

## Word Studies – **Firstborn**

100 verses, 117 occurrences

First occurrence:

**Cain is Adam's firstborn but "firstborn" is not stated**, so doesn't show up with word search.

Same is true for:

**Ishmael** is Abram's firstborn

**Isaac** is Abraham's firstborn and only begotten son.

**Esau** is Isaac's firstborn

Though, **Jacob uses the term deceitfully** in Gen 27:19

Jacob comes in disguised and says to Isaac, "**I am Esau, thy firstborn**"

The firstborn becomes a big deal, the birthright was based on it.

Gen 10:15 Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn and then a list of more sons...

**Gen 22:20,21 Abraham's brother Nahor had sons, the firstborn was Huz**, then Buz, Kemel, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph,

Bethuel at the end of the list would be the youngest son.

It is from him that Rebekah is born, destined to be the wife of Isaac.

Gen 25:13 Ishmael's first born is identified: Nebajoth, and 11 others.

So, both Jacob and Ishmael had 12 sons.

Gen 29:26 Laban switches Leah for Rachel on Jacob's wedding night because "It is not done in our country to give the younger before the firstborn."

Gen 35:23 Reuben is Jacob's firstborn. Gen 49:3 "my might, the beginning of my strength"

Gen 36:15 Eliphaz is Esau's firstborn

Gen 38:6 Er is Judah's firstborn, but "to Err is human" and Er "was wicked in the sight of the Lord" and "the LORD slew him" just like the LORD later slew Saul, unable to protect him, he died.

Gen 41:51 **Manasseh is Joseph's** firstborn.

Num 3:2 **Nadab is Aaron's** firstborn.

1Sam 17:13 **Eliab is Jesse's** firstborn

2Sam 3:2 **Amnon is David's** firstborn

Exod 4:22 Israel is my son, my firstborn. Jer 31:9 Ephraim is my firstborn

Exod 11:5 All the firstborn of Egypt die, men and beasts.

Exod 13:2 All the firstborn of man and beast are sanctified to the Lord.

Exod 13:13 Firstling of an ass is redeemed with a lamb (sacrifice?) and if not: break its neck.

"For all the firstborn of man shalt thou redeem" (Exod 34:20)

Exod 13:15 When Pharaoh wouldn't let us go, the LORD slew all the firstborn of Egypt

therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the firstborn male beasts, but redeem all firstborn of my children

Exod 22:29 "Firstborn of your sons shall you give to me"

Num 3:12 "I have taken all the Levites instead of all the firstborn

Num 3:13 On the day that **I smote all the firstborn** in Egypt,

**I hallowed unto me all the firstborn** in Israel, man and beasts.

Num 3:40 Moses told to number all the firstborn Levite Males, one month and older

Num 3:41 Levites taken instead of all the firstborn of Israel

and all the Levite cattle instead of the firstborn cattle of Israel

Num 18:15 firstborn of man shall be redeemed, firstling of unclean beasts shall be redeemed

Deu 21:15 man has **two wives (Abraham, Jacob) one beloved (Sarah, Rachel) and one hated** (Hagar, Leah), if the son of the hated has the firstborn (Ishmael, Reuben),

Deu 21:16 the firstborn of the loved wife shall not be "before" the son of the hated.

Deu 21:17 **The firstborn of the hated shall have a double blessing (Ishmael, Reuben)**

**But Joseph's blessing was placed on his two sons: Ephraim and Manasseh WHY?**

1Chr 5:1 **because Reuben defiled his father's bed**

Joshua 6:26 "Cursed be the man who raises up this city (Jericho);

he shall lay the foundation in his **firstborn**, and the gates in his youngest."

1Kings 16:34 Hiel laid the foundation of Jericho in his firstborn, Abiram

and set up the gates in his youngest, Segub

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

Verse 26 He will cry unto me, My Father, my God

Zech 12:10 inhabitants of Jerusalem...shall look upon him whom they have pierced

and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son...for his **firstborn**. [bekore]

Matt 1:25 **Mary brought forth her firstborn son**, Joseph called his name Jesus

Rom 8:29 God predestined us to be conformed to the image **of His Son**,

that he might be **the firstborn among many brethren**

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

Verse 16 **For (because) by him were all things created**.

Verse 18 He is the head of the church, **the beginning, the firstborn** from the dead

Heb 12:23 the general assembly and **church of the firstborn which are written in heaven**.

[prototokon]

Heb 1:6 When **He [God] brings in the firstbegotten** into the world, He said,

And let all the angels worship him. [prototokon]

search in EGW:

**"firstborn"** 163

firstborn of Pharoah...

**"first born/first-born"** 210

**DA p. 31** referring to Cain, the first-born of Adam and Eve, whom they "joyfully welcomed" hoping he might be "The Deliverer."

Next is DA p. 51

The dedication of **the first-born** had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give **the First-born of heaven** to save the sinner.

