

# Birthright Order in Scripture

“.....to the Jew first....”

## **Romans 1:**

16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

## **Matthew 10:**

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

## **Romans 11:**

25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion;  
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

27 And this is my covenant with them  
when I take away their sins."

28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, 29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. 32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

## **Romans 15:**

7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs 9 so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing hymns to your name." 10 Again, it says,  
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." 11 And again,  
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and sing praises to him, all you peoples." 12 And again, Isaiah says,  
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
the Gentiles will hope in him."

## **John 4:**

21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

## **John 10:**

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

## **The Sheep and the Goats**

### **Matthew 25:**

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## The Nations Judged

### Joel 3:

1 "In those days and at that time,  
when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will gather all nations  
and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.  
There I will enter into judgment against them  
concerning my inheritance, my people Israel,  
for they scattered my people among the nations  
and divided up my land.

3 They cast lots for my people  
and traded boys for prostitutes;  
they sold girls for wine  
that they might drink.

4 "Now what have you against me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia?  
Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly  
and speedily return on your own heads what you have done. 5 For you took my silver  
and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples. 6 You sold the people  
of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their  
homeland.

7 "See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to which you sold them, and I will  
return on your own heads what you have done. 8 I will sell your sons and daughters to  
the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, a nation far away." The  
LORD has spoken.

9 Proclaim this among the nations:  
Prepare for war!  
Rouse the warriors!  
Let all the fighting men draw near and attack.

10 Beat your plowshares into swords  
and your pruning hooks into spears.  
Let the weakling say,  
"I am strong!"

11 Come quickly, all you nations from every side,  
and assemble there.  
Bring down your warriors, O LORD!

12 "Let the nations be roused;  
let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat,  
for there I will sit  
to judge all the nations on every side.

13 Swing the sickle,  
for the harvest is ripe.  
Come, trample the grapes,  
for the winepress is full  
and the vats overflow—  
so great is their wickedness!"

14 Multitudes, multitudes  
in the valley of decision!  
For the day of the LORD is near  
in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and moon will be darkened,  
and the stars no longer shine.

16 The LORD will roar from Zion  
and thunder from Jerusalem;  
the earth and the sky will tremble.  
But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,  
a stronghold for the people of Israel.

### **Blessings for God's People**

17 "Then you will know that I, the LORD your God,  
dwell in Zion, my holy hill.  
Jerusalem will be holy;  
never again will foreigners invade her.

18 "In that day the mountains will drip new wine,  
and the hills will flow with milk;  
all the ravines of Judah will run with water.  
A fountain will flow out of the LORD's house  
and will water the valley of acacias.

19 But Egypt will be desolate,  
Edom a desert waste,  
because of violence done to the people of Judah,  
in whose land they shed innocent blood.

20 Judah will be inhabited forever  
and Jerusalem through all generations.

21 Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned,  
I will pardon."  
The LORD dwells in Zion!

## **Israel's Restoration**

### **Amos 9:**

- 11 "In that day I will restore  
David's fallen tent.  
I will repair its broken places,  
restore its ruins,  
and build it as it used to be,
- 12 so that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations that bear my name, "  
declares the LORD, who will do these things.
- 13 "The days are coming," declares the LORD,  
"when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman  
and the planter by the one treading grapes.  
New wine will drip from the mountains  
and flow from all the hills.
- 14 I will bring back my exiled people Israel;  
they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them.  
They will plant vineyards and drink their wine;  
they will make gardens and eat their fruit.
- 15 I will plant Israel in their own land,  
never again to be uprooted  
from the land I have given them,"  
says the LORD your God.