within her tribe.



Genesis chapter 3 tells us, "her seed will bruise your head..." and so it is just that. Jesus did not have an earthly father so Joseph could not have been included within the line just the same. So the Daughters of Zelophehad claim a right, by their own free will, that presupposes what we would from Genesis three.

Having a human mother who is in the line of David; having the genetic properties of a human being; and being in the line of Judah, whom the Prophecy predicts will bring fourth the Messiah, fulfills what is required by the Word of God. God fulfills His word although there is a blood curse upon Jehoiachin. God works all things together for good for those whom have been called according to His purposes ¹⁰. And we have been called from eternity past – Amen!

So you see God has worked out the circumstances. And as you can see it is by the free will of mankind: The Daughters of Zelophehad; those who brought an offering by their own freewill; and The Sons of God as we are called in the New Testament; all of us who would accept the Messiah as Lord and Savior; exercised our freewill and accepted Jesus. God willed that He would save mankind, but it is each person's freewill to accept or reject the [salvation](#) of their own souls by accepting Jesus Christ. One can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior so here: <http://Jesus-abc.com/php/heaven.php>

¹⁰ Romans 8:28

Summary:

- ✓ Joseph the father of Jesus, though in the line of David, could not father the Messiah due to the blood curse pronounced upon his fathers.
- ✓ An exception God ordained due to the complaint of an inheritance, The Son-in-Law and Father-in-Law is instituted.
- ✓ Mary is in the line of David but through Nathan who is not in the lineage of the cursed line.
- ✓ Joseph is a Son-in-Law to Mary's father Heli.
- ✓ Mary's right to the inheritance of her fathers included the line of David but circumnavigates the blood course because her fathers are not of Joseph's heritage.

I thought it would be appropriate to add the *Mary's Song* to this discussion: Another women claiming great victory in her blessing and inheritance!

Mary's Song of Praise

(1 Samuel 2: 1-11)

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.