**"Christ** is the star that should arise out of Jacob, and the one in whom all the nations of the earth should be blessed, **as the first born of heaven, and the only begotten of the Father**, filled with all the treasures of eternity. **He assumed humanity**, and impressed upon it the glorious image of the everlasting God." Lt101-1896.7

**"first begotten"** 24

Ms57-1907 Notice the two personalities.

**"first begotten of God"** 3 but really only 1:

**When Christ saw that there was no human being able to be man's intercessor**, He Himself entered the fierce conflict and battled with Satan. The **First Begotten of God** was the only one who could liberate those who by Adam's sin had been brought in subjection to Satan. CTr 8.4; UL 196.2; Manuscript 125, December 9, 1901.68; Ms125-1901.68

**"begotten of God"** 25 but most...

**"the only begotten of God"** 20

**"Before the entrance of evil...** Christ the Word, **the Only Begotten of God**, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God." GC 493.1; cf PP 34.1; 36.2

**"Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven** the King declared that none but **Christ, the Only Begotten of God**, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will. **The Son of God** had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due." PP 36.2

**"Before the foundations of the world were laid, Christ, the Only Begotten of God**, pledged Himself to become the Redeemer of the human race, should Adam sin." ST Aug 2, 1905; 1SM 226.1

“Although He was the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, the Only Begotten of God. He chose to be born of poor parentage, and to live in a place of which the Jews inquired, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Ms108-1904.8

“Only begotten of the Father” 303

“Never will the human family—redeemed by the example of **the Sent of God, the only begotten of the Father**—understand and fully comprehend the terrible conflict waged with deceptive, alluring power and concealed, deadly hatred by Satan against our Lord when He lived upon earth.” Christ Triumphant p. 227.2

“None will keep the law of God unless they love Him who is **the only begotten of the Father.**” TDG 142.3; ST Nov 18, 1897.5; Southern Review Sept 13, 1898.1; Ms44-1897.2

“The highest gift of Heaven, even **the only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth, was able to redeem the lost.” Messenger June 7, 1893, par. 1

“The Majesty of heaven, the only begotten of the Father, responds to Satan's claims. “The Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan, even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee.” RH June 20, 1893.4; Ms98-1893.4

“Christ, the only begotten of the Father, was the express image of his Father's person, the brightness of his glory, and he came to the world not to condemn the world but to save it.” Sabbath School Worker, Nov 1, 1895.1; ST Jan 2, 1896.1

“Christ, the only-begotten of the Father, assumed human nature, came in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh.” ST July 2, 1896.3

“The highest gift of heaven, even the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, is alone able to redeem the lost.” ST May 2, 1892.8; ST December 15, 1914, par. 12

“We must see Christ as He is. By the eye of faith we must discern the glory of **the Only Begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth.” 7MR 261.1, 297.3; Manuscript 21, 1891; 1888 894.3

“Christ was the prince of life, the only begotten of the Father. Yet for our sakes he became a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.” Experiences in Australia p. 159.1

“...if the Majesty of heaven left His royal throne, left His heavenly home, His honor and His glory, and came to a world where He was not appreciated—where He was despised and rejected of men, **why did He come—He who was the only begotten of the Father?** To save perishing souls.” Ms65-1886.15

“The Father and the Son saw that it was expedient that **Christ, the Only Begotten of the Father**, should make Himself visible and walk and talk with men, not as an angel but as a Teacher sent from God, possessing all the attributes of the Godhead under the garb of humanity, revealing the love, the sympathy, the compassion of God.” Ms51-1890.11

**“There is a personal God, the Father; there is a personal Christ, the Son.** “God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 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**; 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.” **Here the Son of God is referred to**, “who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power.” John declares, **“The Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory (glory as of **the only begotten of the Father**) full of grace and truth.” Ms86-1898.11

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“Our Prince, **the Prince of life, the only begotten of the Father, was given**—“For God so loved the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish” John 3:16. Thank God for that not!” Ms164-1907.15

“Who is it that purchased man? Here it is: **Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father** that says, I will give My life for the redemption of the race. **He laid off His royal crown. He laid aside His royal robe** and His magisterial dignity there over the angels. **He gave it to the Father**, and **He came into our world** as a little child with poor parentage.” Ms186-1907.26

**“begotten of the Father”** 304

“The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of **the Only Begotten of the Father**,) full of grace and truth.” **John 1:14**

**Christ** is called **the Word**. He is **the first-begotten of the Father**. By Him God has spoken unto us in these last days. Ms111-1903.3

“In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God, and the Word was God**... How precious are these words! By them some have been led to believe in **Christ as the Son of God**.” Ms111-1903.1,2 “NOT: ...believe in Christ as God.

**“God is the Father of Christ; and Christ is the Son of God.** To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the councils of God are opened unto His Son.” Ms111-1903.5 (8T 268)