

Exodus
From Slavery to Sonship
The Redemption of the Firstborn
Exodus 13:1-16 Part 19

I. The Redemption of God's Firstborn Son in Egypt.

cf. Ex.4:22,23

II. The Ramifications of God's Redemption of Israel.

A. The consecration to God of all the firstborn of man and beast. 13:1,2

"Firstborn sons were important in the ancient world, as they are in many cultures today, because they 'signified the center and future of the family.' The eldest son had special responsibilities and privileges, including the right of inheritance. But God was not showing favoritism. The point of consecrating the firstborn was really to show that the whole family belonged to God. The firstborn represented all the offspring, including the girls as well as the rest of the boys. The firstborn stood for the family as a part representing the whole." Philip Ryken

B. The means of consecration. vv.11-13

Clean animals v.12 - sacrificed to the Lord cf. Nu.18:17

Unclean donkeys v.13 - redeemed or killed cf. Nu.18:15

Firstborn sons v.13 – redeemed cf. Nu.3:12,13; 8:17,18; 18:16;

C. The law of the firstborn as a means of catechizing. vv.14-16

III. The Firstborn and Christ and His Church.

A. Christ the firstborn...

...of God the Father - Heb.1:6

...of Mary - Matt.1:25; Lu.2:7 (cf. Mark 6:3; Jn.7:5)

...of creation – Col.1:15

...of the dead – Col.1:18; Rev.1:5

...of many brethren – Rom.8:29

B. Christ the Redeemer of the firstborn. Cf. Rom.8:32; Tit.2:14; 1 Pet.1:18,19

C. The church of the firstborn. Cf. Rom.8:29; Heb.12:12,13; 1 Pt.1:18,19; Rev.5:9

*D. The blessings of the firstborn. Cf. Rom.8:17; Eph.1:3,11,14; Col.1:12;
1 Pet.1:3,4; Rev.5:10*

E. The calling of the firstborn. Cf. 1 Cor.5:6,7; 6:19,20; 2 Cor.5:14,15; Tit.2:14